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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 education.

Enrollment

Grades K-5 190
 Grades 6-8 75
 Grades 9-12 57
 Total Student Body 322
 Class of 2022 17

Faculty

Lower Division Faculty Members – 34
 Upper Division Faculty Members – 32
 (Average class size of 15)
 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
2017	19	695	670	27
2018	24	640	600	27
2019	18	610	565	26
2020	16	621	617	26
2021	23	589	565	27

AP Scholar Awards

Class	AP Scholars	% Of Class Earning AP Award
2017	8	42%
2018	8	24%
2019	4	22%
2020	4	25%
2021	5	22%
2022	1 as a Junior	Not yet Determined

Advanced Placement courses available to the Class of 2022

Calculus AB, Calculus BC, United States History, European History, Macro Economics, English Language, English Literature, Computer Science 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- (3.7 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.

Graduation with Distinction in Spanish

A student may earn Graduation with Distinction in Spanish by passing 8 semesters of Spanish. Spanish would be the third language taken at our school. English and Hebrew are both required throughout high school.

Grade Point Average

The GPA is cumulative and calculated from the beginning of the 9th 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 2022



3.8-4.0	5	29%
3.5-3.79	5	29%
3.1-3.49	6	35%
2.7-3.09	1	6%

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	Ranch Camp, Elbert, CO
Grade 7	Urban Service	3 Days	Granby, Colorado
Grade 8	American Studies/Southwest Cultural Experience	4 Days	Durango, Colorado
Grade 9	Jewish Cultural Experience	5 Days	Los Angeles, California
Grade 10	Hebrew Immersion Program	5 Weeks	Israel
Grade 12	Senior Development Program* Senior Class Trip	2-3 Weeks 5 Days	Denver, Colorado Seattle, Washington (this trip may be cancelled this year due to COVID)
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 2022's dual curriculum are listed below. Many classes are taught at an advanced level, but this is not indicated on transcripts. Students can supplement the graduation requirements with electives. It is possible to study Spanish as an elective for four 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 laboratory 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 6 Semesters	World History	US History AP Option	European History AP Option	Macro Economics AP Option Theories of Justice Hons. World Religions
Math 8 Semesters	Algebra I Honors Algebra I Honors Geometry Geometry	Honors Pre-Calculus Geometry Honors Algebra II	Pre-Calculus Algebra II	Pre-Calculus Calculus AP Calculus AB/BC Statistics (AP Option)
Science 6 Semesters	Biology	Chemistry	Math Based Physics, Forensics,	Astronomy, Physics of Light/Sound,

(Laboratory Based)			Phys of Air/Water, Honors Biochemistry, Advanced Genetics	Physics of Sports Honors Biochemistry, Computer Science, AP Computer Science Advanced Genetics
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 & Electives 12 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 2009-2021

American Jewish University
 American University
 Bard College
 Barnard College
 Berklee College of Music
 Boston University
 Bowdoin College
 Bradley University
 Brandeis University
 Bucknell University
 California Institute of Technology
 Case Western Reserve
 Carleton College
 Colorado College
 Colorado School of Mines
 Colorado State University
 Columbia/Jewish Theological Seminary
 Cornell University
 Creighton University
 Dartmouth College
 Denison University
 Elon University
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emory University
 Fort Lewis College
 Georgetown University
 Goucher College
 Hebrew University
 Hofstra University
 Hult International School of Business
 Indiana University

Lehigh University
 Metropolitan State College
 Muhlenberg College
 New York University
 Northwestern University
 Ohio State University
 Oxford College of Emory University
 Pratt Institute
 Purdue University
 Rutgers University
 San Diego State University
 Simpson College
 Stanford University
 Stern College
 Swarthmore College
 Syracuse University
 Texas A&M
 Texas State University
 The George Washington University
 The New School
 Tufts University
 Tulane University
 University of Arizona
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of Chicago
 University of Colorado, Boulder
 University of Colorado, Denver
 University of Denver
 University of Hartford
 University of Hawaii
 University of Kansas

University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Northern Colorado
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rochester
University of Southern California
University of Texas
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Vassar College
Washington University in St. Louis
Yeshiva University