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**Mission Statement**

To educate Jewish students through an integrated secular and Jewish studies program, to thrive in college and beyond and act ethically and purposefully in the world.

Denver Jewish Day School (Denver JDS) serves students, regardless of race, color, national origin, gender or physical abilities, and without regard to the financial abilities of families insofar as the physical and financial resources of the school allow.

**School History**

Denver Jewish Day School (formerly Herzl/RMHA) was formed in 1999 when Theodor Herzl Jewish Day School (grades K-6) and Rocky Mountain Hebrew Academy (grades 7-12, established 1979) merged. Denver Jewish Day School is currently the largest Jewish day school in the Rocky Mountain region with close to 350 students in kindergarten through grade 12. The school provides a high quality college preparatory and Judaic education, and 98% of its graduates have pursued college educations.

**Enrollment**

Grades K-5	193
Grades 6-8	63
Grades 9-12	76
Total Student Body	332
Class of 2019	18

**Faculty**

Lower Division Faculty Members – 35  
 Upper Division Faculty Members – 35  
 (Average class size of 13)  
 50% of faculty hold advanced degrees

**Accreditation**

Association of Colorado Independent Schools (ACIS)

**Memberships**

NAIS, NACAC, CHSAA (Colorado High School Activities Association), Colorado Council of High School and College Relations and Prizmah (Center for Jewish Day School)

## College Entrance Exam Averages

Year	# Of Students	SAT Critical Reading	SAT Math	ACT Composite
2014	18	665	680	25
2015	19	682	634	27
2016	20	690	657	25
2017	19	695	670	27
2018	24	640	600	27

## National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

Class	Finalists	Semi Finalist	Commended	Total Students
2014	1		1	18
2015	1		-	19
2016	1		-	20
2017	1		1	19
2018				24
2019				18

## AP Scholar Awards

Class	AP Scholars	% Of Class Earning AP Award
2014	7	39%
2015	10	50%
2016	6	30%
2017	8	42%
2018	8	24%
2019	2 as Juniors	Not Yet Determined

## Advanced Placement courses available to the Class of 2019

Calculus AB & BC, United States History, European History, Macro Economics, English Language, English Literature, and Statistics.

## Graduation with Distinction in Judaic Studies

'Honors' designates courses in the Judaic Studies Program that have a greater requirement of academic rigor, and/or a greater challenge of textual skills in Hebrew and Aramaic. A student may earn Graduation with Distinction in Judaic Studies by taking 8 semesters of Honors Judaic Studies courses and earning an average of A- (3.5 GPA) in all of these Judaic Studies courses.

## Graduation with Distinction in Tzedek

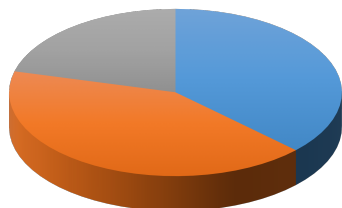
Graduation with Distinction in Tzedek (justice and service learning) requires four semesters of additional honors coursework, a capstone project detailing a service project completed in the student's junior/senior year, and significant leadership in the field of advocacy and volunteer work.

## Grade Point Average

The GPA is cumulative and calculated from the beginning of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. GPA is based on a 4.0 scale with no additional weight given to Honors or Advanced Placement classes. Class rank is not computed because of small class size. A traditional A-F grading scale is used.

## GPA Distribution Class of 2018

39%  
44%  
17%



■ 3.7-4.0  
■ 3.3-3.68  
■ 2.9-3.2

## GPA Scale

A +, A	4.0	C	2.0
A-	3.7	C-	1.7
B+	3.3	D+	1.3
B	3.0	D	1.0
B-	2.7	D-	.7
C+	2.3	F	0

## Experiential Learning

Grade	Purpose	Length	Place
Grade 6	Outdoor Learning	3 Days	Snow Mtn, Granby, Colo
Grade 7	Urban Service	2 Days	Denver, Colorado
Grade 8	American Studies/Southwest Cultural Experience	5 Days	Durango, Colorado
Grade 9	Jewish Cultural Experience	5 Days	Los Angeles, California
Grade 10	Hebrew Immersion Program	5 Weeks	Israel
Grade 11	Panim Program (Civics and Jewish Leadership Training)	5 Days	Washington, DC
Grade 12	Senior Development Program*	2-3 Weeks	Denver, Colorado
Grades 6-12	Color War: Leadership training through athletic, artistic, performance and academic competitions	1 Week	Denver, Colorado

\*All seniors participate in this experiential learning program focusing on life lessons, the work world and community service with a kickoff trip to Seattle focusing on leadership.

All high school students are required to complete 18 hours of annual community service. Over 70% of students participate in team sports (volleyball, soccer, basketball or baseball).

