



Extraordinary Education. Timeless Traditions. Inspired Lives.

Denver Jewish Day School
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Mission Statement

Our pluralistic Jewish community day school prepares and inspires Jewish students through an extraordinary secular and Judaic education to live purposefully, act ethically, and thrive 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.

Core Values

Kindness | Integrity | Curiosity | Community | Purpose

Profile of Our Students

- **Leadership.** Our students are leaders in our school and the community. As a smaller school with fewer clubs, students take initiative to create new clubs, lead the existing clubs, or take on roles in larger organizations outside of our school. They also go on to become leaders in college. Color War, Yearbook, and Shabbatons are sterling examples of ways seniors lead the school through extensive programs and legacy.
- **Love of learning.** Our students form close relationships with teachers and peers at school, as well as with college professors, and are comfortable taking initiative inside and outside of the classroom. They are curious learners and critical thinkers who actively seek knowledge by attending office hours regularly. Their love of learning is more about understanding the material and subject matter than just getting good grades.
- **Commitment to improving the world.** Our students uphold the Jewish values of repairing the world and commitment to community service to create positive change in the world. Our graduates have gone on to make a positive impact through empathy, compassion, philanthropy, helping professions, and volunteerism.

School History

Denver Jewish Day School (formerly Herzl/RMHA) was formed in 1999 when Theodor Herzl Jewish Day School (grades K-6, established 1975) and Rocky Mountain Hebrew Academy (grades 7-12, established 1978) merged. Denver JDS 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		Faculty	
Grades K - 5	169	Lower Division Faculty Members	35
Grades 6 - 8	81	Upper Division Faculty Members	34
Grades 9 - 12	75	(Average class size of 15)	
Total Student Body	325	50% of faculty hold advanced degrees	
Class of 2023	14		

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
2018	24	640	600	27
2019	18	610	565	26
2020	16	621	617	26
2021*	23	589	565	27
2022*	17	588	566	26

* Most students were unable to take the SAT/ACT or chose not to

AP Scholar Awards

Class	AP Scholars	% Of Class Earning AP Award
2018	8	24%
2019	4	22%
2020	4	25%
2021	5	22%
2022	8	47%
2023	2 as a Junior	Not yet Determined

Advanced Placement courses available to the Class of 2023

Calculus AB • Calculus BC • United States History • European History • Macroeconomics • English Language • English Literature • Statistics • Physics 1

Graduation with Distinction in Judaic Studies

The Honors designation for courses in the Judaic Studies Program are those 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

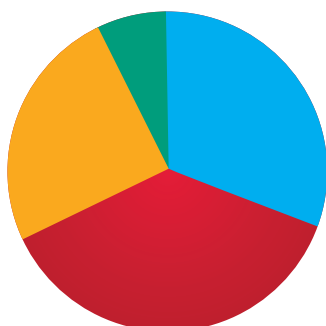
Graduation with Distinction in Tzedek (justice and service learning) is work over the required 18 hours of community service a year plus four semesters of additional honors coursework. During Junior and Senior year, students complete a capstone project that involves community service and significant 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 due to small class sizes. A traditional A-F grading scale is used.



GPA Distribution Class of 2023

GPA Range	Number of students	Percentage of students
3.8 - 4.0	4	31%
3.5 - 3.79	5	38%
3.1 - 3.49	3	23%
2.7 - 3.09	1	8%

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
6	Outdoor Learning	3 Days	Ranch Camp, Elbert, CO
7	Urban Service. Outdoor learning experience for 7th grade.	3 Days	Granby, Colorado
8	American Studies/Southwest Cultural Experience	4 Days	Durango, Colorado
9	Jewish Cultural Experience	4 Days	Los Angeles, California
10	Hebrew Immersion Program. Students create their own community, and bond with local Israeli students/live with families, & explore the country.	5 Weeks	Israel
11	US History and Government. Experience up close institutions of government and navigate a new place independently and grow their autonomy.	4 Days	Washington, DC
12	Senior Development Program. All seniors participate in this experiential learning program focusing on life lessons, the work world and community service with a kickoff trip to Seattle to gain leadership skills. There are networking opportunities to meet with alumni who have gone on to found major corporations (i.e. Snapchat), own successful businesses or are successful in other fields.	2-3 Days	Denver, CO
6-12	Color War. Our 6-12th graders work together to bring this experience to life! Seniors take the lead, providing leadership training through athletic, artistic, performance, and academic competitions.	1 Week	Denver, Colorado
7-12	Shabbaton. This senior-led camping trip includes tons of activities, including group bonding and activities developed specifically for boys and girls separately.	3 Days	Ranch Camp, Elbert, Colorado

Students are required to complete 18 hours of annual community service. Over 70% of students participate in team sports such as volleyball, soccer, basketball, or baseball.

