Your guide to educational choices and opportunities in Poudre School District.
Hello PSD Parents and Community Members!

As your Superintendent of Schools, I believe in the institution of public education. I am dedicated to preparing our students for a changing future and I am committed to continuous improvement in all we do. I believe that education is one of the core foundations of our democracy. I am pleased to be a part of the PSD community which not only values and supports education, but also works to assist the district in achieving our mission to *Educate...Every Child, Every Day.*

While nearly 70% of PSD families choose to send their child to their neighborhood school, PSD also offers school choice options that meet state regulations and allow parents to explore which school may best match their student's unique learning needs. While our district is growing, and schools are becoming fuller, there are still options available within PSD.

I invite you to review the information contained in this publication to help you with your school decision. The various instructional programs and learning delivery systems we offer in PSD are highlighted along with brief summaries of each school's culture and academic focus. Check the tables inside to see which programs are available at each school as well as to view school locations. You can find additional information on all of our programs at www.psdschools.org.

We accomplish incredible things because we work together to build on each other’s strengths. Our team, comprised of parents, students, staff, and community is on the pathway to excellence. We are a community of learners. We are dedicated to individual student success. We are committed to getting better in all we do.

**We are PSD!**

Sincerely,

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*Superintendent of Schools*

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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 Profile
Poudre School District, based in Fort Collins, Colorado, serves nearly 30,000 students within 50 schools. As the 9th largest school district in the state, PSD covers 1,856 square miles in northern Colorado, including Fort Collins, Laporte, Timnath, Wellington, Red Feather, Livermore, Stove Prairie, and parts of Windsor.

Board of Education
The PSD Board of Education is the elected body that sets policy and governance for the school district. Seven board directors are elected by district, but serve at large. Board meetings are conducted on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, except July and December, and are broadcast live on PSD-TV (Comcast Channel 10). Live stream of the board meetings can also be viewed on the PSD website, along with meeting agendas, minutes, and policies.

The Poudre School District Board of Education is governed using the policy governance model. The Board of Education sets broad policy that establishes the vision and direction of the district for the Superintendent to implement. The most significant policy the Board of Education creates is the District Ends. These are aspirational and visionary goals for the district from which the Superintendent is able to create programs for students.

The District Ends, adopted in 2014, are:

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 post-secondary 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 cultivate their talents and offers multiple pathways to high levels of success.

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

Curriculum and Instruction
PSD’s ultimate educational objective is for every student to graduate prepared to succeed in this changing world. The instructional framework to support this goal consists of teachers and principals creating a positive classroom culture and learning environment that fosters the “whole child”; establishing a clear purpose; implementing effective curriculum and instructional methods; promoting student engagement; and conducting assessments for student learning.

PSD offers rigorous standards-based curriculum in all schools. Instruction is designed with high expectations for all learners and is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards, which detail
what a student should know and be able to do in each subject at each grade level. Enrichment and accelerated programs are available that complement this standards-based instruction, which is rooted in literacy, math, social studies, and science.

All four comprehensive high schools offer Advanced Placement courses for college earned credit and all high schools participate in concurrent enrollment through Front Range Community College, AIMS Community College and Colorado State University.

PSD’s Integrated Services Department partners alongside families to support students with disabilities. By providing assistance where needed and ensuring successful transitions, students will achieve positive academic goals and realize meaningful outcomes.

Poudre School District is a high achieving district committed to individual student success, which can be seen through the following achievement data. Visit www.schoolview.org for additional PSD data and test scores.

- PSD students routinely perform 15% higher than students statewide – in all subjects and all 27 areas of the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS).
- Eight out of ten graduates complete at least one post-secondary, Advanced Placement, or International Baccalaureate course prior to graduation each year.
- PSD graduation rates consistently exceed state averages.

Athletics
Poudre School District offers a safe and dynamic athletic program at middle school and high school levels. PSD believes that athletic programs aid the development of favorable habits and attitudes that foster responsible adults. PSD’s interscholastic athletic programs are in compliance with the Colorado High School Activities Association.

B.A.S.E. Camp
The Before and After School Enrichment Program (B.A.S.E. Camp) offers a safe, affordable out-of-school learning environment that supports in-class learning. B.A.S.E. camps, which are owned and operated by an outside contractor, are located at most PSD elementary school locations. Visit www.mybasecampkids.org for more information.

Child Nutrition
All meals offered in Poudre School District are nutritious, safe, and balanced - exceeding all federal and USDA nutritional guidelines. Students are offered a variety of food prepared fresh daily including whole grains, local fresh produce, and local low-fat hormone-free milk. Students may be eligible for free or reduced lunches if they receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or if the household income is within the eligibility limits set by the federal government. Call the Child Nutrition Department at 970-490-3557 for information.

Community Engagement
Community support from parents, business organizations, and community members is a vital component to student success. Community partnerships, which foster real-world experiences and prepare students for the workforce and post-secondary education, and volunteerism are developed through PSD’s Partnership and Volunteer Center. Information regarding how individuals and business organizations can share expertise, experience or resources with PSD students can be found on the PSD website.
Programs and Services

Health and Wellness
PSD and the Board of Education place a high value on the vital role that wellness plays in academic achievement. As a result, PSD is actively engaged in the application of wellness in education, partnering with various Colorado foundations and organizations as well as the Colorado Department of Education on wellness initiatives for both students and staff. Examples of classroom wellness initiatives include: CSU partnerships with elementary schools that emphasize the connection between activity and learning; student culinary competitions; staff wellness classes; nutritional education classes for students and staff; and healthy menu contests for the school lunch program.

Instructional Technology
PSD classrooms provide learning environments that resemble 21st century workplaces with updated computers, SMART Boards, and Netbooks used by teachers and students, starting in elementary school. Classroom teachers receive annual training on new technology application and teaching tools.

School Safety
PSD is committed to an inclusive and safe climate for all students. With Campus Security Officers serving as the eyes and ears of the district and School Resource Officers (certified police officers) based at all middle and comprehensive high schools, safety for students and staff is always a top priority. PSD continually updates crisis plans and implements prevention programs to ensure safe learning environments in all schools.

Sustainability
Over the past 18 years, Poudre School District has been recognized for more than $2 million in energy savings due to its energy conservation programs. PSD earned the nation’s first LEED Gold school certification under the “LEED for Schools” rating system. PSD also has more buildings with Energy Star awards than all other Colorado school districts combined. Many PSD schools have energy conservation and recycling programs in which students participate and learn about sustainability on a daily basis.

Transportation
Approximately 13,000 students are safely transported to and from school every day. Transportation eligibility is based upon the distance between the student’s home and his or her neighborhood school. Students who live outside of the designated walking areas are eligible to ride the bus. Round-trip transportation is provided for students in all-day programs that meet the distance requirement. Transportation is not provided for School Choice students.
School Registration
New student registration begins in August before school starts. New kindergarten students must register at their designated neighborhood school. All other new students may register at their designated neighborhood school or at the school where they were accepted for School Choice.

Kindergarten registration takes place in February for the following year. Kindergarten students must be five years old and first graders must be six years old on or before September 15 to register for school. Registration information and enrollment forms are available on the PSD website or at each school.

Each spring, current PSD students are automatically registered by their school for the following school year. Students who wish to change schools may apply through the School Choice process.

School Choice
Under state law and PSD’s School Choice policy, families may choose to apply for their child to attend a school outside of their neighborhood school attendance area through the School Choice program. Students may apply to other neighborhood schools or option schools within PSD. Acceptance is based on space availability at individual schools and follows priority criteria outlined in the School Choice policy. Applications for the first consideration deadline are due by the last Friday in January for secondary schools and the second Friday in February for elementary schools. Visit the PSD website for details on School Choice and application information.

Neighborhood Schools
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.

PSD has 40 neighborhood schools, including 28 elementary schools, eight middle schools and four high schools. In addition to rigorous standards-based curriculum, neighborhood schools offer various instructional and enrichment programs designed to teach the whole child. Review the K-12 chart included in this booklet to learn more about the programs offered at each neighborhood school. It is helpful for parents to visit their own neighborhood school as well as other schools of interest to learn what is offered and to experience the school’s culture and environment prior to student enrollment and/or the School Choice application deadline.

Option Schools
PSD has five option schools including two elementary, one middle school and two K-12 schools. Option schools are 100% choice and do not have a defined attendance area. Option Schools offer specialized instructional approaches to the learning process including expeditionary learning, online learning, and bilingual immersion. These schools are not considered neighborhood schools and require a School Choice application to be admitted.

Alternative Schools
Alternative schools offer smaller class sizes and personalized programs that help students find success when they may not have been able to do so in traditional school settings. Programs are designed to meet both academic and emotional needs of students and may include community outreach and service related projects. There are two alternative school facilities and one Alternative GED Program within the school district. Placement in these programs requires a counselor or administrator’s recommendation/referral.
Advanced Placement
Advanced Placement (AP) courses provide students the opportunity to take college-level courses and exams while enrolled in high school. AP courses are college courses, utilizing the same text and requirements as those that are taught in the university, delivered by PSD faculty.
Schools: Fort Collins, Fossil Ridge, Rocky Mountain, Poudre, Poudre Global Academy

Arts & Technology
PSD curriculum delivered through a focus on arts and technology using visual, literary, and performing arts projects along with technology.
Schools: Laurel

AVID - Advancement Via Individual Determination
AVID is an elementary through post-secondary college readiness system that is designed to increase school-wide learning and performance using methods based in effective instruction.
Schools: Blevins, Boltz, Wellington, Fort Collins, Poudre

Bilingual/Dual Language Immersion
Programs offered feature a dual language instructional method with 50% of teaching occurring in English and 50% in Spanish. Three schools offer a bilingual curriculum with immersion in both English and Spanish.
Schools: Harris, Irish, Lesher

Concurrent Enrollment
Through a partnership with local colleges, eligible students are able to take college courses while still in high school either on the high school campus or at the local college. Programs vary and are based on eligibility.
Schools: All PSD high schools offer concurrent enrollment courses

Core Knowledge
The Core Knowledge Sequence is based on the concept that what children are able to learn at any given moment depends upon what they already know, which in turn is a function of previous experience and teaching. The Core Knowledge Sequence presents a specific and sequential academic learning process for students to build knowledge and skills from year to year.
Schools: Bethke, O’Dea, Traut, Zach, Kinard

Expeditionary Learning
Expeditionary learning is a non-traditional, hands-on, experienced-based approach to learning. It is based on the idea that students learn more by experiencing the world around them. Students engage in interdisciplinary, in-depth study of compelling topics, in groups and in their community, with assessment coming through cumulative projects, public presentations, and portfolios.
Schools: Polaris

Gifted and Talented
All schools offer resources for gifted and talented students. The specialized Beacon Program provides full and half day instruction for students by a dedicated gifted and talented teacher. Schools: Beattie

