



COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION APPROVES THE

COLORADO RIVER WATCH CERTIFICATION

**RECEIVE FUNDING FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHILE
BUILDING SKILLSETS & CAREER PATHS FOR
YOUR STUDENTS!**

Colorado's Career Development Incentive Program (CDIP) offers schools financial incentives to participate in the program. Certifications approved for the CDIP build entry-level skill sets and career paths for students while also providing reimbursement to schools for each student who becomes certified. We are proud to announce that Colorado River Watch now offers certification through the CDIP (approved December 2020).



ALREADY INVOLVED IN RIVER WATCH?

Enter the CDIP Program Today!

- Entering the CO Dept. of Educations' CDIP is an easy process. Simply fill out the Intent to Participate by June 30th, 2021.
- Use the links below or contact us for assistance.
 - <https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/hb18-1266>
 - <http://survey.alchemer.com/s/3/4000155/2020-21-Participation-Agreement>

We Are Here to Help!
Contact Us Today for
Assistance.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- CDIP Reimbursements can be as high as \$1,000 per student but are subject to fund availability. For example, FY 2018 & 2019 were \$1,000 per student, but 2020 was ~\$670 due to COVID budget restraints.
- River Science a 501C3 is the administrator of River Watch. River Science will work with your school to provide you with the education, training, tools, and exams that you will need to certify each student.
- Due to increased costs for the **first year** of certifications, River Science asks for a 50/50 split of the CDIP reimbursement to cover initial overhead and program development costs.
- Future partnerships and reimbursements will be determined with your school based on overhead, needs, and unique circumstances.
- Each year that you work with River Science to complete this certification program, your reimbursement per student will increase.
- CDIP reimbursements are non-discretionary funds.
- There are no limits to the number of students who participate in the program, but only one certificate per student is allowed.
- River Science will proctor the exams and will cover the exam fees of \$75 per student.
- Only schools with active River Watch programs are eligible at this time.
- Reimbursements are distributed in the fall for the previous school year.
- Students gain skillsets in water quality data collection, assessment, and interpretation of environmental standards.

A River Watch Certificate on a resume is acknowledged by numerous State agencies and National organizations.

