

Points of Pride

- ♦ Student achievement
- ♦ Parental involvement
- ♦ Enrichment programs
- ♦ Staff development
- ♦ Special programs
- ♦ Family Fun Nights
- ♦ I. B. Candidate School
- ♦ Same Gender Classrooms
- ♦ Before and After School Program

About Our District

Douglas County School District is the third largest school district in Colorado and we remain one of the highest achieving and fastest growing districts in Colorado.

Superintendent Jim Christensen and the Board of Education attribute this continued success to a focus on students. Engaged parents, outstanding teachers and staff contribute greatly to student learning in our District. Our Vision is to help students acquire the knowledge and abilities to become responsible citizens who contribute to society.

In addition to the information found in this school report, state-required accountability and accreditation information is also available in the Colorado Department of Education's "ONE REPORT," linked to the District web site at www.dcsdk12.org. Or, send an email to communications@dcsdk12.org for additional information.

We have outstanding students in our District who go far beyond what required reports can tell us. We celebrate their successes daily. Thank you for being part of our school community!

School Mission Statement

"Every Child, Every Day" Our mission at Rock Ridge is to provide a caring and safe learning environment that honors the unique needs of each child while encouraging and empowering all students to achieve their highest potential as life long learners, critical thinkers, and global citizens of tomorrow. Developing a partnership with families and community, and maintaining a collaborative and skillful staff is essential.

Rock Ridge Elementary School



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Principal's Perspective

Rock Ridge Elementary, where our motto is “Every Child, Every Day,” is a place where every child is at the center of our focus. We have three guiding attributes that drive everything we do. Rock Ridge students and staff are: RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and SUCCESSFUL. Below are our Points of Pride, followed by our academic and staff development focus for the year:

Points of Pride

- ✦ Student achievement continues to thrive with Rock Ridge meeting all criteria to achieve adequate yearly progress. Celebrations also include a High Overall Academic Performance ranking by the Colorado Department of Education.
- ✦ Parental involvement is shown through our volunteer program, our Friends of Rock Ridge (FoRR) parent/teacher group and our Rock Ridge School Accountability Committee for governance.
- ✦ Enrichment programs for students include after school classes ranging from cooking to rocketry and everything in between. Also offered are band, orchestra, choir, art club, yearbook committee and student council.
- ✦ International Baccalaureate is the newest innovation being brought to Rock Ridge. We are currently a candidate school, and we are working to align our curriculum with IB standards.
- ✦ Same Gender classrooms in 4th – 6th grade allow students to learn in an environment unique to their needs.
- ✦ Special programs to support students include our designation as a center-based program for Significant Support Needs (SSN), Significant Identifiable Emotional Disability (SIED), special education resource program, two reading specialists to work with emergent readers and an extended day Kindergarten.
- ✦ Family Fun Nights focus on bringing our community together and sharing ideas regarding literacy and math. These evenings have also included book fairs, author and illustrator presentations, art displays, ice cream socials and spaghetti dinners.
- ✦ Springboard provides our students with a before and after school day care program.

Sincerely,

Denny Ingram

Principal

Goals and Measures

School Improvement Goal

Within two years the gender achievement gap in writing at Rock Ridge will decrease to less than a five percent difference between boys and girls.

2007–2008 CSAP Measures

Grade	Reading			Writing				Math			
	RR	DC	State	RR	DC	State	Boys	Girls	RR	DC	State
6th	89	87	71	68	77	60	54	82	71	78	61
5th	86	84	70	74	74	59	64	81	88	79	65
4th	80	78	66	66	66	52	56	76	86	81	68
3rd	74	80	70	49	61	50	31	65	77	82	70

Strategies

- ✦ Teacher induction and staff development
 - » International Baccalaureate
 - » Literacy Instructional Framework for Teaching (LIFT) training
 - » Supervision of classroom instruction
- ✦ Professional Learning Community (PLC) model
 - » What do students need to know? How do we know that they know? What do we do when they don't know?
 - » Weekly grade level meetings where teams create a professional dialogue.
- ✦ Teacher Professional days focused on student achievement
 - » Student data
 - » Gender based instruction
 - » Current brain research
 - » Inquiry based instruction