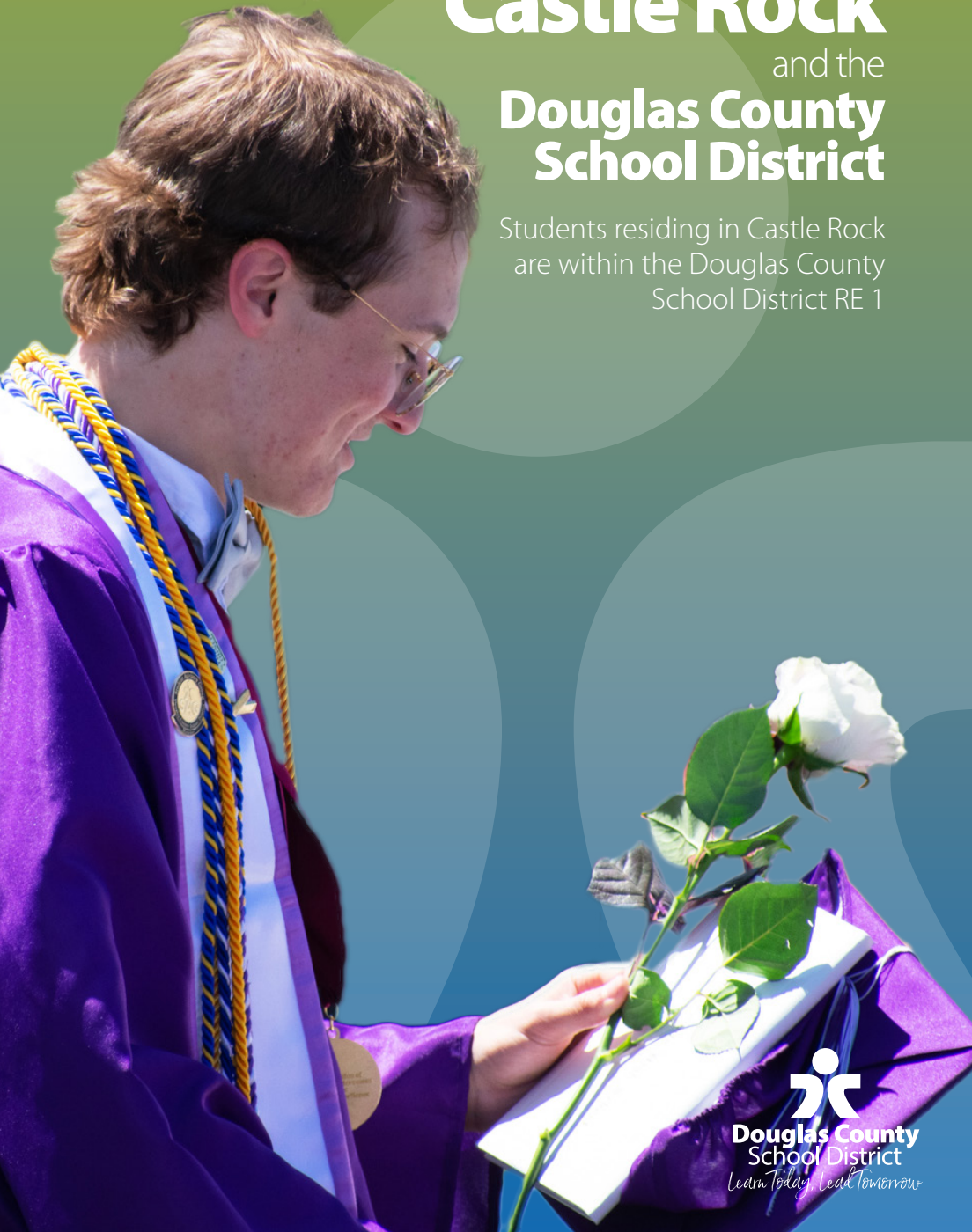


Castle Rock

and the

Douglas County School District

Students residing in Castle Rock
are within the Douglas County
School District RE 1



**Douglas County
School District**
Learn Today. Lead Tomorrow.

For 65 years, the Douglas County School District (DCSD) has strived to provide innovative educational approaches tailored to every student. Here in Castle Rock, DCSD has two school feeders: the Castle View High School feeder, and the Douglas County High School feeder, each featuring amazing middle school, elementary school and preschool offerings across the Castle Rock area.

Castle Rock families can access the educational options within our schools that best meet their students' needs. DCSD schools offer a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where students can discover their strengths and talents and develop their unique potential.

