

2008–09 Poudre School District Pride & Profile



Educate...Every Child, Every Day

Higher Education & Workplace Readiness

- More than 69% of PSD graduates enroll in a college or university immediately following graduation; 79% enroll within 3 years of graduation; and 84% enroll within 5 years of graduation.
- 68% of PSD's college-bound students attended a four-year college; of that, 82% in a public institution.
- 76.5% of PSD's college-bound students attend in-state colleges and universities; 23.5% attend out of state.
- 28% of PSD graduates attend Front Range Community College, 21% Colorado State University, and 7% University of Northern Colorado.
- On average, PSD graduates entering CSU do so with a higher GPA than other incoming freshmen.
- Universities attended include: Colorado's own, California Institute of Technology, MIT, Stanford, California Berkeley, Notre Dame, Cornell, Tufts, Tulane, Baylor, U.S. Air Force Academy, and many more!

Academic Excellence

- In 2009, PSD graduates earned approximately \$29 million in scholarships.
- PSD students perform from 4%-16% higher than students statewide—in all subjects and in all 27 areas—on the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) tests.
- 11th and 12th graders consistently perform higher than students statewide and nationwide on ACT and SAT college entrance exams, with 1 student in 2009 earning a perfect composite score on the ACT.
- International Baccalaureate (IB) average diploma rate of PSD students is 93% compared to the world average of 79%.

Awards & Competitions

- **2008 U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School**, Werner Elementary
- **Intel International Science & Engineering Fair**, 3rd place in Microbiology
- **International Sustainable World Project Olympiad**, 1 qualifier
- **Distributive Education Clubs of America**, 15 international qualifiers
- **National Science Olympiad**, 12th in the nation
- **Debate/Forensics**, 12 national qualifiers
- **FIRST Lego League**, 3 teams qualify for national or World Festival Events

- **Literary Magazine National Competition**, winner highest award rank
- **Colorado State Youth Advisory Council**, student appointment
- **MathCounts!**, school wins 4th place in state
- **Colorado Geography and Spelling Bees**, 12 qualifiers
- **State Ocean Bowl**, 1st and 2nd place teams
- **Scholastic Art State Gold Awards**, 28 winners
- **Colorado Music Educators Association**, 5 schools performed
- **State sports photojournalism competition**, winner
- **Regional Science Bowl**, 1st and 2nd place teams
- **National Achievement Scholar**, 1 student
- **National Merit Scholarships**, 9 students
- **U.S. Presidential Scholars**, 2 students invited to apply
- **Advanced Placement Scholars**, 247 students recognized
- **2009 Boettcher Foundation Scholar**, 1 student
- **Daniel's Fund Academic Scholarships**, 6 students
- **Tennis, wrestling, cross country, baseball, and track**, athletic state champions
- **Three-time state champs**, Rocky Mountain High School baseball team ranked #1 in nation CBS/Max-Preps poll

Schools

- 32 elementary schools
- 10 middle high schools
- 6 high schools
- 2 charter schools
- 1 online school

Educational Choices

- Head start & early childhood programs
- Core Knowledge curriculum schools (nationally recognized and model schools)
- Advanced Placement & Pre-Advanced Placement at middle and high schools
- International Baccalaureate (IB) schools
- Bilingual immersion and dual language schools (Spanish/English)
- Expeditionary and experiential learning schools
- Focus schools: science; arts & technology; gifted and talented; academics, wellness, and character; and project-based learning
- Alternative non-neighborhood high school
- Multiple alternative secondary programs

Neighborhood Schools & School Choice

PSD's School Choice program allows families to select the school that best meets their child's educational needs. Space permitting, families may choose to send their child to a neighborhood school located outside their attendance area or a specialty school. Nearly 70% of PSD families choose to send their children to their neighborhood school, the school located in the attendance area in which they live.

Student Population

Approximate Student Enrollment

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| Pre-K–12th grade | 25,960 |
| Preschool Students | 973* |

Student Ethnicity

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| African American | 1.9% |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 3.5% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 16% |
| Native American/Alaskan | 1.1% |
| White | 77.5% |

Students participating in free and/or reduce price lunch program (K-8 only) 26.6%

Students served by Special Education programs 10%*

Students taking an Advanced Placement, IB, or other college-level class by graduation (10th – 12th grade) 40%

* Enrollment information from October count except for preschool and special education, which are reported using their official count dates

Graduation & Dropout Rates

| Year | Graduation Rate | | Dropout Rate | |
|------|-----------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| | PSD | State | PSD | State |
| 2006 | 81.9% | 74.1% | 2.9% | 4.5% |
| 2007 | 81.7% | 75.0% | 2.5% | 4.4% |
| 2008 | 81.2% | 73.9% | 2.6% | 3.8% |

Volunteers

More than 12,000 parents and community members directly support student education by serving on School Improvement Teams, the District Advisory Board or by volunteering in other ways.

Transportation

175 buses safely transport approximately 12,000 students on 778 runs a day.



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Geographic Size

PSD covers 1,856 square miles in northern Colorado, including Fort Collins, Laporte, Timnath, Wellington, Red Feather, Livermore, Stove Prairie, and parts of Windsor.

Highly Qualified Staff (2007–08)

PSD, the ninth largest school district in Colorado and the third largest employer in Fort Collins, includes:

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| Total employees | 3,546 |
| Certified | 1,770 |
| Classified | 1,669 |
| Administrators | 107 |

Certified Staff

- 99.3%* are "highly qualified"***
- 99.47%* of classes are taught by "highly qualified"*** teachers
- 99.58%* of classes in high poverty schools are taught by "highly qualified"*** teachers
- 54.23%* hold master's degrees
- 1.48%* hold doctorate degrees

• Average 12 years of teaching experience

* From Colorado Department of Education online District Profiles

** As defined by No Child Left Behind federal legislation

Administrators

- 81% hold master's degrees or higher

Board of Education Directors

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