



Streamlined Unified Improvement Plan

Updated Unified Improvement Plan Template for all schools and districts

The Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) provides districts and schools with a consistent form to capture planning efforts that coordinate state, federal, and grant requirements. After three years of co-design with a field-based workgroup, a template pilot in 2023-24, and broader stakeholder input, the department has finalized the Streamlined Template for statewide use. The new template is in full implementation beginning in 2025-26. Key features, considerations for usage, and timeline of launch can be reviewed in the resource document.

Key Features of New UIP Template:

- **Streamlined Layout:** The layout of the new template has been reorganized to better align with school and district planning processes, making it easier for users to navigate and complete.
- **Clarified Instructions:** Specificity has been added within the template, ensuring that users have clear guidance, samples, and resources for what information needs to be provided in each section.
- **Reduced Completion Time:** Sections have been shortened and consolidated to emphasize sharing final plan and streamline the entry process, ultimately saving time for plan development.
- **Enhanced Visual Appeal:** The updated template features a refreshed design, with improved formatting, navigation, and readability to enhance the overall user experience.



What Are the Major Changes to the Template?

While many components are staying the same, including the backend data storage, there will be some planning and terminology changes to the Streamlined Template.

- **Terminology Changes:** Priority Performance Challenges are now titled *Student Performance Priorities* and Implementation Benchmarks have been renamed to *Implementation Milestones*. These changes were made to increase clarity and align with other terms used in continuous improvement work in schools.
- **Reorganized:** *Annual and Interim Targets* have been moved to the beginning of the plan, so that all activities related to student performance (i.e., prioritization and target setting) are all done with the end goal in mind. This change was made to align with how and when schools and districts engage with student data.
- **Removed:** *Notable Trends, Brief Description, and Reflection on Prior Year Targets and Strategies* have been removed to shorten plan time completion.
- **Modified:** *Targets and Implementation Milestones* can now include up to six interim progress tracking events. This change was made to add precision to progress monitoring to facilitate midcourse adjustments.

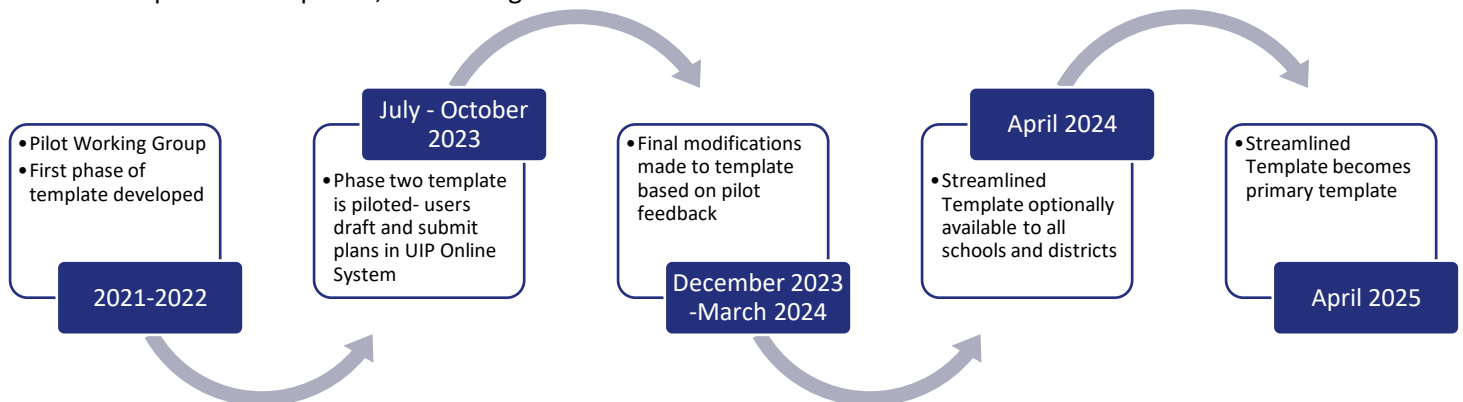
Considerations for using the Streamlined Template

While the new template is more condensed, there are considerations for using the new template for the 2024-25 school year.

- To prepare for the transition to the new template, the **Continue Previous Plan** (Copy from Last Year) **feature** should only be used if you opted for the Streamlined Template for the 2024-25 year.
 - If your school used the traditional template for 2024-25 and you use the Continue Previous Plan feature, many fields will not populate correctly, thus creating more work than necessary.
- With any system change, there are new training responsibilities and a learning curve. Consider support for those making a transition from the traditional template versus those that are new to using the online UIP system.

What was the Process for moving to the New Template?

This new template has rolled out for the 2025-26 school year. All schools and districts will automatically be signed into the new template as of April 15, 2025 at login.

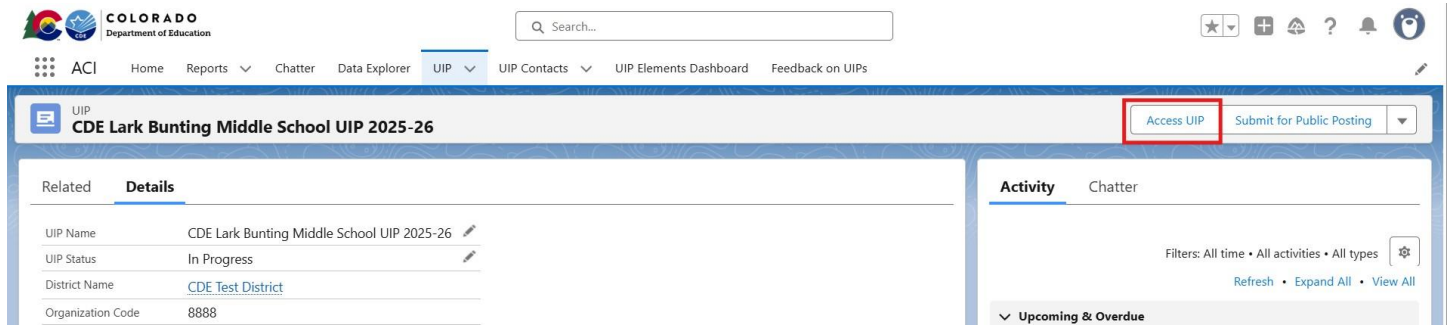




How will Users Access the Streamlined Template?

Districts and schools will manage access to the template through Identity Management. District profiles already have access, and school profile access will be managed through LAM role assignment.

District-level users will only be able to access the streamlined UIP template using the “Access UIP” button found on the UIP record. The screenshot below shows how District-level users can access a district or school UIP record.



The screenshot displays the UIP Online System interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Colorado Department of Education logo, a search bar, and various icons. Below the navigation bar, the main content area shows a record for "CDE Lark Bunting Middle School UIP 2025-26". A red box highlights the "Access UIP" button in the top right corner of the record details. The record details include fields for UIP Name, UIP Status, District Name, and Organization Code. The "Activity" tab is also visible on the right side of the record.

All school-level users have been assigned to the UIP2~School Admin user role on Identity Management by CDE staff. District LAMs and users do not need to take any action for this change and can only assign school-level users to the UIP2~School Admin user role on Identity Management. School-level users should continue to sign into the UIP Online System as normal using the School UIP User button on the [UIP Online System webpage](#).

More details about the specific user role changes can be found in the [UIP Online System User Guide](#).