



Westminster Public Schools

Where Education is Personal



FROM DAYCARE
TO DIPLOMAS

2024 2025

DISTRICT GUIDE

CHILDCARE

PRESCHOOL

PK-5 AND PK-8

INNOVATION

MIDDLE

HIGH

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MEET SUPERINTENDENT DR. PAMELA SWANSON

Welcome to Westminster Public Schools and our district guide for the 2024-25 year.

Deciding which school to send your child to is one of the most important decisions any of us make and I'm pleased to tell you that Westminster Public Schools offers many different choices.

Whether it is arts, sciences, world affairs or a traditional neighborhood school, we have a school to fit your child's interests and needs.

We have created this guide to give you an overview of our schools and programs, but I believe the best way to really learn about WPS is to visit our schools and talk with principals and teachers. All of our schools welcome the chance to connect with you on an individual basis and answer all of your questions.

Our unique **COMPETENCY BASED SYSTEM (CBS)** is at the heart of our personalized approach to learning which ensures that every student gets the attention and support they need. CBS requires students to show mastery or understanding of a learning target before moving on to the next level. This approach allows some students to progress more quickly with their learning while others can take more time to fill in the gaps in their early education. Our goal and motto are to make sure that all students **ARE READY FOR THE DAY AFTER GRADUATION!**



You can learn more about CBS on page 9 of this guide where we provide a detailed explanation.

Westminster Public Schools is also very excited about **RANUM REIMAGINED** a unique public/private partnership being developed on the Iver C. Ranum Campus which provides students and adults with access to Career Technical Education (CTE) programs and learning opportunities. WPS is partnering with community colleges and industries to bring this important learning opportunity to the community.

I think you will find that we have something for everyone in Westminster Public Schools where we prove every day that we are a district **WHERE EDUCATION IS PERSONAL.** We would be honored to educate your loved ones.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Pamela Swanson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Pamela Swanson
Superintendent of Schools

MEET THE BOARD



Christine Martinez

President

Christine Martinez was elected to the Board of Education in 2019 and reelected in 2023.

The mother of a student in the district, Christine graduated from Westminster High School in 2001. Both of her parents are retired WPS school teachers.

Christine played a prominent role in the passage of the WPS Mill Levy override in 2018, the first successful campaign in more than a decade.

She is the vice president of a local property management company.



Aaron Martin

Vice President

Aaron Martin was elected to the Board of Education in 2021.

The son of a teacher, Martin is married to Brenda Martin, the Principal of Colorado STEM Academy.

He has two children enrolled in the district who he says have thrived under the district's Competency Based System (CBS). Martin works for Microsoft and hopes to bring his skills and understanding of technology to the Board of Education.



Dan Orecchio

Secretary

Dan Orecchio was elected to the Board of Education in 2021.

Orecchio and his wife, Stephanie grew up in Westminster where they both graduated from Westminster High School in 1988.

He went on to become a successful architect with offices in Westminster and Fraser, Colorado. Orecchio credits a WPS drafting teacher with inspiring him to study architecture and go on to establish a successful business.



Mary Beth Murphy

Treasurer

Mary Beth was elected to the Board of Education in 2023.

Marybeth is a retired school teacher from the nearby Mapleton School District where she taught for almost 30 years, most recently in math.

She also served as the head of the organization that supports four teacher unions.

She has four adult children, two of whom attended schools in Westminster Public Schools.



Audrey Yanos

Board Director

Audrey was elected to the Board of Education in 2023.

She has three children in Westminster Public Schools and was an active participant in her Parent Teachers Association. Audrey was a driving force in the revitalization of Sherrelwood Elementary.

She was the first in her family to graduate high school and attend college. Audrey is an operations supervisor at a healthcare nonprofit.



Westminster Public Schools is the first district to receive Competency Based Certification from Cognia, an internationally recognized accreditation agency.



In partnership with Marzano Academies and noted educator Robert Marzano, WPS is pioneering the use of the High Reliability Schools concept to ensure an effective teacher in every classroom and where every school has a safe supportive and collaborative culture in support of Competency Based-Education.



WHY CHOOSE WESTMINSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS?



PERSONALIZATION

Our nationally recognized Competency Based System allows students to prove mastery and deep understanding of a topic before moving to a new learning level. Students may advance in subjects at any point during the year.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

All elementary schools offer preschool and free full-day kindergarten. WPS also has Early Learning Centers providing daycare for children from three months to four years old.



COMMUNITY

Our classrooms are small by design, creating an intimate learning environment in which teachers are responsive to the needs of their students.



INNOVATION

Westminster Public Schools is a district that is forward-looking. Whether it's building a new school, laboratory or equipping our students with laptops, we embrace technology.



