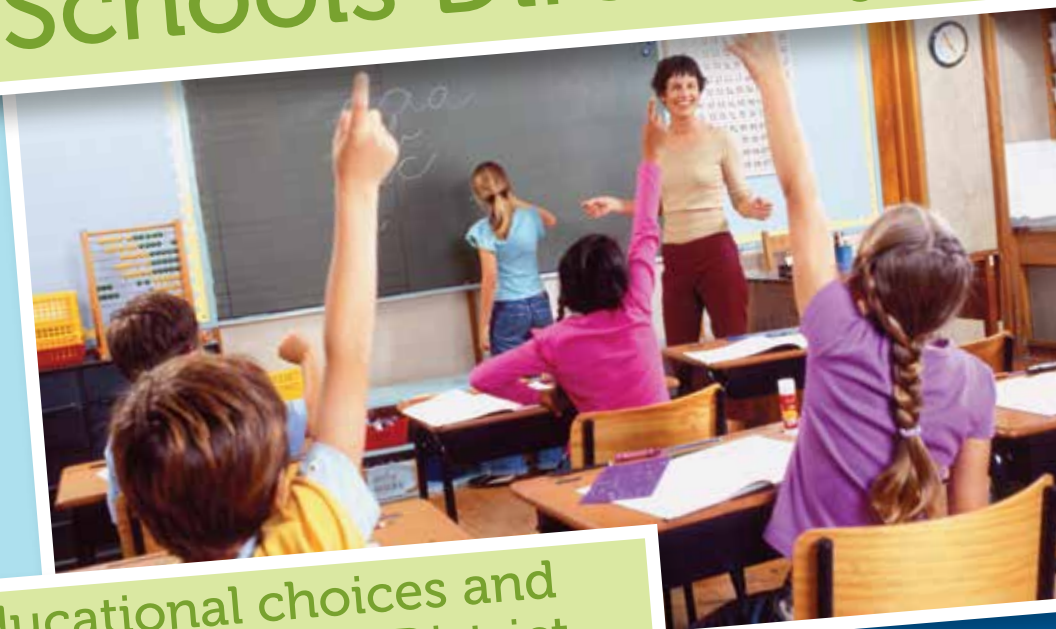




# Schools Directory



Your guide to educational choices and opportunities in Poudre School District.



*Educate . . . Every Child. Every Day.*

# 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 of **Educate...Every Child, Every Day.**

While more than 70% of PSD families choose to send their child to their neighborhood school, PSD's School Choice program, which is based on available space, allows you to send your child to the school which best matches your student's unique needs, abilities, and learning style. This may be another neighborhood school, or an option school which does not have a defined attendance area.

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 as well as a School Choice application at [www.psdschools.org](http://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,

**Sandra Smyser, Ph.D.**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

 @SandraSmyser

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# Poudre School District at a Glance

***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

The Poudre School District, based in Fort Collins, Colorado, serves approximately 27,000 students within 50 individual 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 the district, but serve at large. Board meetings are conducted on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, except July, and are broadcast live on PSD-TV Channel 10. Live stream of the board meetings can be viewed on the PSD website, along with meeting agendas, minutes, and policies.

## 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.

Poudre School District has established five benchmarks to evaluate the district's progress along a continuum of learning from Pre-K to graduation: third grade reading proficiency; annual academic growth; successful transitions; post-secondary readiness; and integration of health and wellness.

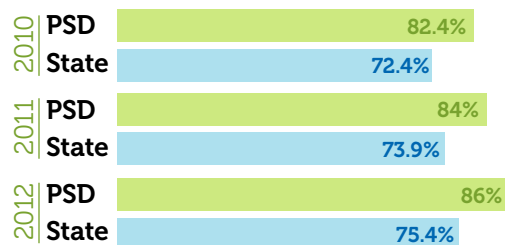
PSD offers rigorous standards-based curriculum in all schools. Instruction is designed with high expectations for all learners and is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards, which detail what a student should know and be able to do in each subject at each grade level. Enrichment and accelerated 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 as well as participating in concurrent enrollment either at the school, Front Range Community College, or at 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:

- PSD students routinely perform 8-15% higher than students statewide – in all subjects and all 27 areas of the Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP) tests.
- 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.





# Programs and Services

## Athletics

Poudre School District offers a safe and dynamic athletic program as part of its philosophy of educating the whole child. PSD believes that athletic programs aid the development of favorable habits and attitudes that foster responsible adults. PSD 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.

## 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.

## Community Engagement

Community support from parents, business organization, and community members is a vital component to student success. Community partnerships and volunteerism are developed through PSD's Partnership and Volunteer Center which fosters real-world experiences and prepares students for the workforce and post-secondary education. Business organizations and individuals interested in sharing expertise, experience or resources with PSD students can find additional information and a registration portal 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 top priority. PSD continually updates crisis plans and implements prevention programs to ensure safe learning environments in all schools.

PSD also offers mental health services for students and staff as well as a trained crisis response team. Prevention programs address substance abuse, violence, character education and positive behavior development.

## Sustainability

Over the past 18 years, Poudre School District has been recognized for over \$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 11,500 students are carefully 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.

# Registration and School Choice Options

## 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 they were accepted at 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 the 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 six option schools including two elementary, one middle school, one secondary school (6-12) and one K-12 school. 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.

# Instructional Focus Programming

## 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, Leshar**

## 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: Bauder, 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: Lab, 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 that has been authorized with official International Baccalaureate status is known as an **IB World School**. All of the IB programs follow a strong academic focus and international perspective. Some of the IB Primary Year's Programmes offer foreign language instruction and use inquiry-based teaching methods. High school students may earn college credit based on their IB exam scores.

**Schools: Bennett, Dunn, McGraw, Leshar, 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.

**STEM Schools: Shepardson, Timanth, Preston**

**STEAM Schools: Tavelli**





## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

— Poudre School District —

# Early Childhood Programs

"We provide diverse developmental learning experiences to young children and their families, supporting success now and in the future."

### 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

220 North Grant Avenue  
Fort Collins 80521

**Grades:** Early Childhood (prenatal-age 5)

**Enrollment:** 954

**Colors:** Blue, green, yellow & red

**Mascot:** Ernie the Engine

**Phone:** 970-490-3204

**Fax:** 970-490-3134

**Web:** <http://www.psdschools.org/departments/early-childhood>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 8 years

**Teacher education level:** 59% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

Early Childhood Programs are located at the following school sites:

Bacon	Irish	O'Dea	Tavelli
Bauder	Kruse	Olander	Timnath
Beattie	Laurel	Putnam	Traut
CLPE	Linton	Rice	
Eyestone	Lopez	Riffenburgh	
Harris	McGraw	Shepardson	

