



BE KIND





CREATING A FOUNDATION FOR STUDENTS TO THRIVE

OUR MISSION

We edify and inspire students, parents and educators to grow, learn and lead.

OUR VISION

We are a national leader in innovative and transformative education.

OUR VALUES

Be Kind. Do Good.
Work Hard.
Make the World Better.

Founded in 2005 by three women who were concerned that this country's educational system was not keeping pace with global changes, Aspen Academy is the premier independent school for:

Next-Generation Education
Leadership, Finance, and Entrepreneurial Development
Community Strength and Service

NEXT-GENERATION EDUCATION

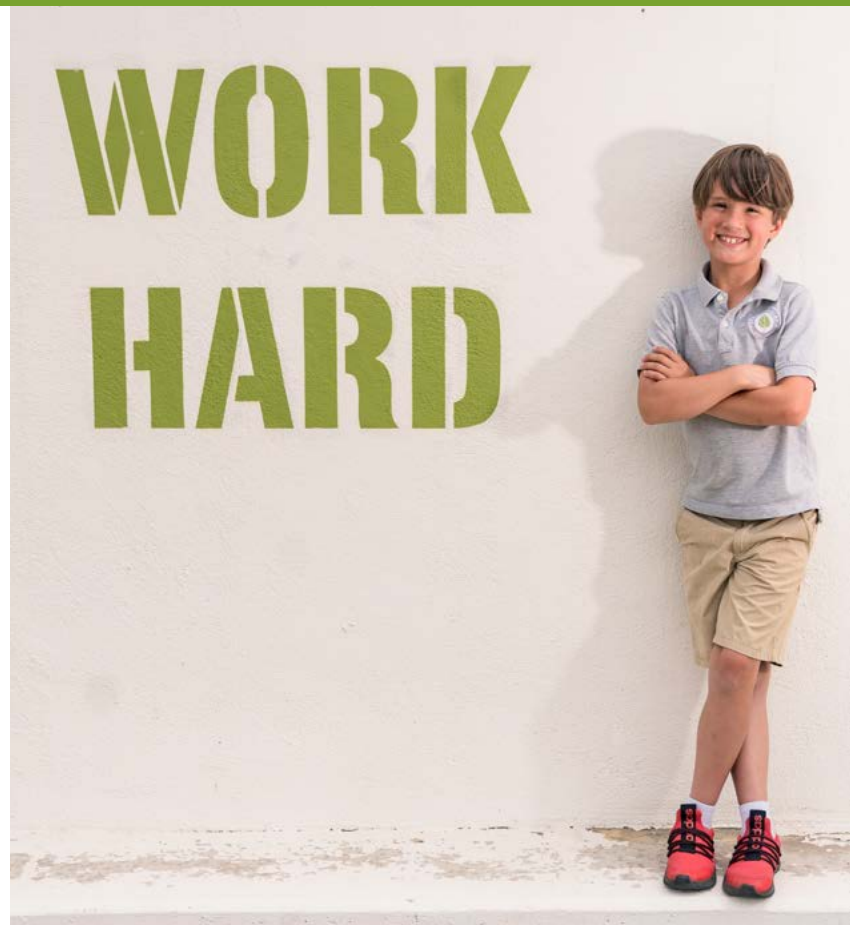
Since our inception, Aspen Academy has remained steadfastly focused on developing passionate, lifelong learners who graduate empowered to be confident, curious and innovative.

We teach kids how to think not what to think.

Our personalized approach to instruction starts with small classes led by exceptional faculty. We are committed to equipping each and every student with the skills, habits, attitudes and knowledge needed to successfully develop and navigate an extraordinary and purposeful life, including an emphasis on:

- 🌱 Critical Thinking and Problem-solving
- 🌱 Collaboration
- 🌱 Agility and Adaptability
- 🌱 Initiative and Entrepreneurialism
- 🌱 Effective Oral and Written Communication
- 🌱 Accessing and Analyzing Information
- 🌱 Curiosity and Imagination

At Aspen Academy, we are committed to developing students who learn for life, not just for school.







LEADERSHIP, FINANCE, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

HOW YOU LEAD YOUR LIFE MATTERS.

