

Proposed Initiative 2026–XX

Colorado Personalized AI-Driven Education Act

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 9 to article 30 of title 22 as follows:

PART 9

COLORADO PERSONALIZED AI-DRIVEN EDUCATION ACT

22-30-901. Legislative declaration.

(1) The people of Colorado find and declare that:

(a) Advances in adaptive learning technology and artificial intelligence enable personalized instruction that can accelerate student progress.

(b) A flexible education model can allow motivated students to complete high school by age sixteen, while ensuring options for continuing education, college, or career training until age eighteen.

(c) AI-Powered Schools integrate adaptive learning with existing public school infrastructure to provide modern, equitable access to instruction.

(d) This part seeks to create innovation in Colorado’s public education system without raising new taxes, by reallocating existing per-pupil funding and infrastructure resources.

22-30-902. Definitions.

As used in this part 9, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) “AI-Powered School” means an existing public school or district-authorized program that delivers core academic content primarily through adaptive learning software and artificial intelligence systems, supplemented by adult facilitators known as “Guides,” integrated into current school buildings and infrastructure.

(b) “Guide” means an adult employee of an AI-Powered School who supports students’ learning, motivation, and well-being without needing to hold a Colorado teacher license, subject to training and background checks; Guides may be retrained from existing school staff.

(c) “Continuing Education Pathway” means state-supported education opportunities between ages sixteen and eighteen, including early college enrollment, community college or career and technical training, or extended advanced learning programs.

22-30-903. Establishment of AI-Powered Schools.

(1) The state board of education and local school districts may authorize the integration of AI-Powered elements into existing public schools and buildings.

(2) Such schools may operate using adaptive learning platforms to deliver instruction within current classrooms and infrastructure, with Guides present to supervise, mentor, and support students alongside licensed teachers.

(3) Participation in AI-Powered programs is voluntary for families and schools.

(4) Implementation shall prioritize upgrades to existing infrastructure, such as broadband, devices, and facilities, to support AI integration without new construction.

(5) AI-Powered Schools shall provide free breakfast and lunch to all enrolled students, with breakfast served at the start of the school day; staff may purchase meals at cost.

22-30-904. Graduation and continuing education.

(1) A student enrolled in an AI-Powered School is eligible to receive a Colorado high school diploma upon completing all state-required coursework or competencies, which may occur as early as age sixteen.

(2) School principals have the authority to make final decisions on individual student graduation requirements, tailoring them to meet the student’s personal needs and career path for post-secondary education, in consultation with the student, parents, and counselors, while ensuring alignment with Colorado Academic Standards.

(3) A student graduating before age eighteen remains eligible for per-pupil funding to support one of the following Continuing Education Pathways until their eighteenth birthday, provided that:

(a) Funding continues at least through the end of the academic semester in which the student graduates, or through the end of the school year if the student is in their senior year cycle; and

(b) The student may use such funding for:

(i) Tuition-free enrollment in a Colorado community college, college, or university toward an associate degree or bachelor’s credits;

(ii) Participation in a state-approved career and technical education, apprenticeship, or certificate program; or

(iii) Extended advanced learning, workshops, or internships offered by the AI-Powered School or its partners within existing facilities.

22-30-905. Accountability and oversight.

(1) AI-Powered Schools shall align core curriculum with Colorado Academic Standards and administer state assessments.

(2) Schools shall also administer independent norm-referenced tests twice annually to measure growth.

(3) The department of education shall review student outcomes, privacy compliance, and equity impacts every three years.

(4) An independent evaluation of the model's effectiveness shall be published within five years of enactment.

22-30-906. Student data privacy.

(1) AI-Powered Schools and their vendors shall comply with all state and federal student privacy laws.

(2) Data collected shall be used only for educational purposes and not for commercial gain.

(3) Parents must be informed of all data collected and provide consent for any additional uses.

22-30-907. Funding.

(1) Per-pupil funding shall follow the student to an AI-Powered School or program within existing public systems.

(2) Funding shall be reallocated from current budgets for AI software licenses, device upgrades, professional development, and infrastructure enhancements, with grants prioritized for underserved schools.

(3) Funding for Continuing Education Pathways shall be drawn from the student's remaining per-pupil allocation and is guaranteed for the remainder of the academic semester in which the student graduates, or through the end of the school year if the student completes their senior year cycle, with eligibility continuing until their eighteenth birthday.

22-30-908. Implementation.

(1) The department of education shall adopt rules within twelve months of passage to implement this part.

(2) A pilot cohort of no more than five to ten existing public schools across diverse districts, using existing infrastructure, may be authorized in the first two years to validate the model.

(3) After the independent evaluation in year five, the general assembly and state board may expand or modify the program.

22-30-909. Severability.

If any provision of this part is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

Conforming Amendments and Repeals:

(a) In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend provisions of Title 22 to authorize integration of AI-Powered instruction within existing schools as provided by this act.

(b) In Colorado Revised Statutes, repeal any conflicting provisions of Title 22.