# School Program Listings

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

School Name	Principal	Address	Phone	Special Offerings	Programs and Instructional Focus
<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS</b>					
<b>Bacon</b>	Joe Horky	5844 S. Timberline Rd.	488-5300	• Bacon Energy Savings Team • 8 Keys of Excellence	●
<b>Bauder</b>	Brian Carpenter	2345 W. Prospect Rd.	488-4150	• Core Knowledge • Active Student Leadership; Community Wellness	● ◆
<b>Beattie</b>	Sam Aldern	3000 Meadowlark Ave.	488-4225	• Beacon Program for Gifted & Talented • Functional Creativity and ExCEL enrichment for all ages	●
<b>Bennett, an IB World School</b>	Amy Smythe	1125 Bennett Rd.	488-4750	• IB Primary Years Programme • Spanish classes; French language enrichment opportunities	■
<b>Bethke</b>	Ann Alfonso	5100 School House Dr., Timnath	488-4300	• 21st Century Core Knowledge • Arts and Technology Enrichment opportunities	◆
<b>Cache La Poudre Elementary</b>	Roxann Hall	3511 W. Co. Rd. 54G, Laporte	488-7600	• IB Candidate School • After School Opportunities	●
<b>Dunn, an IB World School</b>	Deb Ellis	501 S. Washington Ave.	488-4825	• IB Primary Years Programme • Spanish, French and Japanese languages	■
<b>Eyestone</b>	David Sobson	4000 Wilson Ave., Wellington	488-8600	• Cats on the Run (running club) • K-5 Intervention/Enrichment Blocks	●
<b>Irish</b>	Lindsey Walton	515 Irish Dr.	488-6900	• Dual Language Immersion Program: English/Spanish • Comprehensive after-school enrichment program	● X
<b>Johnson</b>	Georgianna Dawson	4101 Seneca St.	488-5000	• Scheduling to meet each student's needs • Weekly rotation of arts, music, technology, counseling	
<b>Kruse</b>	Sean Gorman	4400 McMurry Ave.	488-5625	• Enrichment opportunities • A wide variety of advanced level courses	●
<b>Laurel School of Arts &amp; Technology</b>	Tommi Sue Cox	1000 E. Locust Ct.	488-5925	• Violin, Fiddle and Mandolin • Nurtures creativity through dance and theatre	●
<b>Linton</b>	Kristin Stolte	4100 Caribou Dr.	488-5850	• Creativity/Enrichment K-5 • Full-time Gifted & Talented Teacher	●
<b>Livermore</b>	Matt Marietta	360 Red Feather Lakes Rd., Livermore	488-6520	• Multi-age classroom • Poudre River Ecology Partnership School	
<b>Lopez</b>	Traci Gile	637 Wabash St.	488-8800	• A "Leader in Me" School • After-school enrichment opportunities	●
<b>McGraw, an IB World School</b>	Amy Smith	4800 Hinsdale Dr.	488-8335	• IB Primary Years Programme • Spanish classes	● ■
<b>O'Dea Core Knowledge</b>	Laurie Corso	312 Princeton Rd.	488-4450	• Core Knowledge School • Enrichment programs including STEM, Arts, Wellness	● ◆
<b>Olander School for Project-Based Learning</b>	Mark Strasberg	3401 Auntie Stone St.	488-8410	• Authentic student-driven projects • Wellness, Art, Gifted & Talented, and Clubs	●
<b>Putnam School of Science</b>	Steve Apodaca	1400 Maple St.	488-7700	• Interdisciplinary Learning • 21st Century After School Learning Programs	●
<b>Red Feather</b>	Matt Marietta	505 N. Co. Rd. 73C, Red Feather	488-6550	• Multi-age classrooms • Poudre River Ecology Partnership School	
<b>Rice</b>	Karen Koehn	7000 Third St., Wellington	488-8700	• Focus on Inquiry & Thinking Strategies • After School Enrichment	●
<b>Riffenburgh</b>	Marc Ryby	1320 E. Stuart St.	488-7935	• IB Primary Years Programmes candidate school • Spanish instruction, grades K-5	●
<b>Shepardson</b>	Jennifer Chadwick	1501 Springwood Dr.	488-4525	• Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) • Whole Child & Wellness	●
<b>Stove Prairie</b>	Matt Marietta	3891 Stove Prairie Rd., Bellvue	488-6575	• Multi-age classrooms • Poudre River Ecology Partnership School	
<b>Tavelli</b>	Christine Hendricks	1118 Miramont Dr.	488-6725	• Dream Team (student mentoring program) • Science Lab, Spark Lab & Wellness	●
<b>Timnath</b>	Lori Sander	3909 Main St., Timnath	488-6825	• Connecting Traditions, STEM, 21st Century • The Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award	●
<b>Werner</b>	Hayden Camp	5400 Mail Creek Ln.	488-5550	• Beyond school enrichment opportunities • Intervention Support (Literacy, Math and Gifted/Talented)	
<b>Zach Core Knowledge</b>	Aisha Thomas	3715 Kechter Rd.	488-5100	• Core Knowledge • Before & After School Enrichment	◆

School Name	Principal	Address	Phone	Special Offerings	Programs and Instructional Focus
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>					
<b>Blevins</b>	David Linehan	2101 S. Taft Hill Rd.	488-4000	• Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) • Promotes culture of "THINKING"	
<b>Boltz</b>	Penny Stires	720 Boltz Dr.	472-3700	• Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program • STEM	
<b>Cache La Poudre</b>	Alicia Bono	6515 W. Co. Rd. 54 G, Laporte	488-7400	• IB Candidate; Small School Prioritizing Relationships • River Week Interdisciplinary & Authentic Learning	
<b>Leshner, an IB World School</b>	Thomas Dodd	1400 Stover St.	472-3800	• IB Programme & Two-way Dual Immersion • Gifted & Talented Program	— X
<b>Lincoln, an IB World School</b>	Clay Gomez	1600 W. Lancer Dr.	488-5700	• IB Middle Years Programme • International Service Learning Trips	—
<b>Preston</b>	Scott Nielsen	4901 Corbett Dr.	488-7300	• STEM Explorations; Global Collaboration • Challenging Extracurricular Programs	
<b>Webber</b>	Sandy Bickel	4201 Seneca St.	488-7800	• Pre-Advanced Placement courses • Aerospace Ventures in Education; Extensive Electives	
<b>Wellington</b>	Alicia Durand	4001 Wilson Ave., Wellington	488-6600	• Pre-Advanced Placement courses • AVID & Eagles After Hours	
<b>COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOLS</b>					
<b>Fort Collins</b>	Mark Eversole	3400 Lambkin Way	488-8021	• Excellent Advanced Placement Program • Over 70 clubs & activities; Bioscience Academy	
<b>Fossil Ridge</b>	Will Allen	5400 Ziegler Rd.	488-6260	• Advanced Placement Diploma • 5A Athletics, 50 clubs & activities, Rachel's Challenge	
<b>Poudre High School</b>	Kathy Mackay	201 Impala Dr.	488-6000	• IB Programme • Art, Service Learning and Career Technical Ed. Academics	—
<b>Rocky Mountain</b>	Craig Woodall	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	
<b>ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS (require a referral to attend)</b>					
<b>Centennial</b>	Mike Roberts	330 East Laurel	488-4940	• Small closed campus; highly structured and supportive • Discovery Program	
<b>Poudre Community Academy</b>	Troy Krotz	2540 Laporte	490-3295	• Weekly and After School Learning Programs • Small, closed campus with supportive environment	+
<b>OPTION SCHOOLS (require a School Choice application to attend)</b>					
<b>Harris Bilingual (K-5)</b>	Luis Camas	501 E. Elizabeth St.	488-5200	• Dual Language Immersion Program • Accelerated foreign language; Option School	● X
<b>Lab School for Creative Learning (K-5)</b>	Joe Gawronski	1905 Orchard Pl.	488-8260	• Small Class Sizes • Expeditionary Learning	+
<b>Traut Core Knowledge (K-5)</b>	Mark Wertheimer	2515 Timberwood Dr.	488-7500	• Parent Partnership, Core Knowledge, Character Education • Mature Literacy, Student Responsibility	● ◆
<b>Kinard Core Knowledge (6-8)</b>	Joe Cuddemi	3002 E. Trilby Rd.	488-5400	• Core Knowledge; Parent Partnership • Character Education	◆
<b>Polaris Expeditionary Learning (6-12)</b>	Joe Gawronski	1905 Orchard Pl.	488-8260	• Experiential learning and instruction • Week long immersions and adventure trips	+
<b>Poudre School District Global Academy (K-12)</b>	Heather Hiebsch	703 E. Prospect Rd.	490-3086	• Blended learning: on campus and online at home • Academic & social events with support and mentoring	
<b>CHARTER SCHOOLS (require registering directly with the school)</b>					
<b>Liberty Common Elementary (K-5)</b>	Casey Churchill	1725 Sharp Point Dr.	482-9800	• Core Knowledge Curriculum • Classical Education and Character Education	◆
<b>Liberty Common High School</b>	Bob Shaffer	2745 Minnesota Dr.	672-5500	• Core Knowledge Curriculum • College Preparatory	◆
<b>Ridgeview Classical School (K-12)</b>	Derek Anderson	1800 S. Lemay Ave.	494-4620	• Core Knowledge • Honors level courses in humanities and natural sciences	◆
<b>Mountain Sage (K-4)</b>	Liv Helmericks	2310 E. Prospect	568-5456	• Inspired by Waldorf Education & Sustainable Living • Arts-integrated, experiential educ. nurtures whole child	

Key: ● Early Childhood ◆ Core Knowledge — International Baccalaureate X Dual Language + Expeditionary Learning

Program Offerings Subject to Change

All PSD Elementary schools offer B.A.S.E. Camp (before and after school), except for: Livermore, Red Feather, Stove Prairie

# Bacon Elementary School

"Ten years of Educating Every Child...Every Day."