Unique among other schools, Aspen Academy has a strong emphasis on leadership and entrepreneurial development. Our cornerstone curriculum content, LiFE (Leadership, Finance & Entrepreneurship), was written to honor the inherent worth and infinite potential of each and every one of our students. Through a daily 30-minute leadership class, students complete LiFE curriculum coursework in the following areas:

- Character & Leadership Development
- Social Emotional Learning
- Cultural Competency
- Financial Acumen
- Entrepreneurial Mindset & Execution

STUDENT PROGRAMS

Our Student Programs bring the curriculum to life and give students opportunities to practice, develop, refine, and activate their LiFE skills. Experiential programs include:

- Aspen Morning Program (AMP'd)
- Bear's Student Enterprises (BSE) with cohorts operating Bear's Store, Bear's Cafe & Broadcast
- Mentor Program
- Service Learning
- 8th Grade Shark Tank



Collectively, these programs and related opportunities at Aspen Academy teach children how to set a vision for their lives, overcome obstacles in their paths and achieve their full potential, whether or not they pursue an entrepreneurial career path.

COMMUNITY STRENGTH AND SERVICE

Our One Rule: Be Kind.

These two simple words guide our actions both inside the walls of Aspen Academy as well as out in the world.

For us, Community Strength and Service manifests in everyone in our community feeling heard, seen, and cared for. Should a member of our community need something, they could look around and there are numerous other parents, teachers, students, and community members willing to support. This is also the foundation of our parent organization, **Aspen Business Leadership Club**.

Being a member of this community is not just about a single year. Joining Aspen Academy is committing to a journey that culminates in lifelong friendships and support for parents and students alike.

Our students are taught skills and participate in activities that enable them to become engaged members of the local and global community. The Aspen Academy student body participates in over 7,000 hours of service learning annually and is involved with age-appropriate and relevant service projects throughout their time at the school.

Examples include:

- 🍃 **Pre-K – Kindness Project:** Students do a deep dive into the school's only rule: Be Kind. Students investigate what kindness looks like and determine how they can show kindness to others.
- 🍃 **3rd – Animal Welfare:** Students partner with the Denver Dumb Friends League, bringing in speakers and participating in experiential learning about animals and our environment.
- 🍃 **7th Grade – Water Scarcity:** Students learn about the importance of access to clean water and partner with organizations including Denver Water to learn about this crucial resource.





STUDENT LIFE

Every day, we strive to make sure our students understand and embrace their limitless potential. At Aspen Academy, we bring learning to life and have fun doing it.

Aspen Academy offers many different opportunities for students to learn by collaborating with peers to solve real-world issues in the classroom. From our STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) Labs to our community service projects with organizations in our broader community; from our annual Entrepreneurial Expo fueled by class businesses to our daily leadership lessons that engage students by fostering leadership of self and others, Aspen Academy provides a unique and challenging environment that other traditional institutions do not offer.

Core

Our core academic curriculum reflects a clear commitment to the building blocks of child development in language, communication and literacy, mathematics, social studies, science, character, and leadership. Every five years, these core subjects undergo review as we seek out the most effective curricula in these subjects and bring those programs to Aspen Academy to benefit our students.

Essentials

In most schools, courses like world languages, performing arts, technology and fitness are considered “specials” or “electives.” However, at Aspen Academy, we believe that these subjects are every bit as essential to a child’s education as traditional, core subjects. We therefore call them “essentials,” and all of our students participate in essentials classes such as STEAM, music, creative movement/dance, visual arts, fitness, and world languages on a daily basis.

Extracurriculars

Due to our commitment to developing individual passions and interests, Aspen Academy offers a wide range of extracurricular activities and clubs to enrich our students’ learning and experiences outside the classroom. We offer more than 40 options per semester in areas such as sports, languages, arts, cooking, coding, debate, Science Olympiad and Destination Imagination to name just a few.

WELCOME HOME

When your child enrolls at Aspen Academy, you become part of one of the most dynamic learning and leadership communities in the country.

Aspen Academy is a supportive community with a strong and unifying identity. We are able to truly get to know our students and build relationships with their families.

Since our founding in 2005, Aspen Academy has been fortunate to attract a committed group of parents and teachers who value and celebrate our shared mission and values. Our parents and staff are wholly committed to one another, and to the development of all of our children.

Together, we strive every day to ensure that students feel truly seen and understood, are assured that they belong, and believe they can uniquely contribute their gifts to society.

“Aspen Academy is innovative, welcoming, kind, inclusive, forward-thinking and so much more. The parent community is strong and supportive. The overall student community is strong and supportive. This school is developing the leaders of today and the future. I always feel that no matter what arises, it will be attended to quickly and with kindness. I cannot say enough about the school, it’s teachers and it’s founders. Aspen understands what children need to succeed, and they provide the resources, support and kindness to ensure that each child has the best possible experience.”

