A database of higher education policy issues, searchable by state or by policy.

**New Frontiers in State Policy Resource Sharing: Expanding SPIDO**

WICHE Commission Meeting

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State Policy Inventory Database Online (SPIDO)

- Resource for state policymakers, researchers, education leaders, and others
- Inventory of state-level policies (statute and board rule) related to higher education preparation, access, affordability, and success of all students
- Partnership of three organizations
  - WICHE
  - Pathways to College Network
  - NCSL – Research Assistance
SPIDO – Home Page
SPIDO – 11 Domains

- Accelerated Learning Options
- Articulation and Alignment
- Data and Accountability Systems
- Early Outreach Programs
- Equity Issues
- Remediation
- Residency
- Retention
- Student Financial Aid and Other Assistance
- Teacher Quality Initiatives
- Tuition and Fees
SPIDO – Two Ways To Search

- Users can search by state
  - Select one policy issue and search for policy information in one or more states
- Users can search by issue
  - Select one state and search one or more policy issues
SPIDO - Output

- List of state policies (by issue or by state)
  - State statute
  - Board rule
- Relevant resources
- Summary paragraphs of selected domains
- Links to the state legislature and state higher education executive office
SPIDO - Output

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State Policy Issues Database Online

Last updated: 2007 Legislative Session

Colorado

- Colorado Statutes
- Colorado Department of Higher Education Policies and Procedures

Accelerated Learning Options

Advanced Placement / Advanced Standing
- Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-11-104 Accreditation Indicators

Dual or Concurrent Enrollment
- Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-35-102 Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act: Legislative Declaration
- Colorado Department of Higher Education Policies and Procedures (Academic Affairs) Section 1, Part F Admission Standards Policy - High School Concurrent Enrollment
- Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-11-104 Accreditation Indicators
SPIDO - Output

Advanced Placement / Advanced Placement (AP) courses: 
Colorado Rev. Stat. § 22-11-104

Dual or Concurrent Enrollment: 
Colorado Rev. Stat. § 22-35-102
Colorado Rev. Stat. § 22-35-105
Colorado Rev. Stat. § 22-35-111

22-31-104. Accreditation. 
(1) Indicators. (a) No later than December 31, 1998, the state board shall establish by rule accreditation indicators for assessing the quality of education and learning in the public schools and school districts of the state and, by July 1, 2003, accreditation indicators concerning the administration of school districts as described in paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of this section.
(b) The state board shall annually review the accreditation indicators established pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) and may revise such accreditation indicators as necessary.

(2) Contents. The accreditation indicators shall include but shall not be limited to the following:
(a) Results on statewide assessment instruments administered pursuant to section 22-7-409, including but not limited to the reading assessments implemented pursuant to part 5 of article 7 of this title, and the assessment administered pursuant to section 22-7-409(4.5). All assessment results shall be aggregated by grade level and subject area.
(b) Baseline year for the accreditation indicators relating to the statewide assessments shall be the 2000-2001 school year.
(c) Dropout rates;
(d) Student attendance rates, including the number of enrolled and counted students.
SPIDO – Current Activity

- SPIDO is updated and current through the 2006 legislative session
- WICHE began the 2007 updates in October – expected completion by the end of the year
- WICHE began including hyperlinks to all of the policies – expected completion by the end of the year
- WICHE is incorporating a 12th domain – adult learners
- WICHE partnered with SHEEO to update summary paragraphs of two domains – Student Financial Aid and Other Assistance and Tuition and Fees
SPIDO – On the Horizon

- The *Pathways to College Network* has provided WICHE with **$30,000** to complete the 2007 updates

- The *Making Opportunity Affordable Initiative* of Lumina Foundation for Education has committed **$100,000** for SPIDO upgrades and improvements
SPIDO – On the Horizon

- **Database System Upgrade**: SPIDO is currently supported by MS-Access; WICHE will upgrade to a more robust platform.

- **Blogging Capability**: SPIDO will include a blogging feature so users can comment on policies or provide information about what is happening in their states.

- **Link to Policy Publications Clearinghouse**: WICHE also maintains a *Policy Publications Clearinghouse*, an organized list of policy publications from national, regional, and state sources. WICHE will link SPIDO and the Clearinghouse so that documents in the Clearinghouse will show up as additional resources in SPIDO.
SPIDO – On the Horizon

Video and Instructional Application of How to Use SPIDO: This interactive feature will help new users learn how to get the most out of what SPIDO has to offer.

Additional Domain Summary Paragraphs: WICHE will expand the number of domains that have summary paragraphs and update the ones that are currently displayed.

Quarterly Digest: WICHE will email a quarterly digest of SPIDO changes and updates to subscribers.
SPIDO – On the Horizon

Other Ideas?
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