International Baccalaureate
A school with official International Baccalaureate status is known as an IB World School. IB schools follow a vigorous curriculum that develops internationally-minded learners who take action to make a positive impact on the world. IB students ask questions, think critically, construct their own meaning, and reflect on their learning. High school students may earn college credit based on their IB exam scores.
Schools: Bennett, Cache La Poudre Elementary, Dunn, McGraw, Riffenburgh, Cache La Poudre Middle, Lesher, Lincoln, Poudre

Leader in Me
The Leader in Me program is an innovative, school-wide model that emphasizes a culture of student empowerment and helps unleash each child’s full potential. It is based on Stephen Covey’s book, The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Schools: Lopez

Online/Hybrid Learning
This hybrid alternative to traditional school may appeal to students who learn best through blended instruction – a combination of online and on campus. Students are able to work at his or her academic level and learning pace.
Schools: Poudre School District Global Academy

Project-Based Learning
Project-Based Learning is an instructional approach built on authentic learning experiences which naturally engage student interest and motivation. Projects are designed to answer a relevant question or solve a real problem that reflects the types of learning and work people do in the everyday world. Schools: Olander

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math)
STEM offers a framework for teaching the interconnected nature of the various disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering (Arts) and Math as it is practiced and experienced in the real world. Grounded in the PSD standards-based curriculum, these programs incorporate problem solving, critical thinking, scientific reasoning, inquiry, and innovation into the application of learning.
STEAM Schools: Shepardson, Timnath, Blevins, Preston
STEAM Schools: Tavelli
History and Culture
The Early Childhood Education Program, which started more than 45 years ago as Head Start, includes the Colorado Preschool Program, Early Head Start, and Integrated Services (Special Education), as well as tuition-based Preschool.

Academics
PSD’s Early Childhood Program, serving more than 1,200 children prenatal to age 5, also supports and provides resources for families. Our programs, which provide diverse experiences, are supported by local, state, and federal funding sources.

PSD’s Early Childhood Preschool classes give students an early start on success.

Quality preschool, both no cost and tuition based, is available through the Early Childhood Program. The program includes:
- Highly-qualified, Colorado Department of Education licensed teachers
- Social/emotional skills development
- Literacy and language development
- Individualized academic plans

Early Childhood Programs are located at the following school sites:

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Community Partner locations include:
- BASE Camp - Eyestone Elementary
- BASE Camp - Livermore Elementary
- BASE Camp - Red Feather Elementary
- BASE Camp - Stove Prairie Elementary
## School Program Listings

PSD neighborhood and option schools teach board-approved curriculum aligned to the Colorado Academic Standards.

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| Bacon                                | 5844 S. Timberline Rd.                       | 488-5300 | • Bacon Energy Savings Team  
• 8 Keys of Excellence                |                                  |
| Bauder                               | 2345 W. Prospect Rd.                         | 488-4130 | • Community Wellness  
• Active Student Leadership           |                                  |
| Beattie                              | 3000 Meadowlark Ave.                        | 488-4225 | • Beacon Program for Gifted & Talented  
• Creativity & Wellness activities    |                                  |
| Bennett, an IB World School          | 1125 Bennett Rd.                             | 488-4750 | • IB Primary Years Programme  
• Spanish classes; French language enrichment opportunities |                                |
| Bethke                               | 5100 School House Dr., Timnath               | 488-4300 | • 21st Century Core Knowledge  
• Arts and Technology Enrichment opportunities |                                |
| Cache La Poudre, an IB World School  | 3511 W. Co. Rd. 54G, Laporte                 | 488-7600 | • IB Primary Years Programme  
• After-school enrichment opportunities |                                |
| Dunn, an IB World School             | 501 S. Washington Ave.                      | 488-4825 | • IB Primary Years Programme  
• Spanish, French and Japanese languages |                                |
| Eyestone                            | 4000 Wilson Ave., Wellington                | 488-8600 | • Robotics Club  
• K-5 Intervention/Enrichment Blocks |                                  |
| Irish                                | 515 Irish Dr.                               | 488-6900 | • Dual Language Immersion Program; English/Spanish  
• Comprehensive after-school enrichment program |                                |
| Johnson                              | 4101 Seneca St.                             | 488-5000 | • Scheduling to meet each student’s needs  
• Weekly rotation of arts, music, technology, counseling |                                |
| Kruse                                | 4400 McMurry Ave.                           | 488-5625 | • Enrichment opportunities  
• A wide variety of advanced level courses |                                  |
| Laurel School of Arts & Technology   | 1000 E. Locust Ct.                          | 488-5925 | • Violin, Fiddle and Mandolin  
• Nurtures creativity through dance and theatre |                                |
| Linton                               | 4100 Carlou Dr.                             | 488-5850 | • Creativity/Enrichment K-5  
• Full-time Gifted & Talented Teacher |                                  |
| Livermore                            | 360 Red Feather Lakes Rd., Livermore        | 488-6520 | • Multi-age classroom  
• Poudre River Ecology Partnership School |                                |
| Lopez                                | 637 Wabash St.                              | 488-8800 | • A “Leader in Me” School  
• After-school enrichment opportunities |                                |
| McGraw, an IB World School           | 4800 Hinsdale Dr.                           | 488-8335 | • IB Primary Years Programme  
• Spanish classes |                                |
| O’Dea Core Knowledge                 | 312 Princeton Rd.                           | 488-4450 | • Core Knowledge School  
• Enrichment programs including STEM, Arts, Wellness |                                |
| Olander School for Project-Based Learning | 3401 Auntie Stone St.                  | 488-8410 | • Authentic student-driven projects  
• Wellness, Art, Gifted & Talented, and Clubs |                                |
| Putnam School of Science             | 1400 Maple St.                              | 488-7700 | • Interdisciplinary Learning  
• 21st Century After School Learning Programs |                                |
| Red Feather                          | 505 N. Co. Rd. 73C, Red Feather            | 488-6550 | • Multi-age classrooms  
• Poudre River Ecology Partnership School |                                |
| Rice                                 | 7000 Third St., Wellington                  | 488-8700 | • Focus on Inquiry & Thinking Strategies  
• After School Enrichment |                                |
| Riffenburgh, an IB World School      | 1320 E. Stuart St.                          | 488-7935 | • IB Primary Year Programme  
• Spanish instruction, grades K-5 |                                |
| Shepardson STEM                      | 1501 Springwood Dr.                        | 488-4525 | • Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)  
• Whole Child & Wellness |                                |
| Stove Prairie                        | 3891 Stove Prairie Rd., Bellvue            | 488-6575 | • Multi-age classrooms  
• Poudre River Ecology Partnership School |                                |
| Tavelli                              | 1118 Miramont Dr.                           | 488-6725 | • Dream Team (student mentoring program)  
• Science Lab, Spark Lab & Wellness |                                |
| Timnath                              | 3909 Main St., Timnath                      | 488-6825 | • Connecting Traditions, STEM, 21st Century  
• The Governor’s Distinguished Improvement Award |                                |
| Werner                               | 5400 Mail Creek Ln.                         | 488-5550 | • Beyond school enrichment opportunities  
• Intervention Support (Literacy, Math and Gifted/Talented) |                                |
| Zach Core Knowledge                  | 3715 Kechter Rd.                            | 488-5100 | • Core Knowledge  
• Before & After School Enrichment |                                |
### School Name | Address | Phone | Special Offerings | Programs and Instructional Focus
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### MIDDLE SCHOOLS
**Blevins** | 2101 S. Taft Hill Rd. | 488-4000 | • Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)  
• Promotes culture of "THINKING" |  |
**Boltz** | 720 Boltz Dr. | 472-3700 | • AVID and WEB programs  
• Extensive GT and Elective offerings |  |
**Cache La Poudre, an IB World School** | 6515 W. Co. Rd. 54 G, Laporte | 488-7400 | • IB Middle Years Programme  
• Small school prioritizing relationships and holistic learning |  |
**Lesher, an IB World School** | 1400 Stover St. | 472-3800 | • IB Programme & Transitional Bilingual Program  
• Gifted & Talented Program |  |
**Lincoln, an IB World School** | 1600 W. Lancer Dr. | 488-5700 | • IB Middle Years Programme  
• International Service Learning Trips |  |
**Preston** | 4901 Corbett Dr. | 488-7300 | • STEM Explorations; Global Collaboration  
• Challenging Extracurricular Programs |  |
**Webber** | 4201 Seneca St. | 488-7800 | • Pre-Advanced Placement courses  
• Aerospace Ventures in Education; Extensive Electives |  |
**Wellington** | 4001 Wilson Ave., Wellington | 488-6600 | • Pre-Advanced Placement courses  
• AVID & Eagles After Hours |  |
### COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOLS
**Fort Collins** | 3400 Lambkin Way | 488-8021 | • Excellent Advanced Placement Program  
• Over 70 clubs & activities; Bioscience Academy |  |
**Fossil Ridge** | 5400 Ziegler Rd. | 488-6260 | • Advanced Placement Diploma  
• 5A Athletics, 50 clubs & activities; Rachel's Challenge |  |
**Poudre** | 201 Impala Dr. | 488-6000 | • IB Programme  
• Art, Service Learning and Career Technical Ed. Academics |  |
**Rocky Mountain** | 1300 W. Swallow Rd. | 488-7023 | • 4 x 4 block - students focus on 3-4 classes per semester  
• 70+ clubs/activities that meet during common lunch |  |
### ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS (require a referral to attend)
**Centennial** | 330 East Laurel | 488-4940 | • Small closed campus; highly structured and supportive  
• Discovery Program |  |
**Poudre Community Academy** | 2540 Laporte | 490-3295 | • Weekly and After School Learning Programs  
• Small, closed campus with supportive environment |  |
### OPTION SCHOOLS (require a School Choice application to attend)
**Harris Bilingual (K-5)** | 501 E. Elizabeth St. | 488-5200 | • Dual Language Immersion Program  
• Accelerated foreign language; Option School |  |
**Traut Core Knowledge (K-5)** | 2515 Timberwood Dr. | 488-7500 | • Parent Partnership, Core Knowledge, Character Education  
• Mature Literacy, Student Responsibility |  |
**Kinard Core Knowledge (6-8)** | 3002 E. Trilby Rd. | 488-5400 | • Core Knowledge; Parent Partnership  
• Character Education |  |
**Polaris Expeditionary Learning (K-12)** | 1905 Orchard Pl. | 488-8260 | • Experiential learning and instruction  
• Week long immersions and adventure trips |  |
**Poudre School District Global Academy (K-12)** | 703 E. Prospect Rd. | 490-3086 | • Blended learning: on campus and online at home  
• Academic & social events with support and mentoring |  |
### CHARTER SCHOOLS (require registering directly with the school)
**Liberty Common School (K-6)** | 1725 Sharp Point Dr. | 482-9800 | • Core Knowledge Curriculum  
• Classical Education and Character Education |  |
**Liberty Common High School (7-12)** | 2745 Minnesota Dr. | 672-5500 | • Core Knowledge Curriculum  
• College Preparatory, humanities, arts, engineering |  |
**Ridgeview Classical School (K-12)** | 1800 S. Lemay Ave. | 494-4620 | • Core Knowledge  
• Honors level courses in humanities and natural sciences |  |
**Mountain Sage Community School (K-8)** | 2310 E. Prospect | 568-5456 | • Inspired by Waldorf Education & Sustainable Living  
• Arts-integrated, experiential educ. nurtures whole child |  |
**Fort Collins Montessori (PK-4)** | 1900 S. Taft Hill Rd. | 631-8612 | • Full three-year cycles; beginning at age 3  
• Full complement of Montessori materials in all classrooms |  |

