

2009-2010 Quick Facts



Douglas County
School District

Learn today. Lead tomorrow.

The Douglas County School District is the third largest school district in Colorado with a tradition of educational excellence that strives to put children first. Its Vision is "to create responsible citizens who contribute to our society."

Location

Douglas County School District (DCSD) is located between Denver and Colorado Springs and covers 870 square miles.

Schools

46 elementary schools
2 magnet schools
9 middle schools
9 high schools
8 charter schools
1 alternative high school
1 night high school
34 Preschool locations;
68 Preschool sessions (AM & PM)

Calendars

All secondary schools operate on a traditional or conventional calendar. Some elementary schools operate on a modified or 4-track year-round calendar.

Instead of a two-month summer break, students on a year-round calendar attend school for nine weeks, followed by a three-week break.

- 16 elementary schools are on year-round, track schedules (09-10)
- 19 elementary schools are on modified schedules (09-10)
- 13 elementary schools are on conventional schedules (09-10)

Classroom Teachers (08-09 data)

Experience

Average years of experience: 8
Average years with Douglas County: 5
Percentage with master's degrees: 67
Percentage with doctorates: 1

Staff

Certified staff: 3,509 (teachers)
Classified staff: 2,908
Administrators: 220
Professional: 70
Technical: 25

Students

Student enrollment

- 56,031 (April 2009 official count)

Funding (2009-10 data)

Per-pupil funding revenue (based on state formula): \$6,953

Board of Education

Elected Board of Education members are responsible for setting the over-arching Vision for the School District. The Board-approved Vision for the Future lays the foundation for what the School District is expected to accomplish. The Board's Vision states: *Graduates from Douglas County School District are responsible citizens who contribute to our society.*

For more information on Board meeting agendas and schedules, call 303.387.0258 or visit www.dcsdk12.org.

Academic achievement

Students in DCSD continue to outpace the state average on the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP). Results show DCSD continues to exceed state averages in every subject tested. When comparing the percentage of students scoring at or above proficient in 2008, DCSD students exceed the state average by 12-19 percentage points.

Advanced placement (08-09 data)

Number of AP exams taken: 4,043
Number of students taking one or more AP exams: 2,313
Exams earning 3 or higher (highest score is 5) receiving college credit: 64%

Conservation Minded

School designs save resources & improve learning environments. Natural lighting use, including the use of solar tubes and lighting controls, high performance boilers, and increased insulation save utility costs. The new elementary school design also incorporates "ice storage" which allows the building to be cooled efficiently during peak electrical times of the day. Use of artificial turf practice fields conserve more than 27 million gallons of water annually.

Volunteers

- More than 16,000 parents and community members volunteer each year.
- Volunteers contribute over half a million of hours this year in classrooms, libraries, school offices and school sponsored activities.
- For more information about volunteering at your neighborhood school, contact the school directly. A list of schools is available on the School District's website at www.dcsdk12.org under "Our Schools."

Preparation for the Future

100% of DCSD graduates will be prepared for college, and/or the work force, and responsible citizenship. Students will possess strong academic skills; be prepared for the competitive global marketplace; acquire knowledge and skills to be Responsible Citizens; and utilize critical thinking, creative problem solving and leadership skills.

Career and Technological education to provide certification is available. Advanced learning options in the form of Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses, and Guaranteed Transfer courses to in-state universities are also available to prepare students for college.

Technology in the classroom

DCSD's classrooms integrate tried and true educational approaches with a wise use of technology that provides students with a foundation of skills for lifelong learning. Professional development opportunities provide teachers with the latest advances in technology to enhance student learning.

Educational Options

In the 08-09 school year, DCSD launched a true K-12 online learning community called eDcsd. It offers 29 semester-long courses taught by 16 Douglas County School District master teachers. Courses range from Algebra 1 to Biology, Advanced Placement French and U.S. Government. Nearly 300 students from across the School District participated in one or more of these online courses.

More choices for families

Douglas County parents have more choices for their children in neighborhood schools and alternative offerings. Eight charter schools are available, as are the Lone Tree Elementary Magnet School, Renaissance Expeditionary Learning/Outward Bound Magnet School and the Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning. Families also have the option to open enroll their students in any Douglas County neighborhood school if there is space available.

*For more information, call the
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