



# Poudre School District

Educate...Every Child, Every Day

Poudre School District exists to support and inspire every child to think, to learn, to care, and to graduate prepared to be successful in a changing world.

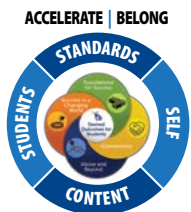
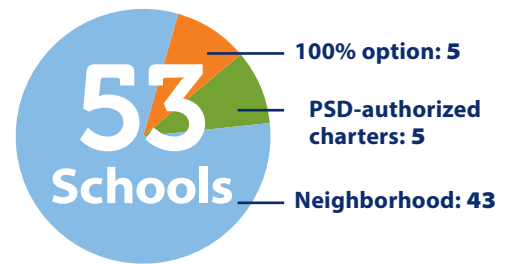


PSD is a high-performing PK-12 system serving students across **1,856 square miles** and encompasses several communities including Fort Collins, Laporte, Timnath, Wellington, Red Feather, Livermore, Stove Prairie, and parts of Windsor.

Colorado's  
**9th**  
largest school district

**26,730**  
Total enrollment  
*2021-22 (not including PSD-authorized charters)*

**3,820**  
Employees



## DISTRICT ENDS

District Ends are the aspirational and visionary goals for the district, set by the Board of Education and implemented by the PSD superintendent and staff.

**Foundations for Success:** PSD students attain milestones to ensure long-term academic success. PSD measures and monitors individual student progress against these milestones.

**Success in a Changing World:** PSD students are prepared for college and workforce success. PSD ensures access and encourages participation in a wide range of experiences that reflect expectations of a changing world.

**Above and Beyond:** PSD students are challenged, motivated, and inspired to reach their personal level of excellence. PSD offers students a broad and diverse set of opportunities that cultivates their talents and offers multiple pathways to high levels of success.

**Connections:** PSD students are academically and socially connected to their school and community. PSD provides engaging opportunities to support students' individual pursuits and interests.

**15**  
National Board-Certified teachers, counselors and psychologists

**seven**  
U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon schools since 2003



**Dozens of world, national and state champions** in theater, athletics, arts, music, writing, Science Bowl, Odyssey of the Mind, DECA and more.

**FOUR**  
Colorado Teachers of the Year



More **"Colorado Trailblazer Schools to Watch"** schools than any other Colorado district

## DID YOU KNOW?

**PSD's history began** in 1866 when a young widow moved to Fort Collins and began teaching her son and another student in a log cabin on the military post.

## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



• PSD students **historically outperform** their statewide peers on assessments

• PSD is working to **accelerate learning** after it and districts nationwide saw 2020 assessment scores dip

• **AP AND IB** exam scores significantly exceed national norms

**84.4%**

**Class of 2020 Graduation rate**  
a near-decade high but subgroup graduation rates lag statewide like-peers

## BOND AND MILL LEVY OVERRIDES



**2016 bond and mill levy override** provides **\$375 million bond** and **\$8 million mill levy override**:

**\$40m** Improvements to all existing PSD schools

**three**  
**New Schools**  
(open 2021 and 2022)

Mill levy override for new school operating costs



**District athletics complex**

Addition to **Zach Elementary**  
(opened 2019)

**Transportation maintenance facility**



(opened September 2021)

**2019 mill levy override generates about \$18 million/year in funding used to:**

- › **Raise first-year teacher salaries** to a competitive level, beginning in the 2020-2021 budget year
- › Restructure the **teacher salary schedule** to maintain competitive wages and allow PSD to recruit and retain high-quality teachers
- › Maintain **competitive wages** for support staff (classified employees such as bus drivers, paraprofessionals, child nutrition staff and custodians)
- › Support **students' mental health**, hiring additional mental health professionals
- › Enhancing **safety and security**

[Mill and Bond Initiatives >>](#)

## SCHOOL REGISTRATION



• All new and returning **K-12 students** register at their neighborhood school

• Families can register at their school or online

### School of Choice

• To attend a school outside your neighborhood school, families must submit a [School Choice application](#)

**In 2020-21, about a quarter of PSD parents chose a school other than their neighborhood**

**24.6%**

## PSD BUDGET



**\$343.3 million budget** for 2021-22 fiscal year



**\$8,417<sup>85</sup>**

**PSD per-pupil revenue** from the state (an increase from recent years)

**In Colorado, school districts receive funding from:**

- **School Finance Act** – state funding formula (property taxes and state funding, determined by the state legislature)
  - **Local revenue** – mill levy overrides, property taxes, vehicle registration fees
- [Finance and Budget >>](#)

## EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI)



PSD's community represents

**94**  
Countries



**65** Languages

- EDI work centers around inclusive leadership, curriculum, climate and culture and professional learning
- **Staff and student equity coalitions** started in 2020-21
- **Staff affinity groups** launched in 2021
- **PSD Principles of Community** under development

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



• **Preschool programs for children ages 3 to 5** with no-cost and tuition-based options

- There are many factors that qualify a student for **free preschool**

- Quality services and supports through **Early Head Start – prenatal to age 3**
- Highly-qualified licensed teachers partner with families to offer the best services specific to each child

[Early Childhood Education >>](#)

## COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS



• **Xello platform** helps to explore course plans, careers, internships, college and scholarships

- Earn college credits, certifications and associates degree through **Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, concurrent enrollment, the ASCENT program** and **Futures lab**

**16**

**Career and Technical Education (CTE)** programs are available beginning in middle school

**198**  
**students earned industry certifications** in 2020-21

**27,619**

College credits earned by PSD students in 2020-21 school year

[College and Career Readiness >>](#)