**Key:**  
- Early Childhood  
- Core Knowledge  
- International Baccalaureate  
- Dual Language  
- Expeditionary Learning

Program Offerings Subject to Change

All PSD Elementary schools offer B.A.S.E. Camp (before and after school)
Bacon Elementary School

5844 South Timberline Road
Fort Collins 80528
Grades: Pre K - 5
Colors: Red & black
Mascot: Bulldogs

Phone: 970-488-5300
Fax: 970-488-5306
Web: http://bac.psdschools.org/

Staff average years teaching experience: 11 years
Teacher education level: 68% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
Bacon Elementary is named after Bob Bacon, who was a PSD teacher for 30 years. He was also a Board of Education member and has held several government positions in Colorado. Students are challenged to grow academically, socially, emotionally and physically. Bacon’s building-wide positive behavior systems are; iBARK (Integrity, Be Responsible, Always Work Hard, Respect Others, and Kindness Counts) and the 8 Keys of Excellence. These positive student support systems help reinforce character throughout the day as we strive to Educate…Every Child, Every Day.

Academics and Activities
Academic expectations at Bacon Elementary begin with strong universal instruction that is balanced with high levels of support, intervention, and enrichment. Technology is incorporated daily through the use of SMARTBoards, laptops, and iPads. Bacon offers a wide range of before and after school enrichment opportunities including language enrichment, chess club, running club, choir, BEST (Bacon Energy Savings Team), Little Kids Rock, Battle of the Books, daily news production, and science fair.

Bauder Elementary School

2345 West Prospect Road
Fort Collins 80526
Grades: Pre K - 5
Colors: Royal blue & white
Mascot: Bucks

Phone: 970-488-4150
Fax: 970-488-4152
Web: http://bau.psdschools.org

Staff average years teaching experience: 11 years
Teacher education level: 59% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
Bauder Elementary School is named after longtime PSD music teacher, Katharyn Bauder. The school’s mission is to provide students with challenging learning opportunities which lead them to become complex thinkers, responsible citizens, and lifelong learners.

Academics and Activities
Bauder Elementary is a warm, friendly, and collaborative environment where staff is dedicated to focusing on the whole child by emphasizing relationships, the arts, character-building, as well as a strong, comprehensive academic program. We offer a variety of intervention programs including Gifted and Talented, special education, English Language Development, and literacy/math support to meet the needs of individual students. Each grade level has an additional teacher to provide interventions. To help prepare students for the 21st century, every student in grades 2-5 has access to their own laptop as a learning tool during the instructional day.

Bauder is a wellness school where we provide breakfast for every student during the day, utilize a learning garden, provide brain breaks, and utilize weekly art, music, physical education, and technology classes to provide a strong foundation in the arts which allows students to explore their own creative interests. Enrichment opportunities outside the classroom include Bauder Pride Choir, guitar clubs, a 5th grade ECO week experience, LEAD student leadership opportunities, Bauder Broadcast News, and after school Math and Reading programs.
Beattie Elementary School

“Inspiring creativity, critical thinking, and community.”

History and Culture
Beattie Elementary School was named after Dan Beattie, a long-time community leader, distinguished athlete, and educator. The school was designed and built using an open-concept layout, which is unique in our district and state. The layout helps define the type of learning that occurs. Student movement is frequent, and team-teaching and community learning are a part of the daily school experience.

Academics and Activities
The staff at Beattie Elementary focus on academic growth given both individual and group learning goals. Support programs are available, and include the Beacon program for Gifted & Talented, a special needs program, literacy help, and counseling. Creativity and problem-solving strategies are used to promote thinking skills.

Daily physical education, music, or art classes develop students’ creative potential in the arts. Students enjoy ExCEL enrichment classes, which are interest-based and may include multi-intelligence, career education, or multicultural sessions.

Beattie Elementary encourages student involvement in a wide array of activities that include service learning through the Kindness Club, student leadership in Student Council, Beattie Sunshine Singers choir, honor choir, and modern band, music programs, wellness activities, Get Up & Go running club, Science Fair, and Evening of Art student showcases. Students and families are active and involved in their school, and all the great activities that are available.

Bennett Elementary School

“Primary Years International Baccalaureate Programme.”

History and Culture
Opening its doors in the fall of 1963, Bennett Elementary School is named for Merle Bennett, the founder of PSD’s Kindergarten Program. Located adjacent to Colorado State University, approximately 60% of the student population derives from Bennett’s attending area and 40% are school of choice. With families from all over the world, students benefit from diverse world views and experiences. The Bennett community—staff, students, parents, and volunteers—creates a caring environment in which students feel confident, take risks to support their own learning and the learning of others, and are empowered to act upon real-world problems while mastering learning targets.

Academics and Activities
Bennett Elementary is an IB World School which implements the Primary Years Programme for all K-5 students. Focusing on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside, Bennett encourages children to be active global citizens through transdisciplinary inquiry-based learning. Purposeful connections between real-life application and studies in math, science, social studies, the arts, personal, social and physical education, and language are built using 21st century skills. English is the language of instruction. Spanish is offered as a beginning second language. A variety of enrichment opportunities and supports are available during and outside of school hours.
**Bethke Elementary School**

**History and Culture**
Bethke Elementary School, named for long time Timnath educator Paul Bethke, is the first in the nation to receive three Green Globes and the LEED Gold Certificate for Schools for sustainable design. Technology integration, the arts and energy conservation are key focuses. Bethke works closely with parents and the community to teach 21st Century skills. A Positive Behavior Intervention Support system is used to teach character throughout the school day.

**Academics and Activities**
Bethke Elementary is a Core Knowledge school, focused on higher level thinking skills, and integration of technology into the classroom. Reading instruction includes multisensory phonics, small-group guided reading instruction, and Core Knowledge novel studies.

The Everyday Math program provides for grade acceleration in grades 3-5. A reading specialist and gifted and talented teacher work with those students who require additional interventions. Before and after school enrichment clubs are available to all of Bethke students.

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**Cache La Poudre Elementary School**

**History and Culture**
Cache La Poudre Elementary, an IB World School (CLPE) opened in 1913. It is situated near the beautiful Cache La Poudre River which provides a gorgeous backdrop for this community school. CLPE is proud of its 100 year heritage and is known in the community as a friendly, caring place. The school community works together to create an inquiry based, child-centered learning environment with high expectations.

**Academics and Activities**
CLPE is an International Baccalaureate (IB) school authorized in June of 2014. CLPE offers the Primary Years Programme for grades K-5. The PYP develops students’ academic, social, and emotional well-being while focusing on international mindedness and strong personal values. The PYP nurtures independent learning skills, encouraging every student to take responsibility for their learning. The program incorporates local and global issues into the curriculum asking students to explore six related transdisciplinary concepts and to consider how to apply them to their lives.

CLPE’s specials are art, music, physical education, media/technology, and Spanish. Students may participate in a variety of extracurricular activities before and after school. Activities may include Lego Robotics, Running Club, GASP (Girls Advancing Science Progress), Little Kids Rock, Choir, Morning PE, Chess Club, and Art Club.
History and Culture
Dunn Elementary School is named after A. H. Dunn, principal and superintendent of Fort Collins Public Schools from 1893-1930. The Dunn Elementary student body includes international students from nearly 30 nations as well as children from the local community.

Academics and Activities
Dunn Elementary is an International Baccalaureate (IB) school, where students actively use inquiry-based learning and critical thinking to master district and state standards. The IB Programme focuses on the total growth of the developing child, encompassing social, physical, emotional, and cultural needs in addition to academics.

A key component to IB instruction is service to others. Dunn Elementary students are committed to using their knowledge and skills to better their community and the world.

Unique enrichment options such as Positive Picassos, Lego Robotics, drumming club, Japanese language instruction, and Green Team are available; along with other student activities including monthly International Citizens recognition, talent show, and Geography Bee.

History and Culture
Eyestone Elementary School is named in honor of former teacher, principal, superintendent and past mayor of Wellington, Robert E. Eyestone. At Eyestone Elementary every staff member is a role model for students with a focus on continuous learning within a warm, caring family environment.

Academics and Activities
Eyestone Elementary meets learners’ needs through differentiation of instruction, an inclusive service delivery model for all student services, and collaboration both within and between our teams. The school is dedicated to creating a culture of high academic expectations in a climate of care and concern for staff and students.

In addition to receiving a standards-based education in all core subjects, all students at Eyestone participate in music, art, PE, and technology classes. A character education program, Cougar Pride, is woven throughout the instructional day. Enrichment activities within and beyond the school day include ECO week, Little Kids Rock, Robotics Club, and NaNoWriMo.
Irish Elementary School

515 Irish Drive
Fort Collins 80521
Grades: Pre K - 5
Colors: Blue & white
Mascot: Jaguar

Phone: 970-488-6900
Fax: 970-488-6902
Web: http://eweb.psdschools.org/schools/irish/

Staff average years teaching experience: 9 years
Teacher education level: 50% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
Irish Elementary School, named after Jean Irish, a former PSD teacher and principal, offers a research-based dual-language immersion program. Starting in Kindergarten, reading, math and content instruction are given in both English and Spanish so that students become both bilingual and bi-literate while meeting or exceeding Colorado and PSD expectations.

Academics and Activities
As a Title I school, Irish Elementary collaborates to ensure all students reach excellence and success through individualized learning opportunities. To achieve the goal of high academic growth, Irish offers a wide continuum of services ranging from intense intervention support to a variety of enrichment options. Special programs include Early Childhood, Integrated Services, daily intervention/enrichment blocks, Gifted & Talented, Wellness, and Positive Intervention Behavior Support (PBIS). We also offer a comprehensive after school program that includes activities such as sports, arts and crafts, music, Taekwondo, leadership, and before and after school BASE camp childcare. Unique to Irish is a kindergarten program, Tools of the Mind, which builds strong foundations for academic and social success.