CAREER CHOICES

Our Career Technical Education program prepares students to enter directly into a well-paying job by providing advanced credits and certifications in such areas as veterinary sciences, construction, engineering, video arts, culinary arts, nursing and robotics.



FUTURE PLANNING

The Future Center at Westminster High School serves students of all ages as they consider career and postsecondary opportunities. We assist with scholarships, financial aid, college and employment applications, field trips, internships and resume and portfolio creation.



ALTERNATIVES

Award-winning Hidden Lake High School specializes in credit recovery and re-enrollment to meet the needs of out-of-school youth. Online options are available for qualifying families.



TECHNOLOGY

WPS prepares students to be 21st century leaders. Our Colorado STEM Academy features robots, 3D printers and laser engravers while WHS offers pathways in robotics, biomedical science and video cinema arts.



ENROLLING IN WPS

We know you have options when it comes to finding the right fit for your child's education. WPS is proud to offer open choice enrollment at all of our Neighborhood schools, Innovation schools, PK-8 schools and our alternative high school. Families from both inside and outside WPS boundaries are encouraged to apply. Come discover why we say, "Education is Personal."

EARLY CHILDHOOD

We have 15 preschools to choose from! All families must apply through the Universal Pre-K portal (pg. 14)

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

All K-12 schools are tuition free. Students living within Westminster Public School district boundaries (pg. 22) are guaranteed a spot at their neighborhood school in grades K-12. Students living outside of district boundaries and families who wish to attend a school other than their neighborhood school, must complete the school choice application. Where space is limited, priority enrollment is given to in-district students.

INNOVATION SCHOOLS

Each WPS Innovation School (pg. 35) has its own application process and entrance requirements. Please contact the individual school to learn more about the school and the application process.

WHERE EDUCATION IS PERSONAL

[MYWPS.ORG/ENROLL](https://mywps.org/enroll)



WHAT IS A COMPETENCY BASED SYSTEM?

Show What You Know and graduate ready for the real world

About Personalized Learning in Your Child's School

Did you know? Your child's school uses a Competency Based System (CBS) to help teachers customize the way your child learns, according to his or her strengths and challenges. CBS enables all students to:

- **Learn at a customized pace**—progressing quickly in strength areas, and receiving extra help from teachers in areas of challenge
- **Master knowledge and skills**—demonstrating confidence and ability in one area of knowledge and skills before moving on to the next
- **Real-time student information**—at any time, parents and teachers can go online to see where a student is excelling and where they need additional time and extra help in order to grow

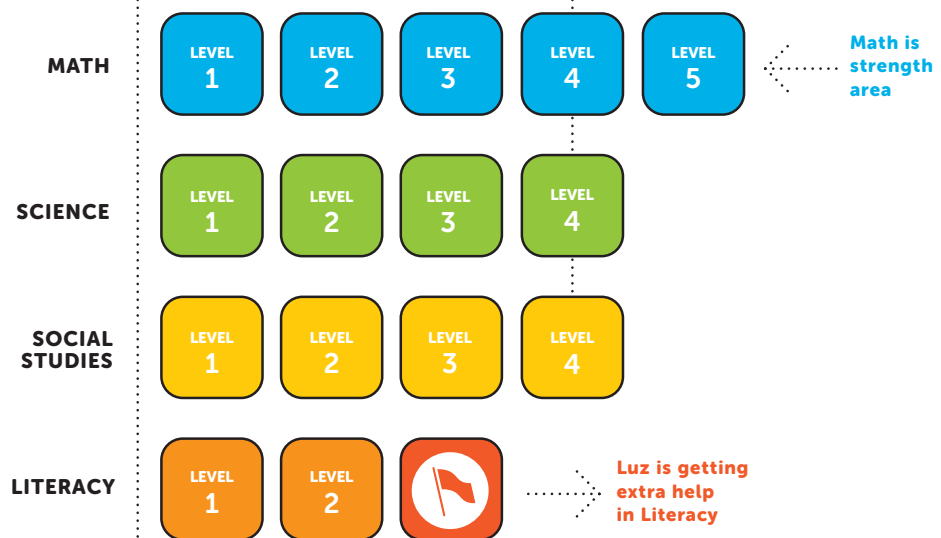
Meet Luz

AGE
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TRADITIONAL GRADE LEVEL:
4th Grade

