

Parker

and the

Douglas County School District

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



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

Parker 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 (CEEA)
- **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 Parker - 27**
- **Number of students enrolled in Parker schools (PreK-12) - 21,495**

Douglas County School District is Parker's Largest Employer

- **Number of DCSD employees who work in Parker - 2,720**
 - **Number of DCSD Teachers who work in Parker schools - 1,332**

Many Douglas County School District Teachers and Staff are also Parker Residents

- **Number of Douglas County School District employees who are Parker residents - 2,375**

High-Quality Schools Benefit Our Community

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

Award-Winning Schools in Parker

2022 John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award Recipients

- American Academy
- Challenge to Excellence Charter School
- Gold Rush Elementary
- North Star Academy
- Parker Core Knowledge Charter School

2022 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award Recipients

- Global Village Academy - Douglas County
- Gold Rush Elementary
- Iron Horse Elementary
- Legacy Point Elementary

Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation from the American School Counselor Association

- Sagewood Middle School

Model Professional Learning Community (PLC) at Work® by Solution Tree

- Northeast Elementary

Career and Technical Education Programs in Parker High Schools

- **Chaparral High School:** Business & Marketing, Family and Consumer Studies (FACS), Education, Interior & Fashion Design, STEM / Engineering, Theater Tech
- **Legend High School:** Business & Marketing, Criminal Justice, Health Science, Multimedia Design, Information Technology, Coding, Networking Security, STEM / Engineering
- **Ponderosa High School:** Business & Marketing, Construction, Family and Consumer Studies (FACS), Education, Hospitality & Foods, STEM / Engineering, Vehicle Maintenance / Automotive, Welding

A Potential MLO/Bond Benefits Our Town

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

- Provide more competitive pay for teachers and staff, so that Parker 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 Parker school buildings safe and adequate for students and staff, and increase capacity to reduce overcrowding.

Venture Academy for Leadership and Entrepreneurship (VALE)

The newest DCSD high school opened in Parker in August 2023!

This alternative education school was made possible by the 2018 Bond passed by Douglas County voters.

www.vale.dcsdk12.org

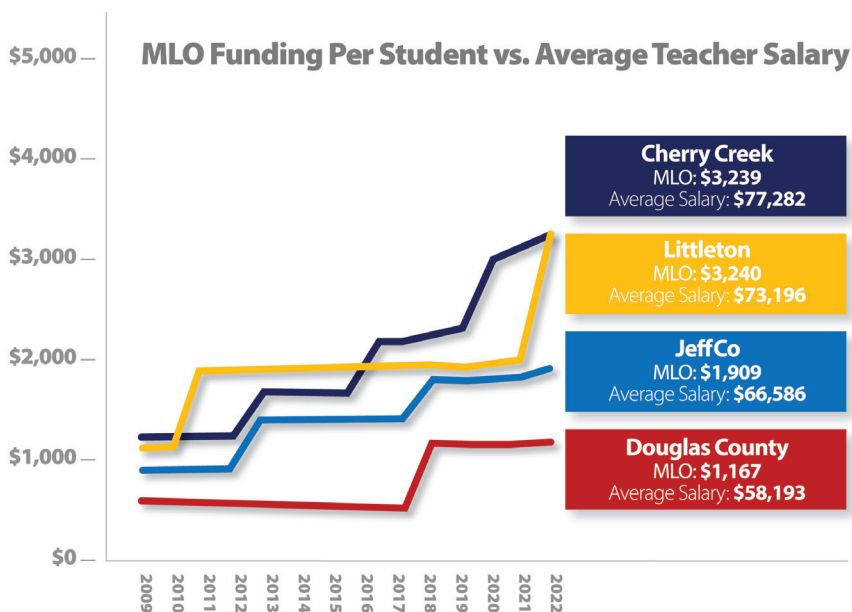
Douglas County School District Funding Needs in Parker

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 Parker public school (neighborhood and charter) with more competitive pay and would provide more security (including School Resource Officers) in Parker schools.



*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.