Johnson Elementary School

4101 Seneca Street
Fort Collins 80526
Grades: Pre K - 5
Colors: Teal & black
Mascot: Thunderbird

Phone: 970-488-5000
Fax: 970-488-5007
Web: http://schoolweb.psdschools.org/johnson

Staff average years teaching experience: 14 years
Teacher education level: 43% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
Johnson Elementary School was named in honor of Mary and Curtis Johnson, two lifelong Fort Collins educators. Johnson is a quality, comprehensive community school that offers a full range of academic services to support students towards mastery of the Colorado Academic Standards. Students’ academic achievement is also supported through the Positive Behavior Instructional Support system, and students are celebrated who follow the PR.I.D.E. expectations each month.

Academics and Activities
All grade levels enjoy long, uninterrupted blocks of time for literacy instruction. Additional literacy staffing allows Johnson staff and teachers to provide more individualized time for instruction and guided practice. Students enjoy a weekly rotation of “specials” classes including art, music, physical education, counseling, media and technology. These programs allow students to explore their creative interests and participate in art shows, concerts, track meets, and honor choirs. Two computer labs are fully networked and equipped with many instructional programs. The school also offers several before and after school enrichments: Climbing Club, Running Club, Honor Choir, Art Club, Lego Robotics, Homework Hotel, Rocky Buddies and many others.

“Preparing today’s children for tomorrow’s world.”
History and Culture
Kruse Elementary School is named in honor of Ray Kruse, a former PSD teacher, coach, athletic director, and principal. At Kruse Elementary literacy and math are balanced with learning about the arts, healthy lifestyles, and character education to foster a love of learning that will last a lifetime.

Academics and Activities
Kruse Elementary School’s curriculum is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards which provide a rigorous academic program. The school offers a complete continuum of services for students ranging from special education to a variety of gifted-talented options. Kruse Elementary is replete with opportunities for students outside of their regular school day, including Spelling Bee, Lego Robotics, Odyssey of the Mind, Mason’s Outstanding Student Award and many more educational and fun clubs and activities.

Laurel Elementary School of Arts & Technology

History and Culture
Founded in 1906, Laurel Elementary School of Arts & Technology retains the name of the original school on Laurel Street. Laurel embraces a diverse student population with a wide range of economic levels, cultures, interests, and academic needs; teachers tailor instruction to accommodate each student.

Academics and Activities
Laurel educates the whole child through the infusion of arts and technology across the curriculum. With a culturally-rich learning environment, differences are supported and celebrated among students. Laurel also offers an outstanding education for gifted students, small group instruction for literacy and math, and a K-5 strings program.

As a Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) school, character traits are taught using the Time to Teach school-wide discipline program, and a teacher-created good character program which is integrated into daily instruction.

Unique to Laurel are two every other year one-week field trips. One year students may participate in a weeklong field trip to the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center and the next year participate in Journey in Government - a week-long adventure to Washington, D.C.
Linton Elementary School

“Linton is a community school for excellence—making a difference one child at a time.”

History and Culture
Linton Elementary School, named after educators Wayne and Shirley Linton, is designated as a Positive Behavior Support (PBS) school. Linton follows a model that establishes and maintains a safe and effective school environment that maximizes academic achievement and behavior competence.

Academics and Activities
Linton’s curriculum is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards with a rigorous focus on literacy and math and integration of technology into the classroom. In addition to core content instruction, small group ability-leveled instruction for reading and writing provides an enriched learning environment in which all students thrive.

To meet each student’s unique talents and interests, Linton offers full time specials such as media/tech, art, music and PE, full time gifted and talented, and a Creativity Block where students choose their own class. Other opportunities include Mileage Club, Battle of the Books, Art Club, Family Art Show dinner and many other fun extracurricular clubs and activities.

Livermore Elementary School

“The Little School on the Prairie”

360 Red Feather Lakes Road
Livermore 80536
Grades: K-5
Colors: Teal & purple
Mascot: Mountain lion

Phone: 970-488-6520
Fax: 970-488-6522
Web: http://liv.psdschools.org

Staff average years teaching experience: 24 years
Teacher education level: 100% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
Established in 1871 as the Livermore School District #9 and consolidated into the Poudre School District in 1961, Livermore Elementary School has a rich history in Larimer County. Livermore’s multi-grade learning environment allows staff members to know every student and encourages a high level of instruction and learning opportunities.

Academics and Activities
Livermore’s curriculum and instruction offer a rigorous focus on math and literacy. Staff excel at differentiating curriculum to meet individual student’s needs and offers a rich selection of programs to educate “the whole child”.

Livermore Elementary uses differentiated instruction in multi-age classroom settings to deliver the PSD standards-based curriculum. Enrichment activities include the Poudre River Ecology Program (PREP) and ECO Week.
**Lopez Elementary School**

"Leaders Today. Leading Tomorrow."

**History and Culture**
Lopez Elementary School was named after William Lopez, a teacher and former member of Fort Collins City Council. The Lopez community shares a common vision that all students are empowered to discover the leader within themselves. Through unconditional regard for the greatness and potential in each person, students at Lopez are given the tools to achieve their personal mission and goals in life.

**Academics and Activities**
Lopez teaches personal leadership, goal setting, time management, teamwork, real-world problem solving, respecting diversity, and life balance. This approach to education is supported by Stephen Covey’s *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, which is designed to develop essential life skills and characteristics students need in order to thrive in the 21st century.

A variety of extended learning options are available at Lopez Elementary. Story Theatre, Lopez News, technology club, Lego League, Honor Choir, Science Matters, Gifted & Talented programs, student directed community service and leadership opportunities are a few of the many activities and clubs available to students.

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**McGraw Elementary School**

"Fostering internationally-minded, life-long learners."

**History and Culture**

McGraw promotes international-mindedness and the education of the whole child. Through the IB Primary Years Program students develop and apply a balance of knowledge, concepts, attitudes, and skills, which prepares them to thrive in and take action to positively shape their local and global communities.

**Academics and Activities**
McGraw’s learning environment is inquiry-based. Students explore transdisciplinary units that connect their learning across subject areas. A range of best practices and research-based interventions are used to meet individual learning needs so that each student is challenged and supported.

McGraw houses the district program for deaf and hard of hearing students. All students receive instruction in Spanish language skills.

A few of the many enrichment programs at McGraw include Odyssey of the Mind, choir, student leadership team, running club, chess club, International Night, programming and robotics clubs and student-initiated community service.
O’Dea Core Knowledge School

312 Princeton Road
Fort Collins 80525
Grades: K-5
Colors: Blue & white
Mascot: Owl

Phone: 970-488-4450
Fax: 970-488-4452
Web: http://ode.psdschools.org/

Staff average years teaching experience: 9 years
Teacher education level: 64% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
O’Dea Core Knowledge School, opened in 1963, is named in honor of PSD teacher and former principal Margaret O’Dea.

As a Core Knowledge school, O’Dea promotes a common and coherent learning foundation among its diverse student population that is designed to enhance students’ higher-order thinking skills.

Academics and Activities
O’Dea Core Knowledge follows the Core Knowledge sequence developed by E.D. Hirsch. Core Knowledge sequence is coupled with the Colorado Academic Standards and 21st century learning skills to ensure that O’Dea’s students receive a well-rounded and in depth education. Clear learning targets help ensure that students know their goals for each lesson and what mastery of that skill looks like. O’Dea students experience an enrichment block session that provides them the opportunity to advance beyond the traditional grade level curriculum or receive extra support for an area of need.

Olander School for Project-Based Learning

3401 Auntie Stone Street
Fort Collins 80526
Grades: Pre K - 5
Colors: Black & sea green
Mascot: Osprey

Phone: 970-488-8410
Fax: 970-488-8412
Web: www.pblschool.com/

Staff average years teaching experience: 12 years
Teacher education level: 67% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
Olander School, opened in 1990, is named for retired teachers Emil and Eleanor Olander. Olander was the first elementary school in Colorado to offer Project-Based Learning (PBL), starting in 2009.

PBL teaches students at each grade level to work in teams on long-term multidisciplinary projects that are structured around rich, real-world, and relevant questions.

Academics and Activities
At Olander, students are taught 21st century skills with an emphasis on establishing a strong foundation in literacy, math, and civic responsibility through student-centered projects and individual-inquiry.

With a focus on the development of the whole child, Olander integrates arts and technology education throughout the curriculum. During projects, for example, students may be writing and directing their own performance or creating their own website.

Enrichment activities include gifted and talented services, student council, choir, robotics, running, mountain biking, unicycle, Spanish, Kids Care, broadcast news clubs, guest speakers, and field trips.
History and Culture
Putnam Elementary School of Science, opened in 1956, was named after A. H. Putnam, a long-term custodian in PSD. Putnam Elementary is a traditional neighborhood school where student learning is individualized by a caring and dedicated staff.

Academics and Activities
Putnam Elementary ensures each student is successful in mastering the Colorado Academic Standards. Students learn through an integrated approach which allows them to make connections across content areas. All students are challenged to meet their personal levels of success and receive daily customized literacy and math instruction. Putnam students build communities within their classrooms and throughout our school with positive social interactions. After-school and summer learning activities include tutoring in reading, writing & math, and participation in leadership groups, sports and art clubs, technology and science clubs.

History and Culture
Red Feather Elementary School, located 48 miles northwest of Fort Collins, was originally a two-room schoolhouse. The current Red Feather Lakes Elementary School, built in 1985, offers a multi-graded learning environment. As one of three PSD mountain schools, Red Feather Lakes students have many outdoor as well as classroom learning opportunities.

Academics and Activities
Red Feather Lakes Elementary features a small student/teacher ratio and daily preschool. Challenging math programs and rigorous reading and writing emphasis is supported by dedicated staff. A fully networked computer lab and a media center complement all instructional areas. Art, music, technology and physical education classes are offered weekly.

Differentiated instruction in multi-age classrooms delivers a standards-based curriculum. Gifted students are offered extended learning opportunities through daily classroom activities. Outstanding community events such as literacy nights, summer programs, and the annual Spring Swing are offered.
**Rice Elementary School**

“An Extraordinary Education for Every child—Every day.”

**History and Culture**

Opened in 2007, Rice Elementary School is an energy efficient, LEED-designed school, named after Edgar Rice, Jr., a long-time educator, administrator, and resident of the Wellington area. Rice’s building-wide behavior plan is based on SOAR: Self-control, Optimism, Appreciation, and Respect. A school garden provides an outdoor learning environment while encouraging healthy food choices.

**Academics and Activities**

Rice uses PSD’s standards-based curriculum, with instructional delivery focused on inquiry and critical thinking skills. A dedicated science classroom and science Specialist provide materials and tools for extensive science exploration.

Weekly art, music, PE, science, and media-tech classes provide students with well-rounded learning. Extra units of study, such as guitar in music and the traversing wall in PE, make the specials program unique. After school enrichment programs include classes such as brain games, FITT club, dance, choir, sign language, scrapbooking, and Lego Robotics. The 5th grade technology team films and broadcasts the daily school news.

**Riffenburgh Elementary School**

“Helping each child to learn and grow.”