5844 South Timberline Road  
Fort Collins 80528

**Principal:** Joe Horky

**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:** 10 years

**Teacher education level:** 69% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## History and Culture

Bacon Elementary is named for 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.

The Bacon community collaborates in a culture of professional learning communities to provide students the best opportunities for a quality education. Students are expected to grow academically, socially, emotionally and physically. Bacon uses a Positive Behavior Support system to reinforce character throughout the day and is committed to Educating Every Child, Every Day.

## Academics and Activities

Academic expectations at Bacon Elementary are balanced with high levels of support, intervention, and enrichment. Technology is incorporated daily through the use of SMART Boards, Netbooks, and iPads.

Bacon offers a wide range of enrichment opportunities including lego, chess, running clubs, choir, Bacon Energy Savings Team, student council, daily news production, science fair, family literacy night, and PTA sponsored reading programs.



## 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 Core Knowledge School. Bauder's warm, friendly, collaborative culture and diversified curriculum meet the needs of all students. While literacy and math are main areas of focus, Bauder does not lose sight of other important academic areas such as the sciences and social studies. Literacy is often integrated into these units so students make natural connections to their world. Community resources like Kids Hope are used to enhance learning opportunities and provide students with weekly one-on-one support. Bauder also offers B.A.S.E. Camp, a tuition based before-and-after school childcare program.

A building-wide behavior support system focuses on positive character traits emphasized through the Bauder Bucks program.

Bauder Elementary focuses on the whole child by emphasizing the arts and strong character, as well as a comprehensive academic program. Technology is integrated into classroom teaching and students also have access to three PC labs and a broadcast studio.

A Core Knowledge School

# Bauder Elementary School

"Making tracks for the future."

2345 West Prospect Road  
Fort Collins 80526

**Principal:** Brian Carpenter

**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:** 12 years

**Teacher education level:** 60% of teachers hold graduate level degrees



A Beacon Gifted & Talented School

# Beattie Elementary School

"A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions."



NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS  
ELEMENTARY

3000 Meadowlark Avenue  
Fort Collins 80526

**Principal:** Sam Aldern

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Blue & orange

**Mascot:** Bighorn sheep

**Phone:** 970-488-4225

**Fax:** 970-488-4227

**Web:** <http://eweb.psdsschools.org/schools/beattie/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 17 years

**Teacher education level:** 76% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## History and Culture

Beattie Elementary School was named after Dan Beattie, long-time community leader, distinguished athlete, and educator.

Beattie is a Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) school, with a motto of R.A.M.S. – Respect Always Means Success. A positive, safe school environment is created through the behavior teaching matrix.

## Academics and Activities

Beattie Elementary's educational programs include the Beacon Program for Gifted & Talented, a special needs program, a literacy teacher, and a counselor. Functional Creativity strategies are used for 21st century thinking skills.

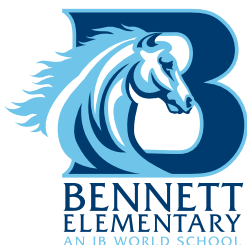
Daily physical education, music, or art classes develop students' creative potential. Students enjoy ExCEL enrichment classes, which may include multi-intelligence, career education, or multicultural sessions.

Beattie Elementary encourages students' involvement in a wide array of activities including service learning through the Kindness Club, Beattie Sunshine Singers choir, wellness activities, Get Up and Go running club, B.A.S.E. Camp, science fair, music programs, Evenings of Art and honor choir.

An IB World School

# Bennett Elementary School

"Primary Years International Baccalaureate Programme."



## History and Culture

Bennett Elementary School was named for Merle Bennett, the founder of PSD's kindergarten program. At Bennett experiential education is valued by a diverse, multi-national student focus. From inquiry-based teaching practices to realistic learning opportunities, students are empowered to solve real world problems while mastering the curriculum.

## Academics and Activities

Bennett Elementary offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme for students in grades K-5 where total growth of the developing child is the focus, including social, physical, emotional and cultural needs, as well as academics.

Students use their knowledge and skills to better their community and the world, undertaking several student-initiated service projects each school year. Bennett Elementary offers gifted and talented programs, after-school learning opportunities, and English language acquisition.

Bennett Elementary provides visual arts, music, physical education and Spanish for all students in addition to a variety of other extracurricular activities.

1125 Bennett Road  
Fort Collins 80521

**Principal:** Amy Smythe

**Grades:** K-5

**Colors:** Blue & white

**Mascot:** Bronco

**Phone:** 970-488-4750

**Fax:** 970-488-4752

**Web:** <http://ben.psdsschools.org>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 11 years

**Teacher education level:** 52% of teachers hold graduate level degrees



# Bethke Elementary School

A Core Knowledge School

"Honoring All Learners."

## 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.

5100 School House Drive  
Timnath 80547

**Principal:** Ann Alfonso

**Grades:** K-5

**Colors:** Red & blue

**Mascot:** Bobcats

**Phone:** 970-488-4300

**Fax:** 970-488-4302

**Web:** [www.bethkeelementary.com](http://www.bethkeelementary.com)

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 9 years

**Teacher education level:** 58% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

An IB World Candidate School

# Cache La Poudre Elementary School

"I can learn. I will learn. If it is to be, it's up to me. I can DO it!"

3511 W. County Road 54G  
La Porte 80535

**Principal:** Roxann Hall

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Green & white

**Mascot:** Pirate

**Phone:** 970-488-7600

**Fax:** 970-488-7676

**Web:** <http://cpe.psdschools.org>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 13 years

**Teacher education level:** 46% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## History and Culture

Cache La Poudre Elementary (CLPE) School, opened in 1913, is situated near the beautiful Cache La Poudre River which provides excellent opportunities for outdoor education. CLPE is proud of its 100 year heritage and its hub position in the community as a friendly, caring place. Staff members create a child-centered learning environment that focuses on basic skills while challenging and enriching individual students.

## Academics and Activities

CLPE is an International Baccalaureate (IB) candidate for authorization, offering the Primary Years Programme for grades K-5. Students are challenged in a caring environment and have the opportunity to grow, succeed, and contribute to society.

In addition to basic academic subjects, instruction includes art, music, physical education, library, computer lab, accelerated reading, spanish, special education, literacy, gifted/talented, and character education. Students may participate in extracurricular activities including: peer mediation, Lego Robotics, BookWorm Club and Odyssey of the Mind. CLPE is also a LINC library site during the summer.





An IB World School

## Dunn Elementary School

"Authorized Primary Years International Baccalaureate Programme."

### 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.

501 South Washington Avenue  
Fort Collins 80525

**Principal:** Deborah Ellis

**Grades:** K-5

**Colors:** Blue & white

**Mascot:** Dolphin

**Phone:** 970-488-4825

**Fax:** 970-488-4827

**Web:** <http://dun.psdschools.org>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 11 years

**Teacher education level:** 66%  
of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## Eyestone Elementary School

"Educational excellence in a Kind, Loving Environment."

4000 Wilson Avenue  
Wellington 80549

**Principal:** David Sobson

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Purple & teal

**Mascot:** Cougar

**Phone:** 970-488-8600

**Fax:** 970-488-8602

**Web:** <http://eweb.psdschools.org/schools/eyestone/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 13 years

**Teacher education level:** 61%  
of teachers hold graduate level degrees

### 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, choir, art extensions, and our school running club, Cats on the Run.