– Amy S., Aspen Academy Parent



ASPEN ACADEMY



AT-A-GLANCE

General

- Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade
- Located 10 miles south of Denver in Greenwood Village at the northwest corner of University Blvd. and Orchard Rd.
- Accredited by Association of Colorado Independent Schools
- Recognized as a “Top Scoring School” in 2016 by Cognia, the largest educational accreditation organization in the world
- 70 dedicated, full-time faculty and staff members
- One of the lowest priced non-parochial, independent schools in the Denver Metro area
- Voted A Top 3 Private School in Colorado Parent Magazine

Our Students/Families

- Maximum class size by division:
 - Pre-kindergarten: 12 Students
 - Lower School: 18 Students
 - Middle School: 18 Students
- We serve families from 43 zip codes
- Tuition assistance available for families with demonstrated need
- Strong parental involvement in Aspen Academy community, including a wide variety of volunteer opportunities from mentoring 8th graders to participating in classes and event planning.

Our Campus

- 80,000-square-foot building on a nearly 10-acre campus
- Recently renovated Middle and Lower School playgrounds, including a traverse climbing wall
- Teaching themed learning gardens
- Soccer/football/lacrosse synthetic turf field
- Basketball/volleyball/tennis/badminton sport courts
- Renovated, 900-seat auditorium/theatre/broadcasting center
- Middle and Lower School STEAM Labs
- Media lab
- Full music lab, including recording and digital composition studio
- 530-square-foot dance studio
- Bear’s Student Store and Bear’s Café
- Recently renovated Community Center
- Newly renovated Gymnasium



PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

By the time they graduate, our students will have developed the academic strength, character, and confidence to meet life's challenges in an ever-changing world. Specifically, an Aspen Academy graduate demonstrates:

Lifelong Learning

- 🌱 Goal-oriented and purpose-driven
- 🌱 Eager to embrace the next learning opportunity
- 🌱 Committed to acquiring knowledge not just for school, but for life
- 🌱 Inquisitive and intellectually independent
- 🌱 Technologically adept and creative in their pursuit of complex problems

Character and Leadership

- 🌱 Committed to enacting on the promise to be kind, do good, and make the world better
- 🌱 Able to lead and influence others
- 🌱 Passionate about and cognizant of his or her mental, artistic and physical aptitude and abilities and how to cultivate them
- 🌱 Able to have fierce conversations with integrity and poise
- 🌱 Empowered to face challenges with resilience and grit

Community Strength and Service

- 🌱 Compassionate and empathic, with a globally-minded approach toward others
- 🌱 Inclusive and culturally competent
- 🌱 Always mindful that relationships matter
- 🌱 A companion of those whose voices are not being heard
- 🌱 Aware of the interconnectedness within their own community

“Aspen not only prepared me for high school but for the next couple of steps I would take in my life. I continue to carry the ideals from Aspen and being kind has become a part of who I am...Aspen has prepared me in many ways that I still haven't realized.”

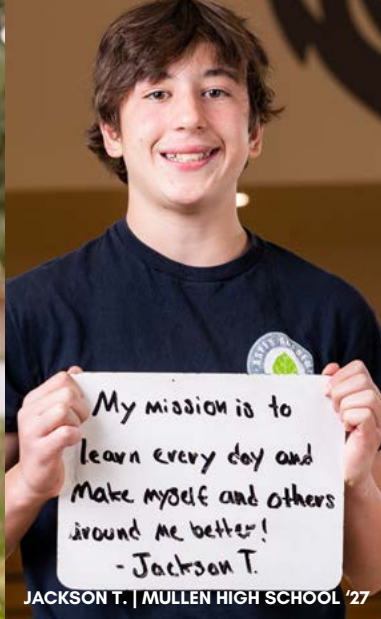
– Alena Valdez, Aspen Academy Class of 2014
Culver Academies Class of 2018 | Roberts Scholarship Recipient
Northeastern University Class of 2023 | Torch Scholar



SENNON L. | VALOR CHRISTIAN '26



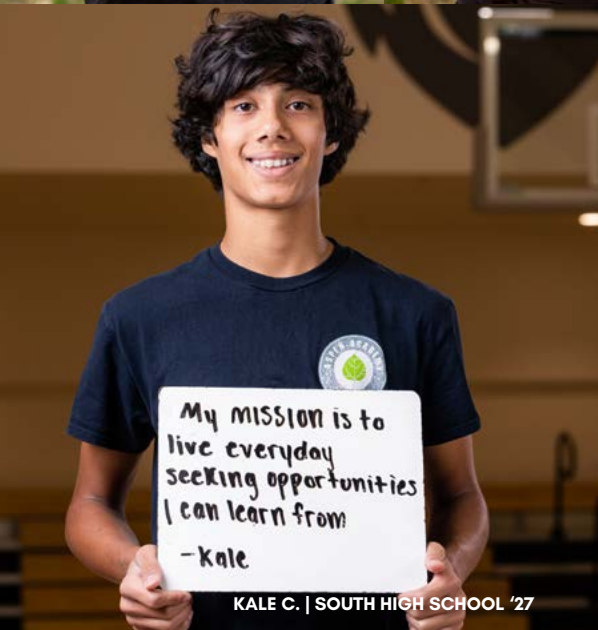
GATELY D. | ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL '26