**History and Culture**

Riffenburgh Elementary School, which opened in 1968, was named for Waldo Riffenburgh, former president of the PSD Board of Education.

Riffenburgh Elementary is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years School, providing concept-based, trans-disciplinary units and an inquiry-based approach to learning.

**Academics and Activities**

Riffenburgh’s school-wide character education program teaches students social skills to make safe, responsible choices. Rigorous standards in math and literacy, using PSD’s standards-based curriculum, are emphasized and assessed. Gifted and talented, reading services, as well as special education resources, speech/language, and O/T programs are also offered to address the individual needs of each student.

Enrichment activities include Odyssey of the Mind, the Rockin’ Roadrunner Choir, Little Kids Rock Band, student council, accelerated reading, running and chess clubs, Spanish enrichment classes, character education, active fieldwork and research through our National Science Foundation grant, and Missoula Children’s Theatre.
**History and Culture**

Shepardson Elementary School, opened in 1978, was named for educator Margaret Shepardson. Shepardson believes in adjusting learning activities to address individual learning needs, styles, and interests.

**Academics and Activities**

At Shepardson inquiry-based learning is fostered through the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), along with the inclusion of arts and wellness. Reading, writing, and math, coupled with creative and critical thinking skills are strengthened as Shepardson encourages students with diverse needs to be engaged and motivated to learn at high levels.

Programs at Shepardson provide collaborative experiences and expect students to apply skills in unexpected situations. Within a diverse student population, accommodations, remediation, and extensions are made in the classroom where students learn naturally to value differences in others.

Some of the many extended learning options include academic skill support, an extensive after-school enrichment program, peer mediators, student council, Lego Robotics teams, and academic bees.

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**History and Culture**

Opened in 1896, Stove Prairie School is the oldest operating “one-room” school in Colorado. Stove Prairie joined PSD in 1960. Now one of the three mountain schools, this little school “at the end of the rainbow” offers a multi-grade learning environment. Kindergarten classes are full day and tuition free. Preschool is available on site for children ages 3-4 up to three days per week.

**Academics and Activities**

Stove Prairie offers a challenging math program and learning opportunities that focus on literacy instruction, including a rigorous reading series with a literature-based component and integration of reading and writing. Classroom laptops and a media center complement all instructional areas. Art, music, and physical education are taught weekly.

The PTO supports Stove Prairie through fund-raising events such as the annual Winter Festival, always on the first Saturday of December. Proceeds provide many opportunities to students, such as field trips, classroom needs, library books, and media programs.
History and Culture

Tavelli Elementary School is a S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) focus school.

Tavelli’s goal is to prepare students to be 21st Century Learners. High-quality teaching staff and strong collaborative teams foster a learning environment rich in meaningful, real life and hands-on activities. PBIS, health, nutrition and fitness are programs used to support academics.

Academics and Activities

Tavelli Elementary prides itself on their diverse population. Differentiated instruction and Inquiry Based Learning is emphasized while maintaining high expectations for all students. Art, music, PE, science and computer lab classes give students the opportunity to not only be creative, but to also think critically. These special classes also enable students to make curriculum connections across subject areas with grade level standards. Tavelli has programs to support gifted and talented, ELA, Integrated Services, literacy, math and science. The science lab provides rich learning opportunities in which students learn to solve real life problems, present findings, and explore the world in which they live.

Dream Team, Odyssey of the Mind, Musical Theatre, Little Kids Rock, Percussion, Science Lab, Running Club, Battle of the Books and 3D Printing are just a few of the extracurricular clubs and programs that are available for our students.

History and Culture

Timnath Elementary School is proud of its history of educating diverse student populations over the past 115 years. Timnath uses a Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) approach in our learning culture. Timnath is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)-focused school that emphasizes 21st century skills. The Timnath school community enjoys annual and seasonal traditions and has an active PTO.

Academics and Activities

Timnath implements PSD’s standards-based curriculum while enriching STEM content areas with a transdisciplinary approach. High expectations for all students are maintained while differentiating instruction for individual student needs. Timnath provides certified Gifted and Talented, Literacy, English Language Acquisition, and Integrated Services teachers who offer small group interventions, and all students attend weekly STEM class in our Science Lab, Tech Lab or Media Center.

Before and after-school enrichment clubs include Spanish, Legos, Fitness, Star Lab (planetarium), Art, Science Matters, and Odyssey of the Mind (OM). BASE Camp provides onsite before and after school care.
Werner Elementary School

“Educate and inspire every child, every day.”

History and Culture
Werner Elementary School, opened in 1987, is named after Gail Werner, long-time PSD teacher and principal. The school’s unique design won national awards and served as the model for several other PSD elementary schools.

Lifelong learning is enhanced through a developmentally based academic program. The Werner community is dedicated to the social, emotional, physical, and academic growth of children.

Academics and Activities
In 2008, Werner received the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award from the U. S. Department of Education. It has also been recognized as a John Irwin School of Excellence by the Colorado Department of Education.

Werner Elementary offers challenging curriculum with a literacy-based program and an integrated curriculum emphasizing research and critical thinking. Werner’s gifted education program and Integrated Services program assist students in meeting their individual learning potential levels.

Students have a variety of enrichment opportunities, including: choir, intermurals, student leadership, chess, foreign language, and Battle of the Books.

Zach Core Knowledge School

“Reaching high...reaching out!”

History and Culture
Opened in 2002, Zach Elementary was named in honor of Grace and Robert Zach who served as educators in the Poudre School District for many years and the school has grown to be one of Poudre School District’s largest neighborhood elementary schools.

Zach is a Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS) school where the staff focuses on raising student efficacy through positive behavior reinforcement and a healthy culture. Zach students follow the behavior acronym of ROAR: Responsible, Organized, Attentive, and Respectful.

Academics and Activities
Zach aligns the Colorado Academic Standards with the Core Knowledge Sequence to offer families explicit identification of what children should learn at each grade level to ensure a coherent approach to building knowledge across all grade levels and all content areas. Zach staff are constantly honing best instructional practice that reach all students, including delivering a strong multi-tiered system of support. All grade levels include physical education, music, art, technology, and media. Students may qualify for Gifted and Talented reading and math programs as well. Zach has continually been recognized with the Governor’s Award for both Academic Achievement and Academic Growth.

In addition to strong academics, Zach has many student enrichment opportunities, including choir, art club, running club, Robotics, Odyssey of the Mind, leadership, and Book Bowl. Zach also runs a winter “Zach Give Back” campaign where students raise money, goods, and awareness for non-profits all over the world. Before- and after-school childcare is available through BASE camp.
History and Culture
Blevins Middle School, a neighborhood school, is named for Theodore Roosevelt Blevins, a long-time educator, coach, and WWII Silver Star recipient. Opened in 1968, Blevins focuses on the social, emotional, and academic growth of all students. A character education curriculum, along with the 6-P’s, promote the safety, respect and dignity of every student.

Academics and Activities
With its Pre-Advanced Placement, AVID and STEM programming, Blevins supports PSD’s curriculum goals with rigorous academic focus. In addition, Blevins provides strong programming in the arts and athletics in order to support the development of the “whole child”. Blevins is proud of its Pre-AP programming which prepares students for AP course work. Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) are offered to support the individual needs of all of its students: remediate literacy and numeracy support, enrichment, as well as Gifted and Talented programming. Extra-curricular activities include Athletics, WEB, Science Olympiad, Science Fair, Geography Bowl, Math Counts, Lego Robotics, band, choir and orchestra.

Boltz Middle School

“Where Everyone Belongs!”

History and Culture
Just before Boltz was to open in the fall of 1972, a fire burned down most of the school. Determined crews immediately set about rebuilding the structure from the ashes up, and the school opened January 29, 1973. The Phoenix mascot embodies the renewal of the school after this event and serves as a proud symbol of our school today. We encourage our students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens. Boltz is a place where respect, rigor, relevance, responsibility, and relationships drive learning. Our staff members provide a nurturing, safe environment founded on a culture of respect and understanding with a commitment to the academic, physical, social, and emotional growth of students.

Academics and Activities
Boltz prides itself in offering many curricular options. Students in all grades may choose Pre-Advanced Placement and other accelerated classes. Our wide variety of elective classes include band, orchestra, choir, musical theater, engineering explorations, art, yearbook, varied computer classes, Spanish and German, and Student Council. As an Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) school, Boltz employs AVID strategies across all content areas to better equip our students for high school and post-secondary success. Because we believe that athletics and activities serve the valuable purpose of extending the learning and relationships that take place during our school day we offer a myriad of clubs and activities. Our school sponsored clubs and activities include Student Council, WEB Leaders, Math Counts, Odyssey of the Mind, Lego Robotics, and athletic conditioning camp. Student initiated clubs offered are too numerous to mention and change each year based on student interest. Boltz also has a long history of strong athletic programs with more district championships than any other middle school. We encourage all our students to participate in athletics and/or activities to promote their individual growth and development.
History and Culture
CLP is a small community school with a proud tradition of excellence and engagement. Located on the beautiful Cache La Poudre River, Cache La Poudre Middle School was built in 1949 to replace the existing school built in 1913. It was originally Cache La Poudre High School and became a Junior High in 1964 when Poudre High School was built. CLP is an authorized International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP) School.

Academics and Activities
CLP is a unique school in the Poudre School District as we serve 320 students. Our small community school prides itself on the relationships, often spanning generations, that we build and maintain with our students and families. The foundation of CLP is Respect: Respect for Ourselves, Respect for Others, and Respect for our Environment.

As an IB school, CLP is dedicated to the holistic education of our students. Every student takes English, Math, Spanish, Social Studies, Science, Art and/or Music, PE, and Technology every year. Students experience an academically rigorous curriculum through inquiry learning. Students are taught to understand who they are as human beings and to engage in their local and global communities.

A wide array of school clubs such as Chess, Fitness, Creative Writing, and Outdoor Education, Lego Robotics, NJHS, and Science Olympiad are also offered. The staff at CLP are dedicated to their academic, emotional, and physical growth and success of each and every student.

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La Porte 80535
Grades: 6 - 8
Colors: Kelly green & white
Mascot: Pirate

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Staff average years teaching experience: 12 years
Teacher education level: 39% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
Lesher, an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, opened in 1960 and is named for former PSD superintendent David B. Lesher. More recently it was recognized as a 2014 Green Ribbon School by the US Dept. of Education, 2014 School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform, 2013 No Place for Hate by the Anti-Defamation League, and a 2012 Breakthrough School by MetLife/NASSP. As a diverse downtown middle school, the school climate and culture is The Lesher Difference and a point of pride.

