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Dear Parents & Guardians of Eighth Grade Students:

Adams 12 Five Star Schools is extremely proud of the variety of choices offered for quality, advanced academic programming available at each of its high schools. Our program offerings include the following range of options for your motivated students:

- Horizon HS: the **SOAR Honors** program is a four year, individualized & comprehensive program designed to enlighten, enrich and excite students and prepare leaders for success in the post-secondary setting. The SOAR program provides structure and support for high achieving students to prepare for college leadership. Contact Dawn Schafer 720.972.4457 or [dawn.schafer@adams12.org](mailto:dawn.schafer@adams12.org). <https://sites.google.com/adams12.org/hhssoar/>
- Legacy HS: the **Legacy 2000** program is a rigorous four-year program designed to develop the tangible and intangible skills and experiences that assist students interested in preparing themselves for a career involving mathematics, science, and technology. Contact Jason Cianfrance 720.972.6739 or [jason.cianfrance@adams12.org](mailto:jason.cianfrance@adams12.org) . <https://sites.google.com/a/adams12.org/l2k/home>
- Mountain Range HS: the **High School of Business™** program is an accelerated college program that prepares students to be leaders and competitors in our 21st Century Workplace and in our global society. The program prepares students to work in business and economics while working towards fluency in a World Language. Students in the program are dual enrolled in high school and college and have the opportunity to earn 21 college credits. Contact Lori Schaeffer 720.972.6332 or [lori.a.schaeffer@adams12.org](mailto:lori.a.schaeffer@adams12.org) and Hilary Wimmer 720-972-6477 or [hilary.wimmer@adams12.org](mailto:hilary.wimmer@adams12.org). <https://mountainrangehsb.org/>
- Northglenn HS:
  - o **STEM Pathways** program is a student-centered environment rich in questioning and inquiry, where students have frequent opportunities to apply engineering design and problem-solving processes to authentic, contextual problems. STEM Pathways include: Engineering and Biomedical Science. Contact Eric Hotz 720-972-4691 or [eric.e.hotz@adams12.org](mailto:eric.e.hotz@adams12.org) and Michael Cabibbo 720-972-4689 or [michael.cabibbo@adams12.org](mailto:michael.cabibbo@adams12.org). <http://northglennh.adams12.org/>
  - o **P-TECH at Northglenn STEM (EC@N-STEM)** program is an innovative partnership between Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Front Range Community College, and Lumen Technologies where students are able to earn a **free** associates degree in Computer Information Systems. Students begin in 9th grade and finish their degree at FRCC. As such, students graduate with both a high school diploma and an industry-recognized associate degree, in addition to gaining relevant workplace skills. Contact Todd Corn 720-972-4629 or [todd.corn@adams12.org](mailto:todd.corn@adams12.org). <http://northglennh.adams12.org>

- Thornton HS: the **International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma** exposes students to a rigorous, comprehensive global education while preparing students for a series of exams as juniors & seniors that can enable them to get up to a year's worth of university credit. Contact Kathleen Fuller 720-972-2843 or [Kathleen.P.Fuller@adams12.org](mailto:Kathleen.P.Fuller@adams12.org) <https://thorntonh.adams12.org>
- Five Star Online Academy: FSOA provides students with the opportunity to engage in a flexible, rigorous, and engaging learning experience right at a student's fingertips. Our expanded virtual model includes weekly face-to-face virtual classes, in-person learning labs, and in-person enrichment activities. We are proud to offer CP and AP courses at every level, to help students expand their learning in specific passion areas. Contact Adria Moersen Lamb at 720-972-7433 or [adria.m.moersen@adams12.org](mailto:adria.m.moersen@adams12.org). Website Address: <https://fivestaronline.adams12.org/>

All Adams 12 incoming 9th graders who reside within the Adams 12 boundaries are eligible to apply for all of the above programs, regardless of their attendance area boundaries. For the 2023-2024 school year, based on current enrollment, Legacy will not be accepting applications to their specialized programs from students who reside outside of the district. Northglenn High School will only accept applications from out-of-district students who attended one of our STEM K-8 schools. Horizon, Mountain Range and Thornton High Schools will accept applications from out-of-district students. As a result, families do not need to submit a choice application if applying directly to one of these specific programs.

We encourage you to get to know each of these programs better to determine the best fit for your child by attending the High School Information Nights on November 15 & 17. ( Each school will be presenting during each of the two sessions).

<b>6:30 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.</b>	<b>Session 1: School Presentation Session</b>
<b>7:20 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Session 2: School Presentation Session</b>

To make the application process more efficient for parents, we have common application deadlines for each program. These dates are as follows:

Nov. 2	Application process opens
Nov. 15 & 17	High School Information Night
Dec. 1	First round of Choice opens
Dec. 3	Last due date for all program applications (please check applications for specific due dates for each school's specialized program)
Jan. 25	All candidates will be notified of their acceptance to specialized programs
Jan. 31	First round of Choice closes
Feb. 16-17	Choice Notification letters mailed to families
Feb. 24	Accepted candidates must inform the schools' program offices of their decision to attend or not attend

After February 25, schools may begin selecting students from their wait lists if space is available. We hope this will simplify the application process for you and your child as you continue your educational journey through Adams 12 Five Star Schools.



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