



Colorado Center for Rural Education Stipend Report
Executive Summary
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Since 2017 using both state and federal funding sources, the Colorado Center for Rural Education has been able to provide a variety of stipends to pre-service and in-service educators who work with students in rural school districts. To date, the Colorado Center for Rural Education has awarded 231 individual stipends totaling \$919,625 to pre- and inservice educators serving students throughout rural Colorado.

Colorado Rural Teaching Stipend

Colorado Rural Teaching Stipends (CRTS) provide \$2,800 of funding to pre-service teacher candidates to student teach in a rural Colorado school district and plan to become a rural educator after graduating. To date, the Center has used \$364,000 to award 130 CRTS stipends to individuals from one of 12 institutions of higher education who completed their student teaching in 45 of Colorado's rural or small rural school districts.

Concurrent Enrollment Educator Qualification Stipend

The Concurrent Enrollment Educator Qualification (CEEQ) stipend provides rural educators with \$6,000 of funding to defray the costs associated with graduate-level coursework and requires recipients to work in a rural school district three years after completing their plan of study. To date, the CCRE has received a total of 33 CEEQ stipend applications, and 91% ($n = 30$) have been approved, totaling \$180,000 funding. Recipients work in 22 separate rural or small rural school districts and are enrolled in eight institutions of higher education.

National Board Certified Teacher Stipend

The National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) stipends provides funding and support for inservice educators serving students in rural Colorado school districts as they pursue National Board Teacher Certification. . In total, the CCRE has received 43 NBCT applications and funded 72% ($n = 31$) of all applicants, providing \$151,575 worth of incentives to rural educators. Currently, NBCT stipend recipients are serving students in 11 Colorado rural and small rural school districts.

Rural Alternative Licensure Stipend

The Rural Alternative Licensure Stipend (RALS) provides up to \$6,000 of funding to individuals enrolled in a Colorado-approved alternative teacher preparation who are employed as an educator in one of Colorado's rural or small rural school districts. During the first funding cycle, the CCRE received 147 applications from qualified individuals who were eligible for the RALS stipend and provided funding for 27% ($n = 40$) of the applicants, which totaled \$223,550. RALS recipients are employed in 29 rural or small rural school districts and are enrolled in 13 different approved alternative licensure provider programs.

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