## A Dual Language Immersion School Irish Elementary School



"Irish Elementary, a place to grow."  
"Escuela Elemental de Irish, un lugar para crecer."

515 Irish Drive  
Fort Collins 80521

**Principal:** Lindsey Walton

**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:** 11 years

**Teacher education level:** 55% 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. Students do have the option to have an English-speaking environment all day long.

### 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 PBIS/Time to Teach. Unique to Irish is a kindergarten program, Tools of the Mind, which builds strong foundations for academic and social success. We also offer a comprehensive vocabulary instruction program for 4th and 5th graders.



## Johnson Elementary School

"Preparing today's children for tomorrow's world."

### 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 P.R.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, media and technology, music, counseling, and physical education. 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.

4101 Seneca Street  
Fort Collins 80526

**Principal:** Georgianna Dawson

**Grades:** 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:** 15 years

**Teacher education level:** 32% of teachers hold graduate level degrees



# Kruse Elementary School



"Climbing to Higher Peaks."

4400 McMurry Avenue

Fort Collins 80525

**Principal:** Sean Gorman

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Purple & silver

**Mascot:** Cougar

**Phone:** 970-488-5625

**Fax:** 970-488-5627

**Web:** [www.kruseelementary.weebly.com](http://www.kruseelementary.weebly.com)

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 11 years

**Teacher education level:** 47% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## 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.

An Arts & Technology Focus School

# Laurel Elementary School of Arts & Technology

"Educating Fort Collins Youth since 1906."

Laurel Elementary  
SCHOOL OF ARTS & TECHNOLOGY



## History and Culture

Opened in 1993, Laurel Elementary School retains the name of the original school on Laurel Street. Laurel Elementary embraces a diverse student population with a wide range of economic levels, cultures, interests, and abilities. Teachers tailor instruction to accommodate each student.

## Academics and Activities

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

By educating the whole child through the infusion of arts and technology across the curriculum, Laurel provides a culturally-rich learning environment where differences are supported and celebrated. Laurel also offers an outstanding gifted education program and small literacy group instruction.

Unique to Laurel are two every other year one-week field trips. One year students may participate in a weeklong Crow Canyon field trip to an archaeological dig site and the next year participate in Journey in Government (JIG) - a week-long adventure to Washington, D.C.

1000 East Locust Court

Fort Collins 80524

**Principal:** Tommi Sue Cox

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Teal & silver

**Mascot:** Lynx

**Phone:** 970-488-5925

**Fax:** 970-488-5927

**Web:** <http://lau.psdschools.org/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 11 years

**Teacher education level:** 71% of teachers hold graduate level degrees



# 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 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.

4100 Caribou Drive  
Fort Collins 80525

**Principal:** Kristin W. Stolte

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Blue & white

**Mascot:** Mountain lion

**Phone:** 970-488-5850

**Fax:** 970-488-5852

**Web:** <http://eweb.psdschools.org/schools/linton/>

**Staff average years teaching**

**experience:** 14 years

**Teacher education level:** 58%  
of teachers hold graduate level  
degrees

# Livermore Elementary School

*"The Little School on the Prairie"*



## 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.

360 Red Feather Lakes Road  
Livermore 80536

**Principal:** Matt Marietta

**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:** 22 years

**Teacher education level:** 100%  
of teachers hold graduate level  
degrees



A Leader in Me School

# 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 opportunities are available at Lopez Elementary. Story Theatre, Lopez News, Astronomy Nights, technology club, Lego League, Honor Choir, Science Matters, and Gifted & Talented programs are a few of the many student activities and clubs available to students.

637 Wabash Street  
Fort Collins 80526

**Principal:** Traci Gile

**Grades:** K - 5

**Colors:** Purple & hot pink

**Mascot:** Lasers

**Phone:** 970-488-8800

**Fax:** 970-488-8802

**Web:** <http://lop.psdschools.org/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 16 years

**Teacher education level:** 64% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

An IB World School

# McGraw Elementary School

"Primary International Baccalaureate Programme."



4800 Hinsdale Drive  
Fort Collins 80526

**Principal:** Amy Smith

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Black & gold

**Mascot:** Golden Eagle

**Phone:** 970-488-8335

**Fax:** 970-488-8337

**Web:** <http://mcg.psdschools.org/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 11 years

**Teacher education level:** 52% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## History and Culture

McGraw Elementary, an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, opened in 1992 and is named in honor of Beryl "Brownie" McGraw, long-time PSD educator.

McGraw promotes the development of international-mindedness and the education of the whole child, offering a balanced program of knowledge, concepts, attitudes, and skills, which prepares learners to be successful in a changing and interrelated world.

## Academics and Activities

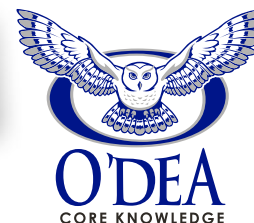
McGraw's learning environment is inquiry-based with teaching units that highlight the transdisciplinary nature of learning. Researched based programs are used to meet individual learning needs so that each student is challenged and supported.

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, Geography Bee, student leadership, running club, chess club, musical, Chinese, International Night, and student-initiated community service opportunities.

## A Core Knowledge School

# O'Dea Core Knowledge School



*"Inspire, Nurture, Teach, and Learn!"*

312 Princeton Road  
Fort Collins 80525

**Principal:** Laurie Corso

**Grades:** Pre 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:** 12 years

**Teacher education level:** 61% 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.

## A Project-Based Learning School

# Olander School for Project-Based Learning

*"Nurturing the mind, heart and body of every child."*



## 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 the arts and technology education throughout the curriculum. During projects, for example, students may be writing and directing their own performance and 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.

3401 Auntie Stone Street  
Fort Collins 80526

**Principal:** Mark Strasberg

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Black & sea green

**Mascot:** Osprey

**Phone:** 970-488-8410

**Fax:** 970-488-8412

**Web:** [www.pbbschool.com/](http://www.pbbschool.com/)

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 12 years

**Teacher education level:** 67% of teachers hold graduate level degrees



# Putnam Elementary School of Science



"We Build Putnam Pride."

1400 Maple Street  
Fort Collins 80521

**Principal:** Steve Apodaca

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Blue & white

**Mascot:** Panther

**Phone:** 970-488-7700

**Fax:** 970-488-7702

**Web:** <http://put.psdschools.org/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 7 years

**Teacher education level:** 23% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## History and Culture

Putnam Elementary School of Science, opened in 1956, was named after A. H. Putnam, a long-term custodian in PSD.

Putnam students use the scientific method and inquiry to develop critical thinking skills that prepare them for a lifetime of productivity and learning.

## Academics and Activities

Putnam sets clear student goals for attaining reading proficiency and math skills in addition to a strong focus on science. The Putnam community's integrated approach to learning enhances science through connections across content areas, as critical thinking skills essential in the 21st Century are built. All students receive one hour of daily, small group literacy instruction.

After school and summer extended learning includes small group tutoring in math, reading, writing, and homework help. Enrichment activities include leadership club, art club, technology club, hip-hop dance club and a spring musical.



# Red Feather Lakes Elementary School

"The Little School in the Pines."

## 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.

505 N. County Road 73C  
Red Feather Lakes 80545

**Principal:** Matt Marietta

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Red & white

**Mascot:** Eagle

**Phone:** 970-488-6550

**Fax:** 970-488-6552

**Web:** <http://red.psdschools.org>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 11 years

**Teacher education level:** 33% of teachers hold graduate level degrees



# 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 provides materials and tools for extensive science exploration.

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

7000 Third Street  
Wellington 80549

**Principal:** Karen Koehn

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Blue & gold

**Mascot:** Raptor

**Phone:** 970-488-8700

**Fax:** 970-488-8702

**Web:** <http://eweb.psdschools.org/schools/rice/index.aspx>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 8.5 years

**Teacher education level:** 67% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

An IB World Candidate School

# Riffenburgh Elementary School

"Helping each child to learn and grow."

