



SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-2020

MISSION

We edify and inspire students and educators to grow, learn and lead.

VALUES

Be Kind. Do Good. Work Hard.
Make The World Better.

ACCREDITATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

ACIS

AdvancED Top Scoring School

Colorado Environmental Leadership (Bronze)

National Wildlife Federation Certified

Schoolyard Habitat

Green Ribbon School (in process)

AT-A-GLANCE

Aspen Academy in Greenwood Village, Colorado, is a national leader in innovative education. Through internationally acclaimed academics and the nation's first integrated Pre-K through 8th grade leadership and entrepreneurial development program, our students are empowered to lead purposeful and extraordinary lives.

ABOUT OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

- 400 students across 10 grades
- 10% students receive financial aid
- Maximum class size by division:
 - Pre-kindergarten - 12
 - Lower School - 16
 - Middle School - 18
- Student/Teacher ratio is 8:1
- We serve families from 35 zip codes
- Tuition assistance available for families with demonstrated need
- Strong parental involvement in Aspen Academy community

MIDDLE SCHOOL AT ASPEN ACADEMY

Our academics, partnered with a focused leadership development sequence, prepare students for the most demanding secondary schools. Students thrive as they build lasting relationships with peers and teachers through small class sizes and a community focus. Aspen Academy intentionally and consistently cultivates:

- Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving
- Collaboration Across Networks
- Agility and Adaptability
- Initiative and Entrepreneurial Mind-set
- Effective Oral and Written Communication
- Accessing and Analyzing Information
- Curiosity and Imagination

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

By the time they graduate, our students will have developed the academic strength, character, and confidence to meet life's future challenges in an ever-changing world. An Aspen Academy graduate is:

- Goal-orientated and purpose-driven
- Eager to embrace the next learning opportunity
- Technologically adept and creative in their pursuit of complex problems
- Committed to acquiring knowledge not just for school, but for life
- Inquisitive and intellectually independent
- Committed to enacting on the promise to be kind, do good, and make the world better.
- Able to lead and influence others
- Passionate about and cognizant of his or her mental, artistic and physical aptitude and abilities and how to cultivate them.
- Able to have fierce conversations with integrity and poise
- Empowered to face challenges with resistance and grit
- Compassionate and empathic, with a globally-minded approach toward others
- Inclusive and culturally competent
- Always mindful that relationships matter
- A companion of those whose voices are not being heard
- Aware of the interconnectedness within their own community

OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY

9,600

approximate number of students our Middle School faculty have taught in their cumulative careers

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

86%

READING at or above grade level (DRA/QRI Internal Assessments)

96%

Students at or above grade level in MATH (ACT Aspire)

96%

Students at or above grade level in ENGLISH (ACT Aspire)

2018-2019 SERVICE LEARNING

7,000 hours of service learning

\$2,500 funds raised and donated from Dress Down Dollar Days

24+ organizations served

OUR ALUMNI

56 universities attended to-date, across 25 states and 3 countries.

2 students have been awarded the prestigious Carson Scholarship, a national award that recognizes the academic excellence, humanitarianism, and community service of students in grades 4-11.

WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING...

"I wanted to send all of you a sincere thank you and note of gratitude as our daughter completes her first year of high school.

The foundation that you built towards her education was invaluable...she read through the Odyssey like it was a 5th grade reader and enjoyed it. She referred to the skills you provided her during her **Language Arts** class this fall as her freshman teacher continued to drill them on poem writing and papers...

She often complained how easy her **Social Studies** class was this Spring semester...and breezed through her exams as well as developed a civic action plan... She said her foundation at Aspen set her up for success

She aced **Biology** in one semester, and is onto Chemistry and AP Biology next year. ...**The leadership skills she gained from Aspen are beyond expectations....**thank you for being such a significant part of our daughter's education. **You gave her the tools to shine as her true self now and into the future."**

- Parent of Aspen Academy Alum (May, 2019)

OUR GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019

42 students who attend 12 different high schools in 3 different states, including: Arapahoe High School, Brentwood High School (TN), Cherry Creek High School, Colorado Academy, Denver School of the Arts, Heritage High School, Kent Denver High School, Mullen High School, Regis Jesuit High School, Saint Mary's Academy, South High School, The Taft School (CT), and Valor Christian High School.

LEADERSHIP, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, & CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

For the past 10 years, 8th grade students have graduated with a viable, individual business venture. Many of those businesses are often focused on non-profit work and causes of social impact in the greater community. To-date, 309 personal businesses from our graduates are making a positive impact on surrounding communities, including:

- **Team Up Athletes:** a non-profit started by now alum, Tucker Shearn to raise awareness on depression in teenagers and generate action towards suicide prevention.
- **Tuber:** an app developed by alum, Parker Durand that provided affordable on demand tutoring services and generated funds for donation to JDRF in support of research for Type 1 Diabetes in youth.
- **Harp from the Heart:** a non-profit therapeutic music company founded by student harpist, Kaila Davidson, that provides musical therapy to those in need.
- **Rudspice:** a spice business founded by Emily Rudnick, winner of the 2018 YouthBiz Stars Competition from Young Americans Bank.