Competency-Based Learning
Series: Seminar #3 Breakout
Policy

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Openers

Which policies have been on your radar this year?

What about CBE has your board been learning / discussing?
Colorado Seminar Series

*Competency-Based Learning: A Systemic Approach* is a seminar series focused on supporting districts in Colorado to implement competency-based learning. Here, you can find all the [meeting materials](#), our [webinar archive](#), and essential [guiding documents and resources](#) to support your work.

Guiding Documents and Resources

- [Guiding Documents](#)
- [Resources](#)

Webinars

- [Webinar Archive](#)
Describe the interconnected relationship of Competency Based Education-supportive policies.
Breakout Session Outcomes

Analyze CBE policies for their likely and/or intended impacts on school structures, classroom instruction and student learning.
Adapt sample CBE policies to my local setting and needs.
Policies:

- Focus on what matters most
- Guidance without micromanagement
- Increase broad-based support
- Ensure sustainability of long-range work
- Bring about change in schools and classrooms … to benefit learners and to ensure equitable outcomes
Policies:

- Mix expectations with support (rationale; resources; PD)
- Assign responsibility
- Are coordinated with existing policies
- Draw attention to vision and goals
- Are supported by stakeholders
Policy Checklist
(aka Policy Ecology)

✓ Graduation Requirements (Policy File IKF)
✓ Grading and Reporting System (Policy File IKA)
✓ Multiple Pathways (Policy File IKFF)
✓ Academic Recognition: Honors and Grade Point Averages (Policy File IKD)
✓ Transcripts (Policy File IKC)
Review + Preparation

- Who should provide feedback and input on the policy while it is being developed?
- Who is most affected by the policy under review?
- What effects will this policy launch & sustain (Teacher; Student; School)
- What are the intended outcomes for learners, and how likely are those outcomes to pertain to every student?
Work Session Practice

• Select, read and highlight a policy from the packet. (Form interest groups?)

• Analyze the policy against your local context and vision. Consider revisions needed.

• Identify hot spots and prepare your responses.

• Determine the value / urgency of the policy to your system.

• Write a starter list of implementation steps.
Thank You