1320 East Stuart Street  
Fort Collins 80525

**Principal:** Marc Ryby

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Gold & red

**Mascot:** Roadrunner

**Phone:** 970-488-7935

**Fax:** 970-488-7937

**Web:** <http://eweb.psdschools.org/schools/riffenburgh/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 10 years

**Teacher education level:** 64% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## History and Culture

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

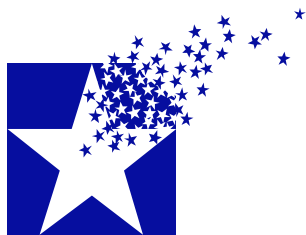
Riffenburgh Elementary is a neighborhood school of excellence focusing on the academic and social needs of children and working toward authorization as an International Baccalaureate (IB) school.

## 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, under PSD's standards-based curriculum, are emphasized and assessed. A daily literacy lab as well as a special education resource, speech/language, and O/T programs address the individual needs of each student.

Enrichment activities include Odyssey of the Mind, Lego Robotics, active fieldwork and research through our National Science Foundation grant, the Rockin' Roadrunner Choir, running club, accelerated reading, student council, character education, gifted education, Spanish enrichment classes, and Missoula Children's Theatre.





A STEM Focus School

# Shepardson Elementary School

"Working together we can reach the stars!"

## 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.

1501 Springwood Drive  
Fort Collins 80525

**Principal:** Jennifer Chadwick

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Blue & silver

**Mascot:** Shooting star

**Phone:** 970-488-4525

**Fax:** 970-488-4527

**Web:** <http://eweb.psdschools.org/schools/shepardson/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 9 years

**Teacher education level:** 43% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

# Stove Prairie Elementary School

"The Little School at the End of the Rainbow."



3891 Stove Prairie Road  
Bellvue 80512

**Principal:** Matt Marietta

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Blue & white

**Mascot:** Stallion

**Phone:** 970-488-6575

**Fax:** 970-488-6577

**Web:** <http://sto.psdschools.org>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 12 years

**Teacher education level:** 75% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## 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.

A STEAM Focus School

# Tavelli Elementary School



"We will INSPIRE a community of diverse learners through collaboration and accountability so our children SUCCEED in a global society."

1118 Miramont Drive  
Fort Collins 80524

**Principal:** Christine Hendricks

**Grades:** K - 5

**Colors:** Blue & white

**Mascot:** Tiger

**Phone:** 970-488-6725

**Fax:** 970-488-6727

**Web:** <http://schoolweb.pedschools.org/tavelli>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 10 years

**Teacher education level:** 47% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## 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 the diverse population. Differentiated instruction and Inquiry Based Learning is emphasized while maintaining high expectations for all students. Art, music, P.E. and computer lab give students the opportunity to not only be creative but to also think critically as the specials classes make across the curriculum connections 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 Lego Robotics are just a few of the extracurricular clubs and programs that are available for our students.



A STEM Focus School

# Timnath Elementary School

"Timnath Elementary embraces, encourages, and empowers each and every child."

## History and Culture

Timnath Elementary School is proud of its history of over 100 years educating diverse student populations. Timnath uses a Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) approach to the learning culture. Timnath is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)-focused school that emphasizes 21st century skills. The Timnath school community enjoys its seasonal traditions and having 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 offers certified Gifted and Talented, Literacy, English Language Acquisition, and Integrated Services teachers who provide small group support, as well as being a magnet school for English Language Learners.

Before and after-school enrichment clubs include Spanish, Legos, dance, fitness, Star Lab (planetarium), Art, Science Matters, and Odyssey of the Mind (OM). B.A.S.E. Camp provides on-site before and after school care.

3909 Main Street  
Timnath 80547

**Principal:** Lori Sander

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Blue & yellow

**Mascot:** Cubs

**Phone:** 970-488-6825

**Fax:** 970-488-6827

**Web:** <http://tim.pedschools.org/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 15 years

**Teacher education level:** 48% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

# Werner Elementary School



"Accept kids where they are and take them as far as they can go."

5400 Mail Creek Lane

Fort Collins 80525

**Principal:** Hayden Camp

**Grades:** K - 5

**Colors:** Royal blue & white

**Mascot:** Wildcat

**Phone:** 970-488-5550

**Fax:** 970-488-5552

**Web:** <http://wer.psdschools.org>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 15 years

**Teacher education level:** 61% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## 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: media/technology club, choir, intramurals, student leadership, chess club, math club and many more.



# A Core Knowledge School Zach Core Knowledge School

"Reaching high...reaching out!"

## History and Culture

Opened in 2002, Zach Core Knowledge School is one of Poudre School District's largest elementary schools. Zach delivers the content-rich Core Knowledge curriculum, which exposes children to interesting and demanding subject matter and then builds on it in a carefully developed sequential manner.

## Academics and Activities

Treasures reading and ability-grouped math with regrouping and small groups for reading, spelling, science, and history are taught in Kindergarten and 1st grade. Starting in 2nd grade students read Core Knowledge recommended classic novels, and study world and American history, science, writing, spelling, and math.

All grade levels include physical education, music, art, technology, and media. Students may qualify for Gifted and Talented reading and math acceleration programs as well.

Zach has many student enrichment opportunities, including choir, art club, running club, Robotics, science club, leadership clubs, and Book Bowl. Before- and after-school childcare is available.

3715 Kechter Road

Fort Collins 80528

**Principal:** Aisha Thomas

**Grades:** K - 5

**Colors:** Green & gold

**Mascot:** Zephyrosaurus

**Phone:** 970-488-5100

**Fax:** 970-488-5106

**Web:** [www.zachelementary.com](http://www.zachelementary.com)

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 12 years

**Teacher education level:** 66% of teachers hold graduate level degrees





## Blevins Middle School

*"It's All Good in the Neighborhood!"*

### History and Culture

Blevins Middle School, a neighborhood school, is named for Theodore Roosevelt Blevins, a long-time educator, coach, and WWI 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 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. To support the individual needs of all of its students, Blevins offers remediate literacy and numeracy support, as well as Gifted and Talented programming. Extra-curricular activities include Student Leadership Team, Science Olympiad, Science Fair, Geography Bowl, Math Counts, Lego Robotics, band, choir and orchestra.

2101 South Taft Hill Road  
Fort Collins 80526

**Principal:** David Linehan

**Grades:** 6 - 8

**Colors:** Silver & burgundy

**Mascot:** Bruin

**Phone:** 970-488-4000

**Fax:** 970-488-4011

**Web:** <http://eweb.psdschools.org/schools/blevins/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 12 years

**Teacher education level:** 68% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## Boltz Middle School

*"Where Everyone Belongs!"*

720 Boltz Drive  
Fort Collins 80525

**Principal:** Penny Stires

**Grades:** 6 - 8

**Colors:** Red & gold

**Mascot:** Phoenix

**Phone:** 970-472-3700

**Fax:** 970-472-3730

**Web:** <http://bol.psdschools.org/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 10 years

**Teacher education level:** 62% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

### History and Culture

At Boltz Middle School students are encouraged to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens. Boltz has a dynamic and diverse student population. Boltz 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 offers the academically rigorous PSD standards-based curriculum for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Students in all grades may choose Pre-Advanced Placement classes for an even more challenging program. Enrichment for Gifted and Talented students is incorporated during daily guided study.

Boltz also offers a wide variety of courses and activities including band, orchestra, choir, musical theater, engineering explorations, art, computer club, student council, WEB Leaders, Math Counts, Odyssey of the Mind, athletic conditioning camp, and homework assistance.





An IB World Candidate School

# Cache La Poudre Middle School

"Cache La Poudre Middle School is a school where respect, rigor, relevance, responsibility, and relationships drive the learning process."

