

HB18-1186 Youth Advisory Council membership

Colorado Youth Advisory Council is open to all Colorado youth between the ages 14 and 19 who are attending a Colorado junior high, middle or high school, including online schools; nonpublic, home-based educational programs; or general equivalency degree programs. All eligible applications are reviewed by the COYAC Recruitment and Membership Committee and then sent out to the entire Council for approval or denial.

Throughout their two-year commitment, Council members explore topics that are of interest to youth, including education, employment and economic opportunity, access to state and local government services, the environment, behavioral and physical health, substance use, driver's license requirements, poverty, and increased youth participation in state and local government.

In addition to the 40 youth COYAC members, there are four members of the Colorado General Assembly that serve on the Council. The speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives, and the president and minority leader of the Senate each appoint one member to serve as Legislative Appointees.