Academic Course Sequence

Sequences for the Class of 2023's dual curriculum are listed below from least competitive to most competitive for each grade. Many classes are taught at an advanced level, but this is not indicated on transcripts. Students can supplement graduation requirements with electives. It is possible to study Spanish as an elective for four years. Most classes meet for 220 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	College Prep Language/ Rhetoric AP English Language and Composition	College Prep English Literature and Composition AP English Literature and Composition
Social Studies 6 Semesters*	World History	US History AP US History	European History AP European History	Theories of Justice Honors World Religions Macro Economics AP Macroeconomics
Math** 8 Semesters	Algebra 1 Geometry Honors Algebra 1 Honors Geometry	Geometry Honors Pre-Calculus Honors Algebra II	Pre-Calculus Algebra II	Pre-Calculus Calculus AP Calculus AB/BC Statistics AP Statistics
Science 6 Semesters****	Biolog	Chemistry	Physics of Light/Sound Physics of Sports Honors Biochemistry Advanced Genetics Honors Math Based Physics***	Computer Science Forensics Physics of Air/Water Honors Biochemistry Advanced Genetics AP Physics 1***
Hebrew 4-8 Semesters~	Novice Middle Novice High Intermediate Low	Novice High Intermediate Low Intermediate Middle	Intermediate Low Intermediate Middle Intermediate High	Intermediate Middle Intermediate High Advanced Low
Judaic Studies & Electives 12 Semesters♦	Various Judaic requirements & electives ♦	Various Judaic requirements & electives ♦	Various Judaic requirements & electives ♦	Various Judaic requirements & electives ♦

* Only Regular and AP classes, not Honors (outside of Honors World Religion)

** Honors math is a much faster-pace class and is taken a level above their current grade (ex. 9th grade honors algebra is actually 10th grade level algebra)

*** Among the most challenging classes offered. As of Aug. 2022, Honors Math Based Physics is now AP Physics, 11th grade students that took Honors Math Based Physics are not eligible to take AP Physics in 12th grade.

**** There are 8 single-semester classes, which can take 2-4 semesters (1-2 years) of coursework. Two of the courses must be Physics.

~ ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Proficiency Guidelines determine the Hebrew level

♦ There are several honors classes, but not all are honors-level classes. This changes in 10th grade. Students in honors Judaic classes have higher thresholds for grades at a more rigorous level than regular Judaics classes.

College Placement

It is our goal to align student interests and talents with the colleges they will attend. Approximately 10-20% of our students attend a GAP year program in Israel including: Year Course, Kivunim, Aardvark, Bar Ilan, Keshet Yehuda and Yeshiva study.

College Matriculation Classes of 2010-2022

American Jewish University	High Point University	Los Angeles
American University	Hofstra University	University of Chicago
Bard College	Hult International School of Business	University of Colorado, Boulder
Barnard College	Indiana University	University of Colorado, Denver
Berklee College of Music	Lehigh University	University of Denver
Boston University	Metropolitan State College	University of Hartford
Bowdoin College	Muhlenberg College	University of Hawaii
Bradley University	New York University	University of Kansas
Brandeis University	Northwestern University	University of Maryland
Bridgewater State University	Ohio State University	University of Massachusetts
Bucknell University	Oxford College of Emory University	University of Miami
California Institute of Technology	Pratt Institute	University of Michigan
Carleton College	Purdue University	University of Minnesota
Case Western Reserve	Rutgers University	University of Missouri
Colorado College	San Diego State University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Colorado School of Mines	Simpson College	University of Northern Colorado
Colorado State University	Stanford University	University of Pennsylvania
Columbia/Jewish Theological Seminary	Stern College	University of Rochester
Cornell University	Swarthmore College	University of Southern California
Creighton University	Syracuse University	University of Texas
Dartmouth College	Texas A&M	University of Vermont
Denison University	Texas State University	University of Virginia
Elon University	The George Washington University	University of Washington
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	The New School	University of Wisconsin
Emory University	Trinity University	Vassar College
Fort Lewis College	Tufts University	Washington University in St. Louis
Georgetown University	Tulane University	Yeshiva University
Goucher College	University of Arizona	
Hebrew University	University of California,	

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