## History and Culture

Cache La Poudre Middle School (CLPMS) was built in 1949 and transitioned from a high school to a middle school in 1962. It is one of the longest continually operating middle schools in PSD. Academic rigor, content relevance, school safety, respect, and personal responsibility are core values at CLPMS. Parents, students, staff, and community, work together to create a learning environment in which students are successful and excellence is rewarded.

## Academics and Activities

Teaching the whole child is the academic focus at CLPMS. Currently, CLPMS is in the authorization process to become an official International Baccalaureate school for the 2014-2015 school year. This widely acclaimed program will enhance the strong academic tradition and culture that CLPMS has had for years.

In addition to accelerated math courses for all students and honors courses for 7th and 8th graders, the school also offers extensive technology, art, music, and Spanish programs.

3515 W. County Road 54G  
La Porte 80535

**Principal:** Alicia Bono

**Grades:** 6 - 8

**Colors:** Kelly green & white

**Mascot:** Pirate

**Phone:** 970-488-7400

**Fax:** 970-488-7433

**Web:** <http://schoolweb.psdschools.org/clpms>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 12 years

**Teacher education level:** 45% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

An IB World School

# Lesher Middle School

"A school for the mind; a home for the heart."

1400 Stover Street  
Fort Collins 80524

**Principal:** Tom Dodd

**Grades:** 6 - 8

**Colors:** Navy blue & prairie gold

**Mascot:** Viking/Viqueen

**Phone:** 970-472-3800

**Fax:** 970-472-3880

**Web:** <http://les.psdschools.org>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 11 years

**Teacher education level:** 71% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## History and Culture

Lesher Middle School, an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, is named for former PSD superintendent David B. Lesh, and was 1 of 5 middle schools nationwide recognized as a 2012 MetLife/NASSP Breakthrough School. Lesh's IB Middle Years Program helps students access, interpret, and apply information across eight subject areas to ensure they have the requisite skills to enjoy a lifetime of learning.

## Academics and Activities

In addition to the IB, Lesh's signature academic programs are its gifted and talented program, and its bilingual program in which language arts, science, math, and social studies classes are taught 50% in English and 50% in Spanish.

Lesh students can participate in 14 different sports and approx. 15 different activities annually, such as chess club, Math Counts, National Junior Honor Society, jazz band, Odyssey of the Mind, and numerous service learning projects. Lesh also generates *Inside, Outside, Upside, Down*, the only middle school student produced literary magazine in PSD and supports annual student trips to the American southwest, Catalina Island, Europe, and Spanish speaking countries.



# An IB World School Lincoln Middle School

"Where every student is an IB student."



1600 West Lancer Drive  
Fort Collins 80521

**Principal:** Clay P. Gomez

**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:** 56%  
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 data-driven 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 the many extracurricular programs offered including athletics, Talent Search, International Community Builders, Science Olympiad and the district's only middle school student-produced daily television show.

A STEM Focus School

# 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 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

**Principal:** Scott Nielsen

**Grades:** 6 - 8

**Colors:** Purple, teal & black

**Mascot:** Puma

**Phone:** 970-488-7300

**Fax:** 970-488-7307

**Web:** [www.prestonmiddleschool.org](http://www.prestonmiddleschool.org)

**Staff average years teaching**

**experience:** 12 years

**Teacher education level:** 66%  
of teachers hold graduate level  
degrees

# Webber Middle School

"Supporting and challenging all students to learn and grow to their highest potential."



4201 Seneca Street  
Fort Collins 80526

**Principal:** Sandra Bickel

**Grades:** 6 - 8

**Colors:** Red & black

**Mascot:** Panther

**Phone:** 970-488-7800

**Fax:** 970-488-7811

**Web:** <http://schoolweb.psdschools.org/webber>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 13 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 operates on an alternating block schedule that provides for a wide variety of course offerings to meet the needs of every student. Webber has challenging academic class options including Pre-Advanced Placement courses in core classes for 7th and 8th graders and a full exploratory wheel for 6th graders.

Student leaders perform a variety of community and school service projects, are involved in spirit activities, and have input on many school decisions. After-school enrichment opportunities include Webber Aeronautics Ventures in Education (WAVE), Math Counts, Odyssey of the Mind, gaming and other clubs. Students also participate in the outstanding vocal and instrumental music programs, including jazz band and jazz orchestra.



## 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.

# Wellington Middle School

"High quality learning and teaching in every classroom, every day."

4001 Wilson Avenue

P.O. Box 440

Wellington 80549

**Principal:** Alicia Durand

**Grades:** 6 - 8

**Colors:** Maroon & white

**Mascot:** Eagle

**Phone:** 970-488-6600

**Fax:** 970-488-6602

**Web:** <http://wel.psdschools.org/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 9 years

**Teacher education level:** 58% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

# Fort Collins High School

"Where excellence is expected."



3400 Lambkin Way  
Fort Collins 80525

**Principal:** Mark Eversole

**Grades:** 9 - 12

**Colors:** Purple & gold

**Mascot:** Lambkin

**Phone:** 970-488-8021

**Fax:** 970-488-8008

**Web:** <http://fch.psdschools.org/>

## **Staff average years teaching**

**experience:** 11 years

**Teacher education level:** 65%  
of teachers hold graduate level  
degrees

## History and Culture

Fort Collins High School (FCHS), established in 1899, has graduated more than 30,000 students in the past 120 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. The school also offers a wide and expanding variety of advanced level classes.

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 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.

Lambkin Way is a required course providing freshmen students with tools, strategies, and skills needed for success in high school and throughout life.

FCHS has received the prestigious Wells Fargo Cup given to the Colorado school with the most outstanding activities program for many years. In addition to a full Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) slate of sports for boys and girls, FCHS has a wide variety of clubs and activities.





# Fossil Ridge High School

*"Striving for excellence in all we do—academics, arts, athletics, and character."*

## 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 education 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 academics, post-secondary planning, civic engagement, and service training.

## 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 as well as a expandable 600-seat auditorium for school musical and theatrical productions.

## Extended Learning Programs

Fossil Ridge offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses, widely recognized by American colleges and universities, which can lead to college credit. The backbone of the gifted education program, AP classes offer excellent opportunities for students seeking the rewards of a rigorous, specialized academic curriculum and the possibility of dual high school and college credit.

## 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 a wide variety of clubs and activities.

5400 Ziegler Road  
Fort Collins 80521

**Principal:** Will Allen

**Grades:** 9 - 12

**Colors:** Hunter green, silver & black

**Mascot:** SaberCat

**Phone:** 970-488-6260

**Fax:** 970-488-6263

**Web:** <http://frh.psdschools.org/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 10 years

**Teacher education level:** 59% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

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

**Principal:** Kathy Mackay

**Grades:** 9 - 12

**Colors:** Blue and Silver

**Mascot:** Impala

**Phone:** 970-488-6000

**Fax:** 970-488-6060

**Web:** <http://phs.psdschools.org/>

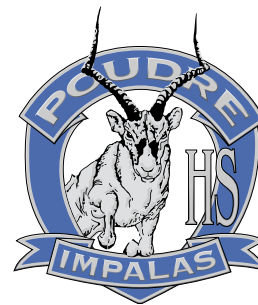
## Staff average years teaching

**experience:** 12 years

**Teacher education level:** 63%  
of teachers hold graduate level  
degrees

## 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 doing community service projects.



## 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.

## 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."

## Extended Learning 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 -smaller learning communities offering specialized, career-themed training programs in the fields of arts, entrepreneurship, service learning, communications and technology. 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
- Mind Center Alternative Programming (MCAP) - an alternative program of targeted intervention for students who are at risk of not graduating
- 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)
- 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



# Rocky Mountain High School

*"Students and staff pursuing excellence by following the Lobo Way."*

## 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 a 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.

1300 West Swallow Road  
Fort Collins 80526

**Principal:** Craig Woodall

**Grades:** 9 - 12

**Colors:** Cardinal red & yellow  
gold

**Mascot:** Lobo

**Phone:** 970-488-7023

**Fax:** 970-488-7001

**Web:** <http://rmh.psdschools.org>

**Staff average years teaching  
experience:** 12 years

**Teacher education level:** 65%  
of teachers hold graduate level  
degrees

# Centennial High School

"Catch the vision."

