



Center for Urban Education Student Orientation

Metropolitan State College of Denver

History of the CUE and Urban Teacher Partnership



- UTP was started through a \$9.5 million grant from the federal Teacher Quality Enhancement (TQE) Partnership Program;
- Metro State and Denver Public Schools were awarded the 5-year grant in 2004; the grant ends in September 2010
- Focus to prepare middle and high school math, science, English and social studies teachers for urban, high-need schools
- 2010 expanded the program to more secondary areas and include early childhood education, elementary education and Special Education

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Center for Urban Education (CUE) supports the teacher preparation program of the Teacher Education Department and School of Letters, Arts, and Sciences. CUE provides interconnected services in four areas:

- Zone for Student Achievement ~ P-16
- Preparation of Teachers for Urban Schools
- Community-based Resources and Support
- Network Development and Expansion

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- CUE provides support for secondary education pre-service students in 13 middle and high schools across the city
- A CUE Fellows program was launched this fall for ECE and Elementary pre-service students in four elementary schools ~ Brown, Cheltenham, Colfax and Fairview Elementary Schools located in the Northwest P-16 Zone for Student Achievement

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Field Experience in Urban Schools

– Secondary students in the program complete 180 hours of field experience prior to student teaching in 13 designated partner schools within the Denver Public Schools

Hill MS	Martin Luther King (6-12)	East HS
Merrill MS	Bruce Randolph (6-12)	North HS
Lake MS	Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy (6-12)	
Grant MS	Thomas Jefferson HS	
Morey MS	CEC Middle College	
Smiley MS		

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Partner School Liaisons

- Each partner school has designated a Site Liaison to support student field placements, including student teaching
- Act as liaison with CUE students, cooperating teachers, supervising professors, and CUE program staff
- Identify and provide opportunities to acquaint CUE students to the school, its policies, teachers and culture

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CUE Field Placement Coordinator

- CUE Field Placement Coordinator serves as an information conduit between the program leadership and site coordinators in the 13 schools and between Metro professors and students and DPS teachers in partner schools
- Field Placement Coordinator helps coordinate activities and works with program leaders to resolve problems

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Recruitment into CUE

- Enrolled in the Teacher Education licensure program
- Major in an approved license area
- Submit a CUE interest statement that includes a one-page essay indicating an interest and commitment to urban schools and students

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Seminars/Workshops

- Topics of high importance in urban schools
- Require all CUE students to attend at least two of these workshops per semester

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CUE De-Brief Seminars

- Held monthly aimed at building professional learning communities among CUE students
- Require CUE students to attend two sessions per semester

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ELA Support

- Based on available resources, CUE provides financial support for CUE students to enroll in and complete designated Linguistically Diverse Education classes
- LDE/ELA classes have been identified by the Denver Public Schools as qualifying for their ELA Endorsement
- Enrolled full-time, 3.0 Cumulative GPA
- CUE conducts on-going review of available resources
- Students who receive awards must re-apply each semester

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Why ELA Endorsement is Important

- All new DPS teachers must be endorsed in English Language Acquisition after hire
- Demonstration of your understanding of the children you will be serving
- Demographics of the district and other urban districts across the country

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Student Enrollment: 79,423 (October 1, 2010)

- 0.7% American Indian
- 3.3% Asian
- 14.6% Black
- 58.4% Hispanic
- 19.8% White
- **Free/Reduced Lunch:** 72.49% (2010-2011 school year)
- **Gifted and Talented Students:** 11.41% (2010-2011)
- **Languages** (October 2009)
 - English language learners: 24,519 or 31%
 - Spanish speaking students (includes non-ELLs): 29,525 or 40%
 - Top five languages spoken by students: Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic, Karen, Burmese and Somali

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Tutoring in High-Need Schools

- CUE offers a limited number of paid tutoring positions
- 3.0 Cumulative GPA/3.0 GPA in content area
- \$10 per hour, up to 10 hours per week
- Students must re-apply each semester
- CUE also facilitates paid/unpaid tutoring positions with other programs (e.g., DPS, AVID, community-based programs)

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Great Teachers for Our City Schools: National Summit on Recruiting, Preparing and Retaining Quality Urban Teachers

- Five Years of Sponsorship
- 4th Annual Summit: April 27-29th at the Embassy Suites Downtown Denver – planning for 5th annual event
- National Experts/Urban Education Partnership Models
- CUE provides registration vouchers for engaged CUE students to attend and participate

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Resource Library

- CUE is building a resource library of books, course curriculum, technology
- CUE students will have access to use and borrow these resources through your course professors

Student Office

- Located at our office in the Tivoli and available for your use during the school day

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