Academics and Activities
In addition to the IB Middle Years Program, Lesher’s signature academic programs are its gifted and talented program, transitional bilingual program, and emphasis on service. Co-curricular activities include essay competitions, knowledge bowls, math contests, Gifted and Talented Summer Institute, Geography and Spelling Bees, Night at the Museum, Inquiry Night, Career Fair, Bike Week, and Poetry Night. Lesher students can participate in 14 interscholastic sports and 12 or more club activities, such as, KLIB news, Lego Robotics, Science Olympiad, Chess, Math Counts, National Junior Honor Society, chamber music groups, jazz band, WEB (Where Everybody Belongs), Yearbook, Technology Student Association, and IMPACTS (sustainability). Lesher also generates Inside, Outside, Upside, Down, the only middle school student produced literary magazine in PSD and supports annual trips to the American southwest, Catalina Island, Europe, and Spanish speaking countries.

1400 Stover Street
Fort Collins 80524
Grades: 6 - 8
Colors: Navy blue & prairie gold
Mascot: Viking/Viqueen

Phone: 970-472-3800
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Staff average years teaching experience: 10 years
Teacher education level: 55% of teachers hold graduate level degrees
Lincoln Middle School

“Where every student is an IB student.”

1600 West Lancer Drive
Fort Collins 80521
**Grades:** 6 - 8
**Colors:** Green & gold
**Mascot:** Lancer

**Phone:** 970-488-5700
**Fax:** 970-488-5752
**Web:** http://lin.psdschools.org/

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 10 years
**Teacher education level:** 68% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

**History and Culture**
Lincoln Middle School, the first middle school in Fort Collins, is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World school. Lincoln’s IB Middle Year’s Programme focuses on rigorous instruction in a nurturing environment that fosters whole child development through collaboration and international mindedness.

**Academics and Activities**
State-of-the-art technology is used to advance 21st century skills through engaging interdisciplinary units. Grade-level teams create effective support structures for each student. Accelerated opportunities in math, science, and English are also offered.

Extensive service-learning projects such as international art exchanges, creating books for third-world countries, and writing memoirs for local senior citizens are the examples of programs in which Lincoln students are engaged.

Lincoln has outstanding music and art programs; visual arts students consistently win state and national honors. Students also excel in many extracurricular programs including athletics, Talent Search, International Community Builders, Science Olympiad, and the district’s only middle school student-produced daily television show.

Preston Middle School

“A Place to Pursue Your Passion.”

**History and Culture**
Preston Middle School, opened in 1994, is named for early settler Ben Preston and family. The school belief is that it takes a partnership between staff, parents, students, and community to create a quality learning environment.

**Academics and Activities**
As a Pre-Advanced Placement (AP) school, Preston’s accelerated math, honors, and science courses prepare students to be successful in the high school AP curriculum. Preston’s focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) provides students with relevant opportunities to compete in a global world. These core academics are balanced with other choices in electives, the arts, and athletics to ensure a whole child approach to learning.

Preston students may participate in jazz choir, writing club, MathCounts, drama productions, outdoor club, First Robotics, science fair, book club, biotechnology, flight simulation, gifted and talented options, and more. Support from parents and community has contributed to Preston students’ high level of success in First Lego League and Science Olympiad.

4901 Corbett Drive
Fort Collins 80528
**Grades:** 6 - 8
**Colors:** Purple, teal & black
**Mascot:** Puma

**Phone:** 970-488-7300
**Fax:** 970-488-7307
**Web:** www.prestonmiddleschool.org

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 11 years
**Teacher education level:** 65% of teachers hold graduate level degrees
History and Culture

Webber Middle School, opened in 1990, is named for Don Webber, former PSD teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent. Throughout the school community, 6 Ps are emphasized: Prompt, Polite, Positive, Productive, Persistent, and Proud.

Academics and Activities

Webber Middle School offers academically rigorous, standards-based curriculum for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. We offer challenging academic class options, including Pre-Advanced Placement courses in core classes for 7th and 8th graders and a full exploratory wheel for 6th Grade students. These core academic areas are balanced with other choices in electives, arts and athletics to ensure a whole child approach to learning. Webber recently began a 1:1 laptop home/school program with all 6th and 7th grade students to enrich the learning cycle for our school community.

Webber also offers a wide variety of enrichment activities for our students that include our award winning band, orchestra and choir programs. Students can also participate in drama, theater, outdoor living, Science Olympiads, Math Counts, The WAVE program and our student leadership program (Web Leaders). Webber students also participate in PSD middle school athletics, where our school community has won 50+ district championships over the last 25 years. We also support student field trips to the American Southwest, Costa Rica, Germany and other European countries on a yearly basis, that provides enriching outreach opportunities for our students.

History and Culture

Wellington Middle School opened in 1964, after serving as Wellington High School. Wellington strives to be a safe, nurturing school where self-confidence, self-worth, achievement, and initiative are promoted and celebrated!

Academics and Activities

The Wellington school community sets measurable goals, teaches fundamental and advanced skills, supports interdisciplinary learning, and encourages individual student growth. Included in the academic program are Pre-Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered in 7th and 8th grades and school-wide AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), which helps prepare students for success in high school and beyond.

Extracurricular activities include a music program, competitive and intramural athletics, Eagles After Hours, Preparing for Academic Student Success (PASS), United Kids of WMS, W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs), AVID program, and Eagle Power student government. Wellington is proud to be a National/Colorado “School to Watch”, a National Green Ribbon School and an International AVID Demonstration School.
History and Culture
Fort Collins High School (FCHS), established in 1899, has graduated more than 30,000 students in the past 126 years. Academic excellence has been the mainstay of this school with deep community roots and rich traditions since its inception a century ago on the second floor of the old Franklin Elementary School.

The current facility, built in 1995 and located at Timberline and Horsetooth Roads, showcases modern technology, flexible space, and natural lighting to meet the needs of today’s students and tomorrow’s leaders.

FCHS is proud to be the only school with the Lambkins mascot in the country! Although the sheep raising industry in Fort Collins is no longer prevalent, this humble mascot translates into fiercely competitive co-curricular and athletic programs.

Academics and Activities
FCHS is a comprehensive grade 9–12 school. Classes are offered to support students with special needs, including adaptive technologies, and students with special interests such as school-to-career opportunities. FCHS offers a Bio-Science Academy endorsed diploma for selected students wishing to engage in the medical or bio-technical career strands. A majority of our staff have been trained using AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) strategies and we use those strategies throughout our curriculum.

FCHS has developed a Gifted and Talented seminar opportunity, allowing students to research and work closely with a teacher-facilitator and mentor, to create and develop a project of passion. The seminar also teaches in-depth study skills necessary for advanced collegiate and career work.

Each year many Fort Collins graduates enter the most prestigious universities and compete for national awards. Approximately $6 million in scholarships are offered to graduates each year. FCHS recognizes its responsibility to ensure all students are able to leave high school with skills that allow them to succeed in workplaces, community colleges, state universities, trade schools, and the military.

The FCHS Advanced Placement (AP) program includes courses in nearly all subject areas and can lead to college credit. Besides being the backbone of the gifted education program, AP classes are excellent opportunities for students who seek a rigorous, specialized academic curriculum.

FCHS received the prestigious Wells Fargo Cup given to the Colorado school with the most outstanding activities program in the state for many years. In addition to a full Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) slate of sports (24), FCHS has over 50 clubs and activities for students to choose from.
History and Culture
LEED certified Fossil Ridge High School (FRHS), opened in 2004, is named for the low ridge to the west of Fort Collins. Using an interdisciplinary model, Fossil Ridge’s educational goal is to create the intimacy of a small school environment with the advantages of a large school’s diverse curriculum and opportunities. Each student is enrolled in an Advisory program which includes academic support, post-secondary planning, civic engagement, and service learning.

Academics and Activities
Classes at FRHS are available to meet a full range of student needs including those with special interests, those seeking advanced-level opportunities, and those with special needs.

Poudre School District’s standards-based curriculum is taught using diverse instructional methods to meet a variety of individual learning styles. Curriculum requirements are offered through a wide array of class choices to encourage and pique the interests of all students. Fossil Ridge offers extensive fine arts and music programs, as well as outstanding science and math opportunities.

Technology Education
The latest technology including mobile and stationary computer labs, a fully equipped television studio, and closed-circuit programming is available to Fossil Ridge students. An expandable 600-seat auditorium for school musical and theatrical productions is also onsite.

Special Program Highlights
Fossil Ridge offers many paths to increased learning, based on students learning strengths and preferences to include:

- **Advanced Placement (AP) Program** – a program of college-level courses and exams that provides high school students the opportunity to receive Advanced Placement and/or college credit. Curriculum and staff prepare students for 27 of the 37 available AP exams, compared to the national average of eight.

- **PaCE (Professional and Community Experience)** – a program for students who wish to extend their learning experiences outside of the classroom.

- **ACE (Alternative Cooperative Education)** – a program which prepares students for careers by offering student credit when combined with related coursework, for paid employment, apprenticeships, shadowing and volunteering.

- **STEM Academy** – designed to develop students’ 21st century skills and STEM content knowledge through a guided framework of creative and relevant student projects focused on the enrichment of our local and global community.

- **Concurrent Enrollment Course Offerings** – A total of 9 courses are offered at FRHS through Front Range Community College in the areas of Business, Language Arts, Social Science and World Languages. A total of 7 classes are offered at FRHS through the University of Colorado Denver CU Succeed Gold Program in the area of Mathematics.

Extracurricular Activities
An extensive activities program is cultivated and available to all students at Fossil Ridge. Examples include a full slate of boys’ and girls’ Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) sports and over 60 student organizations for students in grades 9-12.
An International Baccalaureate School

Poudre High School

“Eventually all things merge into one and a river runs through it.” – Norman Maclean

201 Impala Drive
Fort Collins 80521
Grades: 9 - 12
Colors: Blue and Silver
Mascot: Impala

Phone: 970-488-6000
Fax: 970-488-6060
Web: http://phs.psdschools.org/

Staff average years teaching experience: 12 years
Teacher education level: 67% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
Poudre High School (PHS) opened in 1964, is the second oldest comprehensive high school in Poudre School District, offering more than 250 class offerings. PHS encourages, supports, and prepares students for opportunities and success in AP course work, International Baccalaureate classes, and concurrent enrollment in Colorado State University and Front Range Community College. PHS is one of two local high schools endorsed by the Higher Learning Commission as an “Additional Site for Front Range Community College,” meaning we can offer more FRCC courses on-campus than non-accredited high schools.

Academics and Activities
PHS, home to PSD’s International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, offers courses and pathways to meet all students’ needs.

PHS features classrooms that are outfitted with the latest in instructional technology, a recently renovated student commons area and outdoor café, a state-of-the-art media center, a world language lab and resource room, a modern fitness center and athletic facilities, an exceptional performing arts area, and a beautifully-landscaped student courtyard. Our motto is “I am who I am because of who we are. We are Poudre.”