330 East Laurel Street  
Fort Collins 80524

**Principal:** Mike Roberts

**Grades:** 9 - 12

**Colors:** Black & gold

**Mascot:** Dragon

**Phone:** 970-488-4940

**Fax:** 970-488-4942

**Web:** <http://eweb.psdschools.org/schools/centennial2/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 13 years

**Teacher education level:** 46% 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.



# Poudre Community Academy

*"Where students make change happen."*

## History and Culture

Located in the historic Mountain View building, Poudre Community Academy (PCA) is a small, closed campus supportive environment that serves alternative learners in PSD with ongoing enrollment each quarter.

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 on-site, online and Front Range Community College course offerings. 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

**Principal:** Troy Krotz

**Grades:** 9 - 12

**Colors:** Blue, Purple & Gold

**Mascot:** Warrior

**Phone:** 970-490-3295

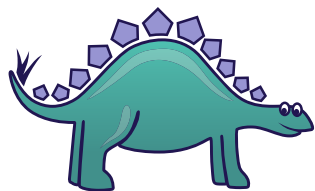
**Fax:** 970-490-3402

**Web:** <http://eweb.psdsschools.org/schools/pca/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 4 years

**Teacher education level:** 47% of teachers hold graduate level degrees





# A Dual Language Immersion School Harris Bilingual Immersion School

"Nuestros niños son la esperanza del mundo."  
"Our kids are the hope of the world."

## 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 Leshar Middle School.

501 East Elizabeth Street  
Fort Collins 80524

**Principal:** Luis Camas

**Grades:** Pre K - 5

**Colors:** Black, teal & purple

**Mascot:** Esteve the Stegosaurus

**Phone:** 970-488-5200

**Fax:** 970-488-5203

**Web:** <http://bil.psdschools.org/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 11 years

**Teacher education level:** 58% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## An Expeditionary Learning School

# Lab School for Creative Learning

"We Are Crew, Not Passengers!"

1905 Orchard Place  
Fort Collins 80521

**Principal:** Joe Gawronski

**Grades:** K - 5

**Colors:** Purple & teal

**Phone:** 970-488-8260

**Fax:** 970-488-8262

**Web:** [www.lab-school.org/index.html](http://www.lab-school.org/index.html)

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 11 years

**Teacher education level:** 100% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## History and Culture

Lab School for Creative Learning, opened in 1992, is PSD's only Expeditionary Learning School at the elementary level.

Lab School values small, multi-aged classes. State standards are integrated into expeditions, which are in-depth studies of compelling studies taught over an extended period of time. The integrated curriculum, which focuses on literacy, hands-on science and math, incorporates developmentally appropriate learning activities based on each child's innate desire to learn and his or her unique learning path.

## Academics and Activities

At Lab School multi-aged classrooms and cross-aged mentoring help students understand that learning is an ongoing, changing process. Student self-directedness and self-evaluation are encouraged, as are a strong sense of community and respect for others. Class sizes feature a student-to-teacher ratio of approximately 18 to 1.

Students help with service projects several times throughout the year. Throughout each year, teachers design learning expeditions that incorporate science, social studies, and literacy standards.





## A Core Knowledge School Traut Core Knowledge School

*"Never Give Up!"*

2515 Timberwood Drive  
Fort Collins 80528

**Principal:** Mark Wertheimer

**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:** 14 years

**Teacher education level:** 54%  
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

*"We care and challenge with character...Kinard character."*

3002 East Trilby Road  
Fort Collins 80528

**Principal:** Joe Cuddemi

**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:** 59%  
of teachers hold graduate level degrees

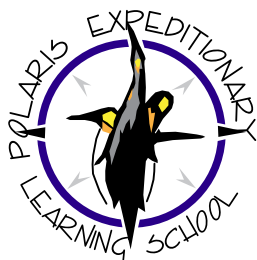
### History and Culture

Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School, named for educator Hal Kinard, is a "100% Choice" school and PSD's only Core Knowledge middle school. At Kinard, staff and teachers both model and teach students to practice core values such as good judgment, best effort, respect, kindness and honesty. The Kinard culture ensures each student's physical and emotional safety, as well as the opportunity to succeed academically.

### Academics and Activities

Kinard students are expected and supported to learn at high levels. The Core Knowledge curriculum provides access to the best knowledge available, including significant information about diverse people and cultures. Teachers use research-based instructional strategies, collaboration, technology, and choice to enhance student engagement and achievement.

Kinard promotes belonging through student involvement in both curricular and extracurricular activities. Kinard students participate in PSD's athletics and in a wide variety of clubs including Math Counts, Science Olympiad, drama, art, yearbook, chess, robotics, Chinese, and National Junior Honor Society.



## An Expeditionary Learning School

# Polaris Expeditionary Learning School

"We Are Crew, Not Passengers!"

### History and Culture

Polaris is the only secondary school within PSD to offer the Expeditionary Learning model. The learning community strives to create the ideal learning environment for development, experiential curriculum, critical life skills, and community connections for young adolescents of every background.

Colorado standards are utilized to design Expeditions, which are in depth studies of compelling topics over an extended period of time. 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

Class sizes range between 22-27 students per class. A curriculum focused on hands-on science, literacy and math standards is integrated into learning experiences based on each student's natural curiosity and ability to learn. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing, self-assessments and presentations of learning, as well as required state assessments and district goals for achievement, are used to assess student progress.

1905 Orchard Place  
Fort Collins 80521

**Principal:** Joe Gawronski

**Grades:** 6 - 12

**Colors:** Blue & silver

**Mascot:** Penguin

**Phone:** 970-488-8260

**Fax:** 970-488-8262

**Web:** <http://polarisels.weebly.com/>

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 10 years

**Teacher education level:** 56% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

## Poudre School District Global Academy

"Educating global students in a local community!"



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**GLOBAL ACADEMY**  
— PIONEERS —

703 East Prospect Road  
Fort Collins 80525

**Principal:** Heather Hiebsch

**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:** 5 years

**Teacher education level:** 42% 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.



# Liberty Common School

*"Common Knowledge. Common Virtues. Common Sense."*

## History and Culture

Liberty Common School is one of three 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.

## 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 thinking skills, unique to each discipline. They're taught to apply discernment to knowledge.

**High School (9-11) programs** prepare all graduates to thrive in college. Liberty Common High School (LCHS) 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 is 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](http://www.libertycommon.org) and available for inspection.

## Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities and social opportunity at Liberty match the high academic expectations of its students with accomplished teams in soccer, volleyball, baseball, track & field and basketball.

### Liberty Common School (K-6)

1725 Sharp Point Drive  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

**Principal:** Casey Churchill

**Phone:** 970-482-9800

### Liberty Common High School (7th -12th)

2745 Minnesota Drive  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

**Principal:** Bob Schaffer

**Phone:** 970-672-5500

**Colors:** Blue & white

**Mascot:** Eagle

**Enrollment:** 840

**Web:** [www.libertycommon.org](http://www.libertycommon.org)



# Mountain Sage Community School

*"Cultivating the Creative Mind."*

## History and Culture

Mountain Sage Community School opened in 2013 as the newest of three district authorized charter schools in the Poudre School District. 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 3-5 week blocks. From these units of study children create their own books/portfolios. Classrooms are organized for hands-on learning in order to provide a rich learning environment that nurtures the whole child.

