

# Colorado Dropout Prevention, Retention, and Recovery Summit



Sponsored by the Office of  
Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.  
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**The Colorado Dropout Prevention, Retention, and Recovery Summit** will be a unique two-day event that will bring together members of the Governor's P-20 Council with statewide experts, local practitioners, researchers, legislators, policy-makers, and students.

The goal of the summit is to help develop state and local policy recommendations to achieve Governor Ritter's goal of cutting the high school dropout rate in half over the next ten years. To that end, the summit will focus on five key areas:

- Supporting Comprehensive and Accurate Graduation and Dropout Data
- Establishing Early Warning Systems to Support Struggling Students
- Supporting Parental Engagement and Creating Individualized Graduation Plans
- Providing Supportive Options for Struggling Students to Meet Rigorous Expectations
- Sharing Results of Research and Disseminating Best Practices

Led by a call to action from Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., the summit will include interactive panel discussions and community action planning sessions. The summit will conclude with a discussion between summit participants and a panel of invited executive-level policymakers from state departments and elected officials.

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December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## Location:

Mountain Range High School  
12500 Huron Street  
Westminster, CO 80234

## Directions:

**From the North:** take I-25 South, exit 136th Avenue. Take 136th west to Huron. Turn left on Huron, end at MRHS.  
**From the South:** take I-25 North, exit 129th Avenue. Take 120th west to Huron. Turn right on Huron, end at MRHS.

## Cost of Summit- \$45 per person

**Day 1– 1:00 pm—7:00 pm**

**1:00–1:30 pm** *Registration*

*Opening Session*

*Call to Action from Governor Ritter*

*Session 1*

*(same topics offered session 2)*

*Choose one of the following for each session:*

*Topic 1– Dropout Prevention*

*Topic 2– Dropout Recovery*

*Topic 3– Dropout Interventions*

*Topic 4– City/County Initiatives*

*Topic 5– Engaging the Business Community*

*Session 2*

*Dinner and Student Panel Discussion\**

*\*Dinner and Student Panel Discussion will be held at the Radisson Graystone Castle*

**Day 2– 8:00 am—4:00 pm**

**8:00 am** *Arrival and check in for day 2*

*Session 3*

*(same topics offered for session 4)*

*Choose one of the following for each session:*

*Topic 1– Pregnant Teens/Young Mothers*

*Topic 2– African American Students*

*Topic 3– Rural Communities*

*Topic 4– Latina/o Students*

*Topic 5– Department of Corrections*

*Session 4*

*Lunch*

*Regional Team Meetings*

*Development of State Strategy*

*Facilitated Conversation with Policymakers*

*Closing*

## Registration Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Options: Check (payable to State of Colorado)**

**\*Please bring check with you to the Summit. Cash or credit card not accepted.**

## Lodging Information

A block of rooms has been reserved at  
Radisson North Denver Graystone Castle  
83 East 120th Avenue  
Thornton, CO 80233  
303-452-1002 or 1-888-201-1718

Rate: \$92 per night

The block of rooms is reserved under *Dropout Summit*.

E-mail completed registration forms to [janet.lopez@state.co.us](mailto:janet.lopez@state.co.us)

**Registration Deadline: November 1, 2007**

**\* Participation is limited to the first 100 people who return their registration forms.**