School Programs
Beginning in the 9th grade and continuing in the sophomore year, students develop a five-year plan with the fifth year being the year beyond high school. Program highlights include:

- **Freshman Seminar** – a year-long, required course providing students with study skills, time management, personal health/wellness, and organization
- **The International Baccalaureate Program (IB)** – a four-year accelerated, honors curriculum to prepare for college success
- **Career Academies and Pathways** – smaller learning communities offering specialized, career-themed training programs in the fields of arts, entrepreneurship, service learning, agriculture and engineering. Students involved in Academies complete a capstone experience or gain real-world experience through an apprenticeship, internship or job placement. Community connections are made through PaCE (Professional and Community Experience) or ACE (Alternative Cooperative Education).
- **Advanced Placement (AP)** – a program that provides the means for colleges to grant credit and/or placement to students who test successfully on examinations
- **Opportunities Unlimited** – an alternative program of targeted intervention for students who are at risk of not graduating; students earn a high school equivalency diploma and support to attend community college tuition-free.
- **Middle Years Program (MYP)** – an academic challenge and life skills for students aged 11–16 years in preparation for the IB Diploma program
- **Newcomer Academy** – support to our English Language Learners (ELL)
- **Agricultural Education** – To prepare students for the field of Agriculture—one of the top three industries in Northern Colorado, PHS is home to the only “Ag Ed” program in PSD. Students in this program receive hands-on experience in plant and animal sciences, natural resources, and Ag Mechanics.
- **Geometry in Construction** – a hands-on program where students learn Geometry through the construction of a Habitat home
- **Capstone Experience** – a self-initiated, self-paced, independent research project that where students receive school credit while researching and focusing on a topic of special interest to them
- **Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)** – designed to help students succeed in a rigorous curriculum taking responsibility for their own education and future plans

Extracurricular Activities
Poudre High School sponsors 23 interscholastic sports and associated activities for students in grades 9–12 with over 35 student organizations. Many of our clubs and organizations consistently rank at the upper echelons of national rankings. Our Science related organizations regularly win local, state and national awards for excellence. Our Student Council organizes amazing activities throughout the year ranging from the traditional Homecoming activities to a Food Drive that is nationally recognized for its size, scope and quality, to a fundraiser that consistently raises over $20,000 that directly benefits the classroom teachers. Many of our clubs, sports and student organizations spend significant time in our community doing service projects.
History and Culture
Rocky Mountain High School (RMHS) opened in 1973, is focused on excellence in academic and extracurricular endeavors. Rocky Mountain has developed a tradition of being on the cutting edge of educational reform by guiding and supporting the educational community to reach its maximum potential in a safe, caring environment.

Academics and Activities
Rocky Mountain High School's school schedule consists of four 9-week terms per year and four 90-minute classes per day with one late start day each week. Fewer subjects with longer classes allow students increased depth of learning, more positive relationships among students and teachers, and greater opportunities for a variety of hands-on learning activities in a caring and friendly environment.

RMHS features large, well-lit learning spaces, advanced learning technology systems, a variety of instructional spaces, a unique student commons area and courtyard, a state-of-the-art media center, a state-of-the-art world language lab, a modern fitness center and athletic facilities, and exceptional performing arts areas.

Special Program Highlights
Rocky Mountain offers many paths to increased learning, based on students learning strengths and preferences to include:

- **Advanced Placement (AP) Program** – a program of college-level courses and exams that provides high school students the opportunity to receive Advanced Placement and/or college credit. Curriculum and staff prepare students for 19 of the 29 available AP exams, compared to the national average of eight.

- **PaCE (Professional and Community Experience)** – a program for students who wish to extend their learning experiences outside of the classroom

- **ACE (Alternative Cooperative Education)** – a program which prepares students for careers by offering student credit when combined with related coursework, for paid employment, apprenticeships, shadowing, and volunteering.

- **The Professional Development School (STEPP)** – a partnership between Colorado State University and RMHS designed to improve the preparation of future teachers.

Extracurricular Activities
RMHS sponsors 23 interscholastic sports and associated activities for students in grades 9–12 with over 50 student organizations. Numerous programs have received national and state recognition as “programs of excellence.” Students participate as equal members in all decision making groups at Rocky.
Centennial High School

“Catch the vision.”

330 East Laurel Street
Fort Collins 80524
Grades: 9 - 12
Colors: Black & gold
Mascot: Dragon

Phone: 970-488-4940
Fax: 970-488-4942
Web: http://eweb.psd schools.org/schools/centennial2/

Staff average years teaching experience: 15 years
Teacher education level: 50% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
Centennial High School is an alternative high school that features a learning environment based on self-empowerment in which staff and teachers work to help students:

1. Develop the life skills necessary to increase self-esteem and self-confidence and to achieve success in an educational setting
2. Complete their high school diploma program
3. Develop the skills and attitudes needed to succeed in their home high schools

Centennial believes everyone is worthy of respect and dignity. Students learn to accept responsibility for their own actions, think critically, and become self-reliant, self-supporting, contributing individuals. This includes facilitating the transition from senior high school into the workplace and/or continuing education, as well as developing a positive regard for life.

Housed in a historical 1907 facility, the remodeled Centennial High School has a building trades program, an arts and sciences wing, and a flex room in addition to classrooms and offices.

Academics and Activities
Courses and content parallel the standards-based curriculum offered at the district’s comprehensive high schools and meet required district and state standards.

• Roads Scholar Program: This academic, experiential class engages students in school work and travels to various places where students interact with people, perform service learning projects, and return to make presentations to the Fort Collins community.
• 75-minute classes allow time for hands-on learning, group work, and alternative instructional methods.
• Every student signs a pledge card, committing to maintain a positive learning attitude, to attend class regularly, to learn in each class, and to remain on task. Pledge card commitments are used as a basis for continued enrollment status.
• Trained peer mediators are highly successful in resolving student-to-student conflicts.
• Parents are encouraged to attend four 2-hour training sessions to learn the same skills taught to their students in Discovery class.
• A health center is available five mornings per week with nurse practitioners and mental health therapists are available to support students.

Centennial’s program is a nationally recognized, exemplary alternative high school program. Each year state and national officials visit the school.
History and Culture
Located in the historic Mountain View building, Poudre Community Academy (PCA) is a small, supportive, closed campus environment.

Students at PCA attend a regular school day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesdays, students give back to the community by participating in a variety of service learning activities in and around Fort Collins. PCA honors quarterly graduates and celebrates a full graduation ceremony in May.

Academics and Activities
PCA’s goal is to support students in the transition from frustration and failure to personal success. PCA provides a diverse alternative education setting focused on consistency, excellence, and student accountability.

PCA offers individualized planning for post-secondary education and career goals by providing students with regular evaluation and feedback. PCA creates an environment that strongly supports students’ efforts to successfully graduate high school and establish career paths by providing:

- Social-emotional guidance during the transition from adolescence to adulthood
- Engaging and rigorous academic work
- An environment of emotional and physical safety
- Smaller class sizes and enrichment opportunities
- Training in 21st Century skills, such as leadership, problem solving, and critical thinking
- High expectations for personal responsibility and positive choices
- Regular evaluation and feedback on progress

PCA students have unique opportunities to make positive change in classes available onsite, online, and at Front Range Community College. Work experience program credit, job-shadowing, and internship opportunities are supported with schedule coordination between work and school.

PCA students help create community norms and conduct peer orientation for new students while developing new friendships and having fun and developing their creativity.

2540 Laporte Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521
Grades: 9 - 12
Colors: Blue, Purple & Gold
Mascot: Warrior

Phone: 970-490-3295
Fax: 970-490-3402
Web: https://pca.psdschools.org

Staff average years teaching experience: 8 years
Teacher education level: 67% of teachers hold graduate level degrees
History and Culture
Harris Elementary School named after long time principal, Mame R. Harris, teaches district curriculum through the two-way immersion model. The goal of the program is for Harris students to become bilingual and biliterate in English and Spanish while meeting or exceeding state standards in all core subject areas.

Academics and Activities
Students at Harris Elementary receive direct instruction in both Spanish and English on a daily basis. High levels of Spanish and English language competencies, academic achievement in both languages, high self-esteem, and positive cross-cultural attitudes are promoted daily.

Gifted learners at Harris Elementary receive an “embedded” program through a foreign language program and differentiated instruction in the classroom. English as a Second Language (ESL), Title I, and special education are available based on student need. Upon completion of school at Harris Bilingual, the dual language model continues at Lesher Middle School.

“Nuestros niños son la esperanza del mundo.”
“Our kids are the hope of the world.”
A Core Knowledge School

Traut Core Knowledge School

“Never Give Up!”

2515 Timberwood Drive
Fort Collins 80528
Grades: Pre K - 5
Colors: Red, white & blue
Mascot: Wolverine

Phone: 970-488-7500
Fax: 970-488-7504
Web: http://tra.psdschools.org/

Staff average years teaching experience: 15 years
Teacher education level: 61% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
Traut Core Knowledge School (TCKS) opened in September 1993 and is named for Lena and Evelyn Traut, who taught in Poudre School District for a combined 82 years. TCKS believes the best way to teach reading, writing, and thinking is in the context of a rich, knowledge-based curriculum.

Academics and Activities
TCKS has been established on the basis of five pillars: Parent Partnership, Character Education, Core Knowledge, Mature Literacy, and Student Responsibility. TCKS consistently performs in the top 1% of the state, and has been awarded the John Irwin Award each year it has been available. TCKS has been named a National Blue Ribbon School as well.

Students are key partners in Traut Core Knowledge School’s educational goals, and are the beneficiaries of the work done by parents and teachers. Students are responsible for words, actions, and learning and will achieve the desired standards as they fully accept that responsibility.

A Core Knowledge School

Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School

“Never Give Up!”

3002 East Trilby Road
Fort Collins 80528
Grades: 6 - 8
Colors: Blue, red, white & gold
Mascot: Mustang

Phone: 970-488-5400
Fax: 970-488-5402
Web: http://kin.psdschools.org/

Staff average years teaching experience: 10 years
Teacher education level: 52% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School opened in 2004 and is proudly named for Hal Kinard, a long-standing PSD educator. Kinard is a “100% choice” school and PSD’s only Core Knowledge middle school. Kinard’s culture ensures that students are physically and emotionally safe and are able to succeed. At Kinard, teachers promote a growth mindset, and each student is supported so he or she can learn at high levels. Kinard’s achievement results have garnered numerous recognitions, including the National Blue Ribbon Award, the National Green Ribbon Award, and the John Irwin Award.

Academics and Activities
The Core Knowledge curriculum provides access to the best knowledge available, including diverse people and cultures. Kinard is dedicated to a well-balanced curriculum, including high-quality world language, physical health and wellness, technology, and performing and visual arts programming. Kinard is committed to the Professional Learning Community model, focusing on learning, collaboration, and results. Kinard promotes a sense of belonging through student involvement, including PSD sports and a variety of clubs.
History and Culture
Polaris is the only school within PSD to offer the Expeditionary Learning model. Our K-12 learning community strives to create the ideal environment for development, experiential curriculum, critical life skills, and community connections for students of every background. Colorado standards are utilized to design in depth studies of compelling topics over an extended period of time, also known as Expeditions. At Polaris, the Expeditionary Learning approach creates life-long learners who can think critically, solve problems creatively, and adapt successfully to an ever changing world.

