



*A database of higher education policy issues, searchable by state or by policy.*

**New Frontiers in State Policy Resource  
Sharing: Expanding SPIDO**

WICHE Commission Meeting

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# State Policy Inventory Database Online (SPIDO)

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- Resource for state policymakers, researchers, education leaders, and others
- Inventory of *state-level* policies (statute and board rule) related to higher education preparation, access, affordability, and success of all students
- Partnership of three organizations
  - WICHE
  - Pathways to College Network
  - NCSL – Research Assistance

# SPIDO – Home Page

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://www.wiche.edu/policy/spido/>. The browser's title bar reads "SPIDO State Policy Issues Database Online - Windows Internet Explorer". The browser's address bar contains the URL. The browser's toolbar includes buttons for "Go", "Bookmarks", "16 blocked", "Check", "AutoLink", and "Aut". The browser's status bar shows "Gmail - Inbox (1)", "silverado2 : Members : 1 - 5 ...", "SPIDO State Policy Issue...", and "how do it".

The main content area features a header for "WICHE Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education". Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: "Key Navigation Features", "Policy Domains and Definitions", "State Policy Sources", "National & State Summaries by Domain", "Policy Publications Clearinghouse", "SPIDO home", and "Contact us".

The central graphic is titled "State Policy Inventory Database Online" and "SPIDO". It features a collage of images: a woman working on a laptop, a man looking at a document, a woman in a graduation cap, and a man in a graduation cap. A gavel is positioned over the "SPIDO" text. Below the graphic is the text: "A database of higher education policy issues, searchable by state or by policy issue."

Below the graphic is a "Begin search here" button. To the right of the button is the text: "Welcome to SPIDO! This State Policy Inventory Database Online is a joint project between WICHE and the Pathways to College Network. SPIDO is designed to provide state and national policymakers, education leaders, practitioners and education consumers with an inventory of *state-level* policies and resources in key policy domains related to student achievement, access and success in higher education."

Below the text are two search options: "SEARCH BY STATE" and "OR SEARCH BY ISSUE".

Under "SEARCH BY STATE" is the text: "You may select **one policy issue** and search for policy information in **one or more states**. A report will include state statutes, state board policies, and hyperlinks to state agencies, resources, reports and studies sorted by state."

Under "OR SEARCH BY ISSUE" is the text: "You may select **one state** and search **one or more policy issues**. A report will include state statutes, state board policies, and links to state agencies, resources, reports and studies sorted by issue."

At the bottom left of the page are logos for "Pathways to College Network" (DIRECTED BY TERL) and "WICHE" (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education). Below these is the logo for "NCSL" (National Center for State Legislation).

The browser's status bar at the bottom left shows "Done".

# SPIDO – 11 Domains

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- Accelerated Learning Options
- Articulation and Alignment
- Data and Accountability Systems
- Early Outreach Programs
- Equity Issues
- Remediation
- Residency
- Retention
- Student Financial Aid and Other Assistance
- Teacher Quality Initiatives
- Tuition and Fees

# SPIDO – Two Ways To Search

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- Users can search by state
  - Select **one policy issue** and search for policy information in **one or more states**
- Users can search by issue
  - Select **one state** and search **one or more policy issues**

# SPIDO - Output

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- List of state policies (by issue or by state)
  - State statute
  - Board rule
- Relevant resources
- Summary paragraphs of selected domains
- Links to the state legislature and state higher education executive office

# SPIDO - Output

Search Results - SPIDO State Policy Issues Database Online - Windows Internet Explorer  
http://www.wiche.edu/policy/SPIDO/detail.asp?state=CO&submit=Search&domain=16&domain=21&domain=2&domain=3&do

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State Policy Issues Database Online  
**SPIDO**

Last updated: 2007 Legislative Session

Colorado STATE GOVERNANCE

► Colorado Statutes ► Colorado Department of Higher Education Policies and Procedures

### Accelerated Learning Options

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**Advanced Placement / Advanced Standing**

Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-11-104	Accreditation Indicators
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**Dual or Concurrent Enrollment**

Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-35-102	Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act: Legislative Declaration
Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-34-101	High School Fast Track Program
Colorado Department of Higher Education Policies and Procedures (Academic Affairs) Section I, Part F	Admissions Standards Policy - High School Concurrent Enrollment
Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-35-105	Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act: Financial Provisions-Payment of Tuition.
Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-35-107	Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act: Institution of Higher Education-Enrollment-Limitations.
Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-11-104	Accreditation Indicators
Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-35-111	Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act: Rules and Regulations

Done

# SPIDO - Output

Search Results - SPIDO State Policy Issues Database Online - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.wiche.edu/policy/SPIDO/detail.asp?state=CO&submit=Search&domain=16&domain=21&domain=28&domain=38&domain=6&domain=5&domain=7&domain=18&domain=21

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Colorado Statutes > Colorado Revised Statutes

Advanced Placement / Advanced Placement

Colorado Rev. Stat. § 22-11-104

Dual or Concurrent Enrollment

Colorado Rev. Stat. § 22-35-102

Colorado Rev. Stat. § 22-34-101

Colorado Department of Higher Education and Procedures (Academic Affairs)

Colorado Rev. Stat. § 22-35-105

Colorado Rev. Stat. § 22-35-107

Colorado Rev. Stat. § 22-11-104

Colorado Rev. Stat. § 22-35-111

LexisNexis(TM) CD - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www2.michie.com/colorado/lpext.dll/Infobase4/1/32c45/32ca6/33812

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**22-11-104. Accreditation.**

(1) **Indicators.** (a) No later than December 31, 1998, the state board shall establish by rule accreditation indicators for assessing the quality of education and learning in the public schools and school districts of the state and, by July 1, 2003, accreditation indicators concerning the administration of school districts as described in paragraph (k) of subsection (2) of this section.

(b) The state board shall annually review the accreditation indicators established pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) and may revise such accreditation indicators as necessary.

(2) **Contents.** The accreditation indicators shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

(a) (I) Results on statewide assessment instruments administered pursuant to section [22-7-409](#), including but not limited to the reading assessments implemented pursuant to part 5 of article 7 of this title, and the assessment administered pursuant to section [22-7-409](#) (1.5). All assessment results shall be aggregated by grade level and subject area.

(II) The baseline year for the accreditation indicators relating to the statewide assessments shall be the 2000-2001 school year.

(b) Dropout rates;

(c) Student attendance rates, including the numbers of expelled and suspended students;

Done Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act: Rules and Regulations Internet 100%

# SPIDO – Current Activity

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- SPIDO is updated and current through the 2006 legislative session
- WICHE began the 2007 updates in October – expected completion by the end of the year
- WICHE began including hyperlinks to all of the policies – expected completion by the end of the year
- WICHE is incorporating a 12<sup>th</sup> domain – adult learners
- WICHE partnered with SHEEO to update summary paragraphs of two domains – Student Financial Aid and Other Assistance and Tuition and Fees

# SPIDO – On the Horizon

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- The *Pathways to College Network* has provided WICHE with **\$30,000** to complete the 2007 updates
- The *Making Opportunity Affordable Initiative* of Lumina Foundation for Education has committed **\$100,000** for SPIDO upgrades and improvements

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- **Database System Upgrade:** SPIDO is currently supported by MS-Access; WICHE will upgrade to a more robust platform.
- **Blogging Capability:** SPIDO will include a blogging feature so users can comment on policies or provide information about what is happening in their states.
- **Link to Policy Publications Clearinghouse:** WICHE also maintains a *Policy Publications Clearinghouse*, an organized list of policy publications from national, regional, and state sources. WICHE will link SPIDO and the Clearinghouse so that documents in the Clearinghouse will show up as additional resources in SPIDO.

# SPIDO – On the Horizon

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- **Video and Instructional Application of How to Use SPIDO:** This interactive feature will help new users learn how to get the most out of what SPIDO has to offer.
- **Additional Domain Summary Paragraphs:** WICHE will expand the number of domains that have summary paragraphs and update the ones that are currently displayed.
- **Quarterly Digest:** WICHE will email a quarterly digest of SPIDO changes and updates to subscribers.

# SPIDO – On the Horizon

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Other Ideas?

# For More Information:

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