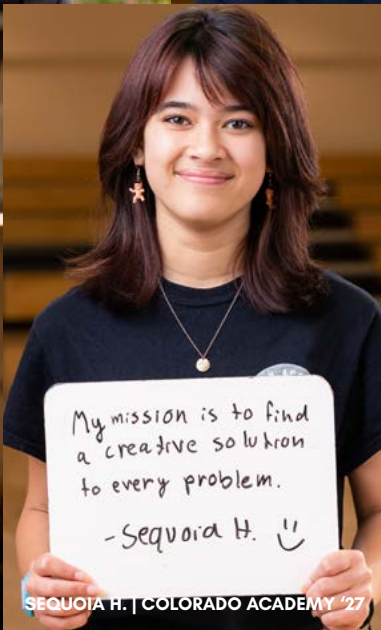
JACKSON T. | MULLEN HIGH SCHOOL '27



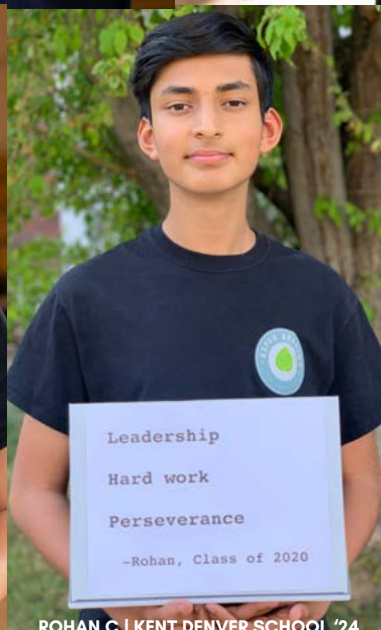
OLIVIA L. | REGIS JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL '27



KALE C. | SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL '27



SEQUOIA H. | COLORADO ACADEMY '27



ROHAN C. | KENT DENVER SCHOOL '24



ANNIE F. | LITTLETON HIGH SCHOOL '26

RECENT GRADUATES

Alumni attend 18 different high schools in 4 different states, including:

- Arapahoe High School
- Brentwood High School (TN)
- Cherry Creek High School
- Colorado Academy
- Denver School of the Arts
- Fusion Academy
- Heritage High School
- Hyde School (ME)
- Kent Denver High School
- Littleton High School
- Mile High Academy
- Mullen High School
- Regis Jesuit High School
- Roaring Fork High School
- St. Mary's Academy
- Sky View Academy
- South High School
- The Taft School (CT)
- Valor Christian High School

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

89%

Reading at or above
grade level
(DRA/CSS Internal
Assessments)

93%

Students at or above
grade level in Math
(ACT Aspire)

96%

On time
attendance

95%

Students at or
above grade level
in Essentials



SERVICE LEARNING

**7,000
HOURS**

of service
learning annually

\$2,500

funds raised and donated
from Service Learning
Days each year

24+

Organizations
served



OUR ALUMNI

58

universities
attended to-date,
across 26 states
and 3 countries.

**3 ASPEN ACADEMY
STUDENTS**

have been awarded the prestigious Carson Scholarship
since 2019. The national award recognizes academic
excellence, humanitarianism, and community service
of students in grades 4-11 and includes a
college scholarship.



WE ARE EXCITED TO MEET YOU!

Our Admissions Team is honored to be a part of your educational journey. We would love to meet you and get to know what your family is looking for in a school.

“Our whole family fell in love with Aspen during our tour. From the thoughtfully planned curriculum to the engaging, energetic teachers, to beautiful facilities- we were truly impressed. The school has exceeded our expectations. The teachers work hard to nurture student growth in all areas - social/emotional skills, critical thinking, organization, responsibility, etc. They invite the students to engage in mature and meaningful learning experiences, to apply educational content to real-world experiences. We have watched our children take more responsibility for their learning and develop confidence in their growing skills during the short time we’ve been at Aspen.”

- Kim Y., Aspen Academy Parent

ADMISSIONS PROCESS: NEXT STEPS

- 🌱 Tour or Attend School Preview
- 🌱 Complete an Application (due mid-January)
- 🌱 Submit Additional Required Documents (due mid-January)
- 🌱 Complete Parent Conversation
- 🌱 Attend Student Visit Day (or Playgroup for PK-K applicants)

Schedule a tour +

get to know more about Aspen Academy:

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