Academics and Activities
Colorado standards are utilized to design learning expeditions across the curriculum at all grade levels. A learning Expedition is defined as “an in depth study, of a compelling topic, over an extended period of time.” In essence, we study fewer topics in depth in order to deepen our understanding of such topics and to transfer the acquired skills to other topics. This teaching and learning process requires students to take personal responsibility for their learning. In addition to emphasizing personal responsibility for learning, Expeditions allow us to break free from textbook learning within many of our classes, assess students in a variety of ways, and interact with field experts on a consistent basis. Polaris implements various assessment tools such as student portfolios, Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing, PARCC exams, self-assessments, and “Presentations of Learning” to provide a complete picture of each student’s academic and personal development.

Poudre School District Global Academy
“Educating global students in a local community!”

703 East Prospect Road
Fort Collins 80525
Grades: K-12
Colors: Blue & gold
Mascot: Pioneers

Phone: 970-490-3086
Fax: 970-490-3069
Web: http://pga.psdschools.org/

Staff average years teaching experience: 6 years
Teacher education level: 60% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

History and Culture
As an innovative hybrid school, Poudre School District Global Academy (PGA) student schedules include classes and support delivered both on campus and online. PGA opened as PSD’s first blended / online school in 2009. With the opening in 2010 of the PGA campus and enrichment center, today’s global K-12 students experience true hybrid learning by combining traditional classes on campus with teachers and friends with self-paced courses online.

Academics and Activities
By combining traditional campus events with virtual classrooms, students learn at their own individual academic level and pace, allowing students to move ahead quickly or spend additional time to catch up. By providing more than 175 core subjects, elective classes, and the largest AP catalog in the area, PGA students can build a custom schedule to meet their personal goals while thriving as part of a tight-knit school community.

Highly-qualified, local teachers deliver accredited curriculum, and students have the opportunity to achieve college credit and take Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Extensive extra-curricular, social events and service learning projects add to the experience of developing 21st century leaders.

Because the PGA learning team includes a committed partnership between students, staff and the parent learning coach, PGA can individualize a program for every child.
History and Culture
Liberty Common School is one of four Poudre School District authorized charter schools. Strong staff, student, parent, and community involvement focuses on robust academic enrichment to support students’ success in college and in life. Admission to the school is by lottery. Children of all Colorado residents are eligible to attend Liberty Common School.

Academics and Activities
Elementary K-6 programs provide the foundation of the Core Knowledge Sequence, encompassing language arts, Singapore mathematics, science, history, geography, fine arts, grammar, Latin and physical education. Classic literature is read extensively.

Junior High School (7th & 8th grade) programs continue through upper grades of the Core Knowledge Sequence. Students move to Liberty's high-school campus in preparation for Liberty's rigorous college-prep high school. Students develop classical knowledge, advanced math, science, and computer-science skills; plus classical character education.

High School (9-12) programs prepare all graduates to thrive in college. Liberty Common High School (LCHS) is ranked the top-performing high school in Colorado by US News & World Report, Denver Westword, ColoradoSchoolGrades.com and other independent evaluators. The school offers a classical liberal-arts curriculum emphasizing the humanities while accentuating math, science and engineering. Multiple Advanced Placement courses are offered along with enriching electives. The LCHS engineering program was developed in partnership with the CSU College of Engineering and is taught by experienced engineers. Liberty’s teaching staff is made up of accomplished professional (non-union) instructors hired on the basis of their content mastery of subjects they teach. As part of Liberty Common's accountability operational procedures, finances, academic performance and school objectives are transparent and open to all parents and the general public. Curriculum, financial documents and management details are posted on the school's website www.libertycommon.org and available for inspection.

Extracurricular Activities
Extracurricular, athletic activities and social opportunity at Liberty match the high academic expectations of its students with accomplished, professionally coached teams in soccer, volleyball, baseball, track & field and basketball, and many other academic competitions.
History and Culture
Fort Collins Montessori School opened in 2014 as the first public Montessori option for elementary school in Fort Collins. Our program includes a tuition-based preschool within our primary classrooms and continues up through the 4th grade. Our intention is to add a grade each year up to 9th grade.

The concepts of the “whole-child”, “mixed-age groupings”, family involvement, and community are integral to this educational approach and are keystones at Fort Collins Montessori School. These philosophical and educational concepts involve engaging the intellectual, physical, emotional, social, and spiritual aspects of each person in a setting with younger and older students working and learning together in community. At Fort Collins Montessori School children are given the opportunity to work in a prepared learning environment in which highly trained Montessori teachers assist each child’s academic and social development. Our school creates an atmosphere in which children are intrinsically motivated, enthusiastic, responsible, committed life-long learners who exhibit an undeniable personal strength in their knowledge of self at each stage of their growth and development.

Academics and Activities
Our program strives to be a Classic Montessori program, within the public environment of a charter school. Our students have the opportunity to participate in many extra-curricular activities through our after school programming including foreign languages, chess, choir, and other clubs.

Mountain Sage Community School

“Cultivating the Creative Mind.”

History and Culture
Mountain Sage is a school inspired by Waldorf education and sustainable living where each child is empowered to cultivate meaningful connections to their intellectual, physical, emotional, social and creative capacities in healthy, safe and beautiful learning environments.

With a supportive community of parents, teachers and peers, each child is enabled to become a confident, self-directed and engaged learner.

Academics and Activities
Mountain Sage Community School offers a developmentally appropriate, arts-based curriculum proven to inspire many types of learners while simultaneously integrating the Colorado Academic Standards. Subjects are studied in 4-6 week blocks. From these units of study children create their own main lesson books/portfolios. Classrooms are organized for hands-on learning in order to provide a rich learning environment that nurtures the whole child. In addition to the core academic subjects, students also participate in weekly German and Spanish language classes, music, gardening, games/PE, practical arts, and painting classes.
History and Culture
Ridgeview Classical Schools is a K-12 classical, liberal arts charter school serving roughly 800 students. The school employs the Core Knowledge sequence in the elementary school, and a classical curriculum in grades seven through twelve emphasizing small class sizes, Socratic discussions, and the reading of core texts. Ridgeview employs teachers with subject-specific degrees and offers three weeks of teacher training every August for its entire faculty as well as ongoing training throughout the year for new teachers to ensure that students are exposed to teachers who are passionate masters of their disciplines. At Ridgeview, the academic education provided to every student is as important as the character education, a point Ridgeview stands behind through a rigorous curriculum and forthright discussion of the virtues in and out of the classrooms.

Academics and Activities
Elementary K–6 programs include fully implemented Core Knowledge sequence; character education; explicit phonics program; cursive program; ability grouping in areas of reading and math; grammar and writing; Greek and Latin languages; art; karate; music; and physical education.

Intermediate 7–8 programs include Core Knowledge curriculum; character education; instruction in Latin and Greek daily; and electives in band, choir, orchestra, P.E., theatre, and computing.

High School 9–12 programs offer Classical curriculum: the classics of Western literature; primary sources in history; emphasis on concepts in math and science; required semester of Latin; modern languages taught by native speakers; moral philosophy; a wide array of other electives ranging from engineering to anatomy and physiology to political philosophy.

Students at Ridgeview participate in a wide offering of local district varsity sports as well as various club sports and other activities.
Mountain Schools (From Fort Collins)

Livermore: Take US-287 N to Laramie, WY (Laporte Bypass); go 16.5 miles to Livermore. Turn left on Red Feather Lakes Road (CR 74E); school is on the right.

Red Feather: Take US-287 N to Laramie, WY (Laporte Bypass); go 16.5 miles to Livermore. Turn left on Red Feather Lakes Road (CR 74E); continue 24 miles; turn slight right onto CR 73C (Creedmore Lakes Road); go .5 miles to school site.


Wellington Schools

Wellington

8 Eyestone

9 Rice

Timnath Schools

Timnath

13 Main Street

5 Harmony Rd/CR 38

1 Bethke
Early Childhood
1 Fullana Early Childhood ................. 490-3160

Elementary Schools
2 Bacon ........................................ 488-5300
3 Bauder ....................................... 488-4150
4 Beattie ....................................... 488-4225
5 Bennett, IB World School .............. 488-4750
6 Bethke ........................................ 488-4300
7 Cache La Poudre, IB World School (CLP) .............. 488-7600
8 Dunn, IB World School .................... 488-4825
9 Eyestone ..................................... 488-8600
10 Harris Bilingual ............................ 488-5200
11 Irish .......................................... 488-6900
12 Johnson ...................................... 488-5000
13 Kruse ........................................ 488-5625
14 Laurel School of Arts & Technology .... 488-5925
15 Linton ........................................ 488-5850
16 Livermore .................................... 488-6520
17 Lopez ......................................... 488-8300
18 McGraw, IB World School .............. 488-8335
19 O’Dea Core Knowledge ................. 488-4450
20 Olander School for Project-Based Learning ............... 488-8410
21 Putnam School of Science ............... 488-7700
22 Red Feather .................................. 488-6550
23 Rice ........................................... 488-8700
24 Rifenburgh, IB World School .......... 488-7935
25 Shepardson STEM ....................... 488-4525
26 Stove Prairie ................................ 488-6575
27 Tavelli ........................................ 488-6725
28 Timnath ...................................... 488-6825
29 Traut Core Knowledge ................. 488-7500
30 Werner ...................................... 488-5550
31 Zach Core Knowledge ................... 488-5100

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1 Blevins ...................................... 488-4000
2 Boltz ......................................... 472-3700
3 Cache La Poudre, IB World School .............. 488-7400
4 Kinard Core Knowledge .................. 488-5400
5 Lester, IB World School .................... 472-3800
6 Lincoln, IB World School ................. 488-5700
7 Preston ....................................... 488-7300
8 Webber ...................................... 488-7800
9 Wellington ................................. 488-6600

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1 Centennial .................................. 488-4940
2 Fort Collins .................................. 488-8021
3 Fossil Ridge .................................. 488-6260
4 Poudre ........................................ 488-6000
5 Poudre Community Academy .......... 490-3295
6 Rocky Mountain ............................ 488-7023

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1 Polaris Expeditionary Learning K-12 ............... 488-8260
2 PSD Global Academy K-12 .......... 490-3086

Charter Schools
1 Fort Collins Montessori .............. 631-8612
2 Liberty Common Elementary .......... 482-9800
3 Liberty Common HS ...................... 672-5500
4 Mountain Sage ......................... 568-5456
5 Ridgeview Classical ..................... 494-4620

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Asst. Superintendent, Secondary ............... 490-3201
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