Programs include:

- **College and Career Readiness**
- **Honors and Advanced Placement Offerings**
- **Concurrent Enrollment** (students earn college credits while in high school)
- **Career and Technical Education** (preparing students to enter the workforce directly after graduation)
- A variety of **sports, clubs and extracurricular activities**
- **Advanced Education** (such as gifted and talented programs)
- **Special education** and related services in alignment with the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Colorado's Exceptional Children's Education Act (ECEA)
- **Early Childhood Education/Preschool**
- **Before and After School Enterprise (B.A.S.E.)**
- **Parent engagement** committees and programs

Quick Facts

- **Number of Public Schools in Castle Rock - 21**
- **Number of students enrolled in Castle Rock schools (PreK-12) - 13,577**

Douglas County School District is one of Castle Rock's Largest Employers

- **# of DCSD employees who work in Castle Rock - 3,577**
 - **# of DCSD Teachers who work in Castle Rock schools - 963**

Many Douglas County School District Teachers and Staff are also Castle Rock Residents

- **# of Douglas County School District employees who are Castle Rock residents - 2,023**

High-Quality Schools Benefit Our Community

- Provides High-Quality Education for Castle Rock Children
- Keeps Our Home Values Strong
- Builds the Future Workforce for Our Community
- Attracts Businesses to Castle Rock - Provides Jobs and Economic Growth
- Serves as a Hub for Community Events and Gatherings

Award-Winning Schools in Castle Rock

2022 John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award Recipients

- Academy Charter School

2022 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award Recipients

- Castle Rock Elementary
- Flagstone Elementary
- Sage Canyon Elementary
- Soaring Hawk Elementary
- World Compass Academy

Career and Technical Education Programs in Castle Rock High Schools



- **Castle View High School:**
Business and Marketing,
Broadcast Journalism, Information
Technology, Coding, Network
Security, Web Design, STEM /
Engineering, Theater Tech



- **Douglas County High School:**
Agriculture/Natural Resource
Management, Business and
Marketing, Construction, Family
and Consumer Studies (FACS),
Education, Interior and Fashion
Design, Hospitality and Foods,
Multimedia and Photo, Vehicle
Maintenance / Automotive

A Potential MLO/Bond Benefits Our Town

Additional funding to the Douglas County School District via potential future Mill Levy Overrides and Bond initiatives benefit our town in many ways. For example:

- Provide more competitive pay for teachers and staff, so that Castle Rock keeps its high-quality educators here in our community.
- Increase and maintain school security support such as School Resource Officers, and implement school safety and security upgrades.
- Provide additional Career and Technical Education opportunities for students.
- Keep Castle Rock school buildings safe and adequate for students and staff, and increase capacity to reduce overcrowding.

Additional Bond funding would enable DCSD to build a new elementary school in the Crystal Valley neighborhood and an expansion at Mesa Middle School.

Douglas County School District Funding Needs in Castle Rock

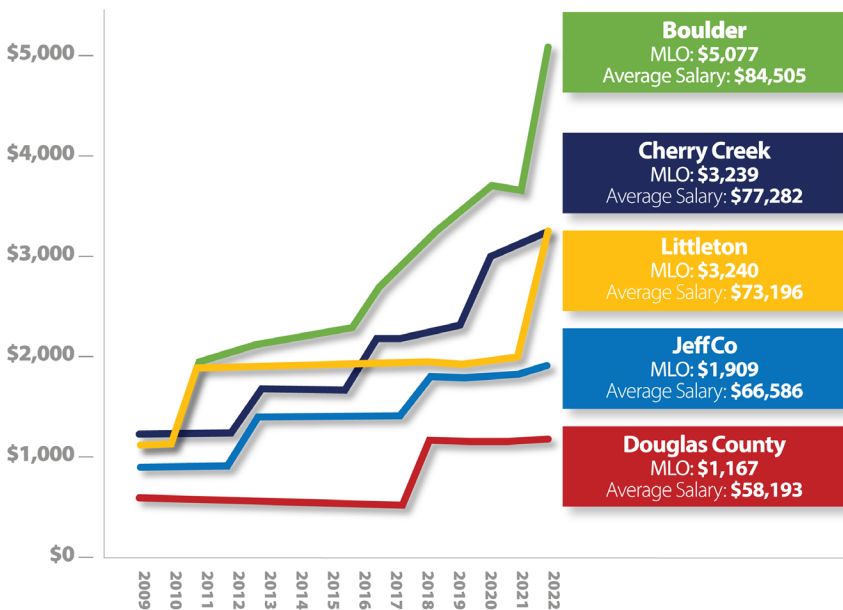
When Home Values Go Up Does School Funding Automatically Increase?

- An increase in local funding due to economic growth and rising property taxes does **NOT** provide our schools with more money, it just means the state contributes less.