2310 E. Prospect Rd, Suite A  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

**Principal:** Liv Helmericks

**Grades:** K-5; will be K-8 by 2016

**Enrollment:** 192

**Phone:** 970-568-5456

**Fax:** 970-482-1803

**Web:** [www.mountainsagecommunityschool.org](http://www.mountainsagecommunityschool.org)

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 8.5 years

**Teacher education level:** 33% of teachers hold graduate level degrees

# Ridgeview Classical Schools

*"A classical education for modern times."*

1800 South Lemay Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

**Principal:** Derek Anderson

**Grades:** K - 12

**Enrollment:** 775

**Phone:** 970-494-4620

**Fax:** 970-494-4625

**Web:** [www.ridgeviewclassical.com](http://www.ridgeviewclassical.com)

**Staff average years teaching experience:** 10 years

**Teacher education level:**

50% of teachers hold graduate level degrees



## 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

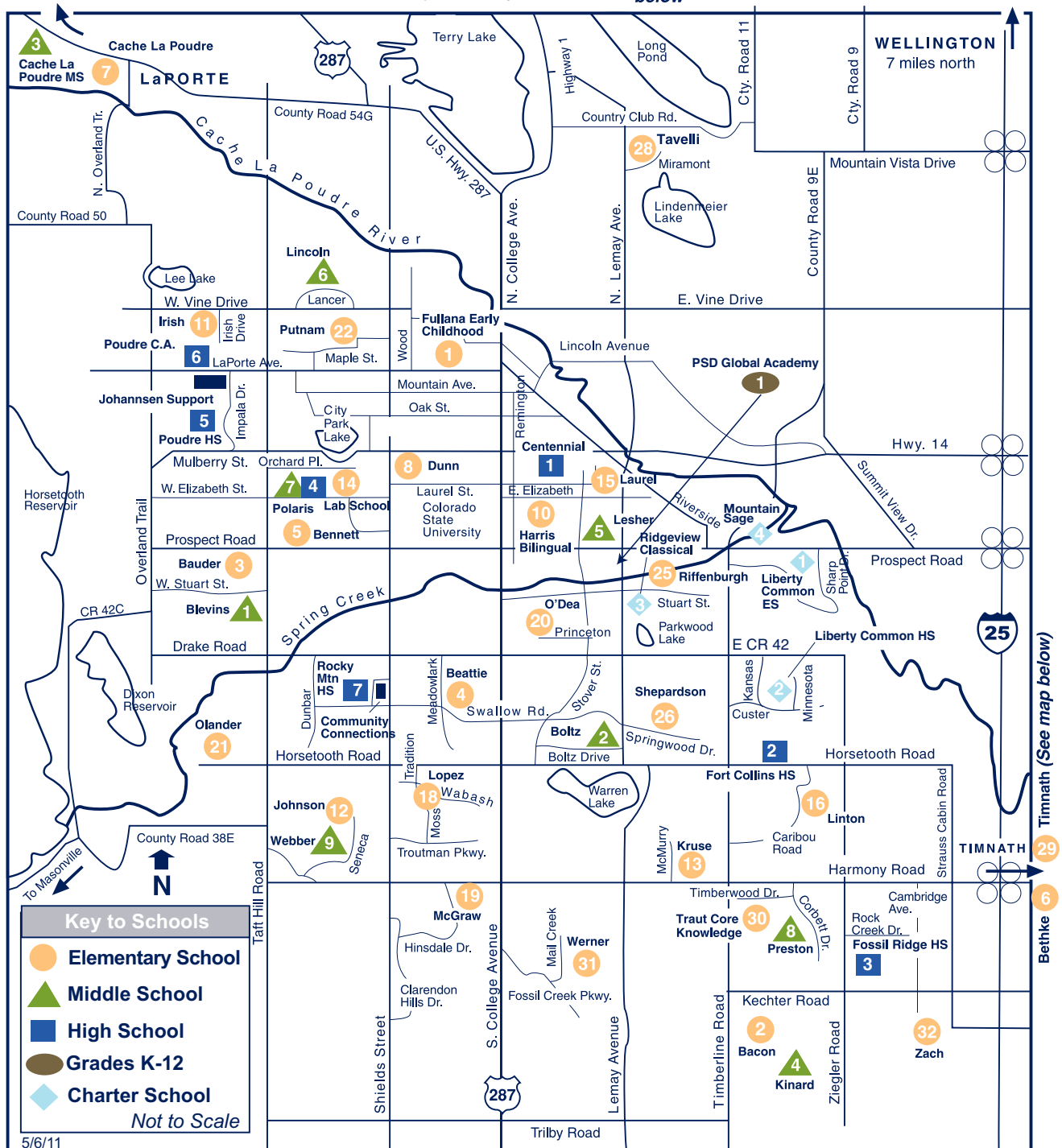
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17 Livermore, LIVERMORE 23 Red Feather, RED FEATHER LAKES 27 Stove Prairie, BELLVUE

## Wellington Schools

See map below

10 Wellington 9 Eyestone 24 Rice



## 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.

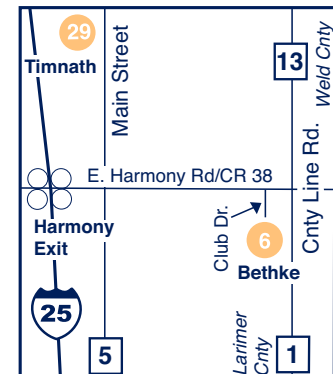
**Red Feather:** Take US-287 N to Laramie, WY (Laporte Bypass); go 16.5 miles to Livermore. Turn left on Red Feather Lakes Road (CR 74E); continue 24 miles; turn slight right onto CR 73C (Creedmore Lakes Road); go .5 miles to school site.

**Stove Prairie:** Take US-287 N, stay straight to go onto CR-54G/Old US 287. Turn left on CR-52E/Rist Canyon Road. Go 13.2 miles to school site.

## Wellington Schools



## Timnath Schools



## Early Childhood

- 1 Fullana Early Childhood .... 490-3204

## 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 (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 Lab School for  
 Creative Learning ..... 488-8260  
 15 Laurel School of Arts &  
 Technology..... 488-5925  
 16 Linton..... 488-5850  
 17 Livermore ..... 488-6520  
 18 Lopez..... 488-8800  
 19 McGraw, IB World School.. 488-8335  
 20 O'Dea Core Knowledge ..... 488-4450  
 21 Olander School for Project-  
 Based Learning ..... 488-8410  
 22 Putnam School of  
 Science..... 488-7700  
 23 Red Feather ..... 488-6550  
 24 Rice ..... 488-8700  
 25 Riffenburgh ..... 488-7935  
 26 Shepardson ..... 488-4525  
 27 Stove Prairie ..... 488-6575

- 28 Tavelli ..... 488-6725  
 29 Timnath..... 488-6825  
 30 Traut Core Knowledge ..... 488-7500  
 31 Werner ..... 488-5550  
 32 Zach Core Knowledge ..... 488-5100

## Middle Schools

- 1 Blevins..... 488-4000  
 2 Boltz..... 472-3700  
 3 Cache La Poudre ..... 488-7400  
 4 Kinard Core Knowledge ... 488-5400  
 5 Leshar, IB World School .... 472-3800  
 6 Lincoln, IB World School ... 488-5700  
 7 Polaris Expeditionary  
 Learning 6-12..... 488-8260  
 8 Preston..... 488-7300  
 9 Webber..... 488-7800  
 10 Wellington ..... 488-6600

## High Schools

- 1 Centennial ..... 488-4940  
 2 Fort Collins ..... 488-8021  
 3 Fossil Ridge ..... 488-6260  
 4 Polaris Expeditionary  
 Learning 6-12..... 488-8260  
 5 Poudre ..... 488-6000  
 6 Poudre Community  
 Academy..... 490-3295  
 7 Rocky Mountain ..... 488-7023

## K-12 Online Options

- 1 PSD Global Academy..... 490-3086

## Charter Schools

- 1 Liberty Common Elem ..... 482-9800  
 2 Liberty Common HS..... 672-5500  
 3 Ridgeview Classical ..... 494-4620  
 4 Mountain Sage ..... 568-5456

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- Administrative Offices..... 482-7420  
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 Elementary..... 490-3302  
 Asst. Superintendent,  
 Secondary ..... 490-3201  
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