Learn More

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

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 Parker Schools Would Benefit from Additional Funding

- **Sierra Middle School Expansion:** This expansion will include adding 15 classrooms, 3 flexible learning areas, 3 small group collaboration rooms, 3 science rooms, 1 science prep, 1 art room, and staff, counseling and a cafeteria improvements. Other improvements to Sierra Middle School include: Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace poured acrylic flooring in all restrooms • Replace sink countertops as necessary • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff
- **American Academy Lincoln Meadows:** Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Additional security support
- **American Academy Motsenbocker:** Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Additional security support
- **Challenge to Excellence:** Replace interior exit signs • Replace water heater (100 gallon) Replace water heater (50 gallon) • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Additional security support
- **Chaparral High School:** Resurface track and field • Replace boiler(s) • Install new IP intercom system for building • Upgrade lighting and sounds systems • Replace original Hubbellite floor with MMA • Replace sink counter tops in all restrooms • Replace cracked seats in auditorium • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff
- **Cherokee Trail Elementary:** Replace carpet • Upgrade control system • 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
- **Cimarron Middle School:** Upgrade fire alarm system • Upgrade control system • Install new IP intercom system for building • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff
- **Franktown Elementary:** Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace trough washing stations with sinks (6) • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Frontier Valley Elementary:** Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace cooling tower • Replace sheet vinyl flooring with MMA • Replace sink countertops with single surface • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Global Village Academy - Douglas County:** Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Additional security support
- **Gold Rush Elementary:** Upgrade control system • Upgrade fire alarm system • Install new IP intercom system for building • Recaulk expansion joints and Reseal CMU • Repair flashing on east side front entry • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Iron Horse Elementary:** Replace boiler(s) • Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace sink countertops with single surface • Replace DHW heater • Replace main hallway restrooms with poured acrylic • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Legacy Point Elementary:** Replace carpet • Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace cooling tower • Replace generator and associated equipment • Replace gym carpet with sport flooring • Replace VCT • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist

- **Legend High School:** Upgrade control system • Upgrade fire alarm system • Install new IP intercom system for building • Upgrade lighting and sound systems • Repair moisture penetration at F pod entrance • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff
- **Leman Classical Academy:** Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Additional security support
- **Mammoth Heights Elementary:** Upgrade control system • Upgrade fire alarm system • Install new IP intercom system for building • Resurface asphalt parking lot • Resurface asphalt playground • Recaulk expansion joints and Reseal CMU • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Mountain View Elementary:** Resurface asphalt parking lot • Install new IP intercom system for building • Resurface asphalt playground • Replace trough washing stations with sinks (6) • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **North Star Academy:** Replace fire alarm system (3-5 years) • Gym sound system • Double HVAC unit • Water heater • Replace plumbing fixtures • Drinking fountain in hallway • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Additional security support
- **Northeast Elementary:** Resurface asphalt parking lot • Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace poured acrylic floor in kitchen • Resurface playground play pads • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Parker Core Knowledge:** Replace intercom and clock system • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Additional security support
- **Parker Performing Arts:** Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Additional security support
- **Pine Grove Elementary:** Upgrade control system • Upgrade fire alarm system • Install new IP intercom system for building • Resurface asphalt parking lot • Replace original panels and transformers • Replace main switchgear • Replace sink countertops with single surface • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Pine Lane Elementary:** • Replace RTUs (south building) • Install new IP intercom system for south building • Install new IP intercom system for north building • Replace VCT with poured acrylic Abatement (north building) • Replace VCT in kitchen with poured acrylic (south building) • Replace VCT (north building) • Replace south building washing stations with sinks (6) • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Pioneer Elementary:** Replace boiler(s) • Install new IP intercom system for building • Resurface asphalt parking lot • Replace playground play pads • Replace sink countertops with single surface • Replace VCT • Replace VCT in art room • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Ponderosa High School:** Resurface asphalt parking lot • Resurface track • Install new IP intercom system for building • Replace cooling tower • Add/upgrade tennis courts • Upgrade lighting and sound systems • Replace water fountains • Replace generator and associated equipment • Recaulk control joints • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff
- **Prairie Crossing Elementary:** Install new IP intercom system for building • Resurface asphalt parking lot • Replace cooling tower • Replace asphalt playground • Replace sheet vinyl flooring with MMA • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff • Addition of Campus Security Specialist
- **Sagewood Middle School:** Replace boiler(s) • Resurface asphalt parking lot • Install new IP intercom system for building • Overhaul elevator • Replace sink countertops with single surface • Student/Staff device refresh • Safety and security upgrades • Pay increases for teachers and staff