## Academic Course Sequence

Sequences for the Class of 2019's dual curriculum are listed below. Many classes are taught at an advanced level, but this is not indicated on transcript. Students can supplement the graduation requirements with electives. It is possible to study Spanish as an elective for two years. Most classes meet for 210 minutes weekly. The majority of required classes are two semesters. Students are required to enroll in seven academic classes each semester. All science classes are lab based.

Graduation Requirements	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English 8 Semesters	English 9	American Literature and Composition	Language/Rhetoric AP Option	English Literature and Composition AP Option
Social Studies 8 Semesters	World History	US History AP Option	European History AP Option	Macro Economics AP Option History Thru Lit.
Math 8 Semesters	Algebra I Honors Geometry Geometry	Intro to Pre Calculus Geometry Honors Algebra II	Honors Pre Calculus Algebra II	College Algebra AP Statistics AP Calculus AB/BC Pre Calculus Computer Science
Science 8 Semesters (Lab Based)	Biology	Chemistry	Physics MB, Forensics, Phys of Air/Water Phys of Light/Sound Phys of Sport Honors Electricity & Electrochemistry (Honors E & E) Honors Bio Chemistry	Forensics, Astronomy, Honors Psychology Phys of Light/Sound Phys of Air/Water Physics of Sports Honors E & E Honors Bio Chemistry
Hebrew 8 Semesters	Lit Lev 1 Basic Intermediate Advanced	Lit Level 2 Basic Intermediate Advanced	Lit Level 3 Intermediate Advanced Honors	Lit Level 4 Intermediate Advanced Honors
Judaic Studies 16 Semesters	Various Judaic requirements & electives	Various Judaic requirements & electives	Various Judaic requirements & electives	Various Judaic requirements & electives
Phy. Education 4 Semesters	Physical Education	Physical Education		

## **College Placement**

The goal of the school is to facilitate a good match between the interests and talents of the students with the colleges they will attend. Approximately 10-20% of students attend a GAP year program in Israel including Nativ, Young Judea, Kivunim, Bar Ilan and Yeshiva study at Shalavim, Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim, Machon Maayan and Lev Ha Torah.

## **College Matriculation Classes of 2007-2018**

<b>American Jewish University</b>	<b>Trinity College</b>
<b>American University</b>	<b>Tufts University</b>
<b>Bard College</b>	<b>Tulane University</b>
<b>Barnard College</b>	<b>University of Arizona</b>
<b>Berklee College of Music</b>	<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>
<b>Boston University</b>	<b>University of Chicago</b>
<b>Bowdoin College</b>	<b>University of Colorado, Boulder</b>
<b>Brandeis University</b>	<b>University of Colorado, Denver</b>
<b>Bucknell University</b>	<b>University of Denver</b>
<b>California Institute of Technology</b>	<b>University of Hartford</b>
<b>Carleton College</b>	<b>University of Kansas</b>
<b>Colorado College</b>	<b>University of Maryland</b>
<b>Colorado State University</b>	<b>University of Massachusetts</b>
<b>Columbia/Jewish Theological Seminary</b>	<b>University of Michigan</b>
<b>Cornell University</b>	<b>University of Minnesota</b>
<b>Dartmouth College</b>	<b>University of Missouri</b>
<b>Denison University</b>	<b>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill</b>
<b>Eckerd College</b>	<b>University of Northern Colorado</b>
<b>Elon University</b>	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>
<b>Embry Riddle Aeronautical University</b>	<b>University of Rochester</b>
<b>Emory University</b>	<b>University of Southern California</b>
<b>Fort Lewis College</b>	<b>University of Texas</b>
<b>Georgetown University</b>	<b>University of Vermont</b>
<b>George Washington University</b>	<b>University of Virginia</b>
<b>Goucher College</b>	<b>University of Washington</b>
<b>Hebrew University</b>	<b>University of Wisconsin</b>
<b>Hofstra University</b>	<b>Vassar College</b>
<b>Indiana University</b>	<b>Washington University</b>
<b>Lehigh University</b>	<b>Wentworth Institute of Technology</b>
<b>Lewis and Clark College</b>	<b>Yeshiva University</b>
<b>Linfield College</b>	
<b>Metropolitan State College</b>	
<b>Muhlenberg College</b>	
<b>New York University</b>	
<b>Oberlin College</b>	
<b>Ohio State University</b>	
<b>Oxford College of Emory University</b>	
<b>Pratt Institute</b>	
<b>Purdue University</b>	
<b>Rutgers University</b>	
<b>Saint John's College</b>	
<b>Simpson College</b>	
<b>Stanford University</b>	
<b>Stern College</b>	
<b>Swarthmore College</b>	
<b>Syracuse University</b>	
<b>Texas State University</b>	