Mill Levy Overrides (MLO)

Each school district can request additional local funding through a local Mill Levy Override (MLO). This funding is generally used for operations, including salaries, staffing, and student programming. A potential 2023 MLO for the Douglas County School District would provide teachers and staff in every Castle Rock public school (neighborhood and charter) with more competitive pay and would provide more security (including School Resource Officers) in Castle Rock schools.

Because other school districts in the Denver Metro area have continuously passed voter-approved local measures to increase their funding, our school district now receives \$2,000 less per student than Cherry Creek School District and Littleton Public Schools (equivalent to a gap of \$130 million per year).



*MLO per student is total MLO divided by funded pupil count; Average teacher salaries are from CDE data for the 2021-2022 school year.

Per Colorado Department of Education, Douglas County School District's General Administration Spending Per Student is \$63 vs. \$149 in Littleton Public Schools and \$189 in Denver Public Schools.

Bonds

Local voter-approved general obligation bonds are used by school districts for capital needs such as constructing new school buildings or additions to existing school buildings, facility repairs and upgrades, security upgrades, classroom equipment, buses, and technology.

How Castle Rock Schools would benefit from additional funding:

- **New Elementary School for Crystal Valley**
- **Mesa Middle School Expansion.** Other improvements to Mesa Middle include: Upgrade control system • Upgrade fire alarm system • Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace generator and associated equipment • Re-support gas piping • Replace sink countertops • Recaulk expansion joints • Reseal CMU • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff
- **Academy Charter School:** Replace exhaust fans • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Additional security support
- **Aspen View Academy:** Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Additional security support
- **Castle Rock Elementary:** Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace generator and associated equipment • Replace ceramic tile floor with MMA • Replace original ceramic tile with poured acrylic • Replace gym carpet • Replace VCT • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Castle Rock Middle School:** Replace boiler(s) • Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace kitchen flooring • Upgrade strand controller • Recaulk control joints • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff
- **Castle View High School:** Install new IP intercom system for building • Upgrade lighting and sound systems • Re-seal CMU, recaulk control joints • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff
- **Cherry Valley Elementary:** Replace carpet in all buildings, including modular classrooms • Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace kitchen flooring • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Clear Sky Elementary:** Upgrade control system • Upgrade fire alarm system • Install new IP intercom system for building • Recaulk expansion joints Reseal CMU • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Daniel C. Oakes High School:** Replace carpet • Replace generator and associated equipment • Replace condensing units • Install new IP intercom system for building • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff
- **Douglas County High School:** Resurface stadium track • Install new IP intercom system for main building • Install new IP intercom system for south building • Upgrade lighting and sound systems • Upgrade auditorium theatrical equipment to be comparable with other high schools • Replace generator and associated equipment • Replace poured acrylic flooring in all south building restrooms • Replace ceramic tile flooring in two sets of restrooms at 2 story addition • South 100A Stage/Dance, replace damaged curtain and track system • South 104B Office, 50, 50B, 53B, 66A remove and replace VCT beyond life • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff
- **Early Childhood Center South:** Upgrade fire alarm system • Install new IP intercom system for building • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff

- **Flagstone Elementary:** Replace carpet • Upgrade chiller • Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace cooling tower • Replace generator and associated equipment • Recaulk building control joints Seal CMU • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Larkspur Elementary:** Replace boiler(s) • Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace panels and transformers not yet replaced • Replace main switchgear • Replace ceramic tile with MMA • Replace trough washing stations with sinks (2) • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Meadow View Elementary:** Install new IP intercom system for building • Resurface asphalt parking lot • Replace cooling tower • Replace playground asphalt play pad • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Renaissance Elementary Magnet School:** Install new IP intercom system for building • Resurface restroom countertops • Repair cracks in walls • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Renaissance Secondary School:** • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Additional security support.
- **Rock Ridge Elementary:** Replace carpet • Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace kitchen flooring • Replace gym carpet • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Sage Canyon Elementary:** Upgrade control system • Upgrade fire alarm system • Install new IP intercom system for building • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Sedalia Elementary:** Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace unit heaters at entries • Replace red ceramic tile in hallway • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Soaring Hawk Elementary:** Replace carpet • Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace generator and associated equipment • Replace poured acrylic flooring in all restrooms • Replace gym carpet • Seal CMU • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **South Ridge Elementary:** Upgrade fire alarm system • Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace panels and transformers not yet replaced • Replace main switchgear • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **World Compass Academy:** Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Additional security support

Exact dollar amounts for each project and school can be found in the DCSD bond plan at www.dcsdk12.org/funding.



Learn More

For more information on how schools are funded in Castle Rock, go to <http://www.dcsdk12.org/funding>.