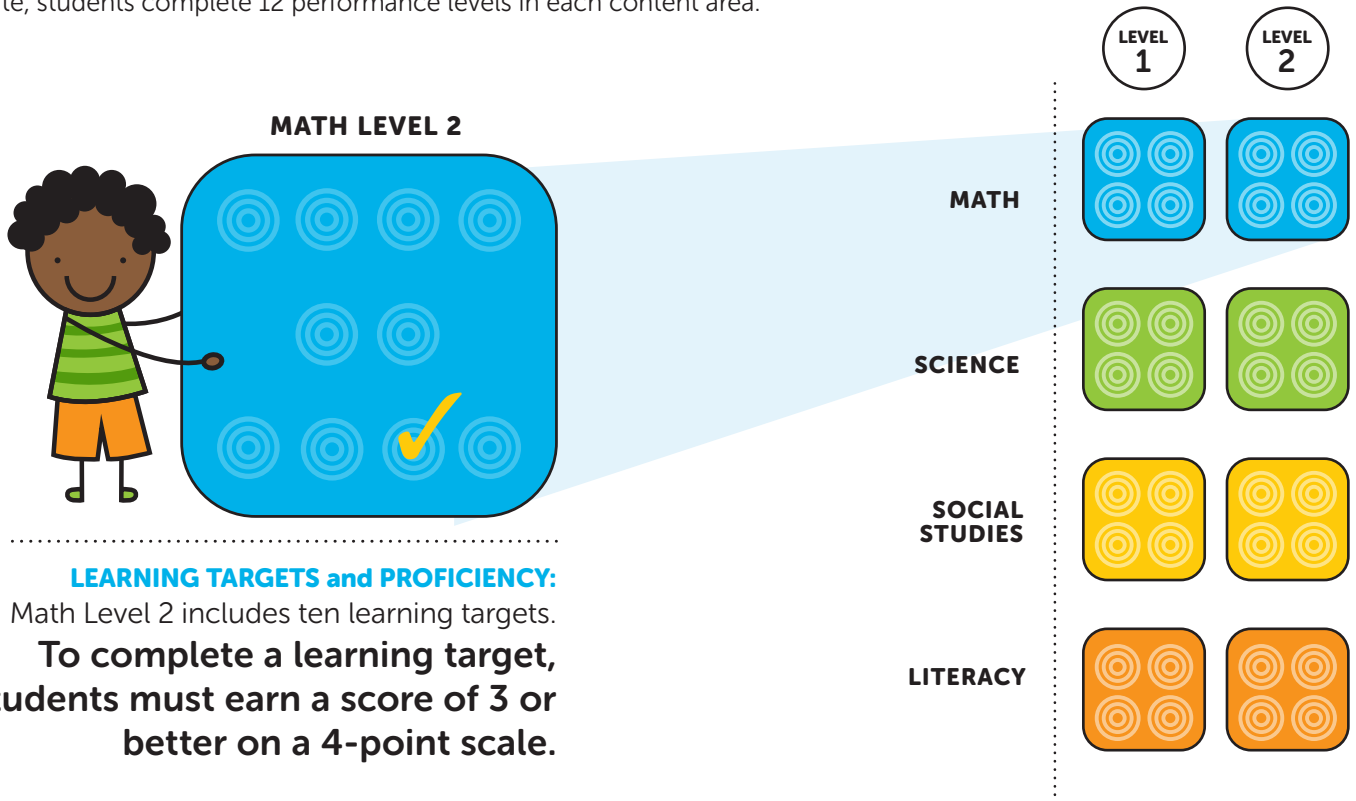
Luz is 9 years old, and in a traditional school she'd be in fourth grade. Since Luz is great at math, she is already working in Math Level 5, which is above-average. Literacy is a challenge area, so Luz is getting extra help from teachers as she works in Literacy Level 3. She's right on track in Science and Social Studies.

The average performance level for Luz is 4



How Personalized Learning Works

The Westminster Public Schools Competency Based System (CBS) presents knowledge and skills as a series of blocks that build up on each other. Students show that they have mastered one block—called a **learning target**—before moving on to the next. Within each content area, there is a collection of learning targets that make up a **performance level**. Students complete all of the learning targets within one performance level before moving on to the next level. To graduate, students complete 12 performance levels in each content area.



Learning Targets

Traditional Approach:

All students move through the same content at the teacher's pace.

Personalized Approach:

Students learn at a customized pace, mastering groups of knowledge and skills called learning targets. To complete a learning target, students must earn a score of 3 or better on a 4-point scale. A variety of learning targets make up each performance level.

Example:

Math Level 2 includes ten learning targets. A student must earn a score of 3 or better to complete each learning target; they must complete all targets to move on to the next performance level.

Performance Levels

Traditional Approach:

Students are placed in one grade level according to their age, for the entire year for all subjects.

Personalized Approach:

Students work in a performance level in each core content area according to their demonstrated abilities.

Example:

A typical fourth-grader may work in Math Level 5, Literacy Level 3, Social Studies Level 4 and Science Level 4. This would mean that math is a strength area and literacy is a challenge area.

HELPFUL TERMS:

Learning Target:

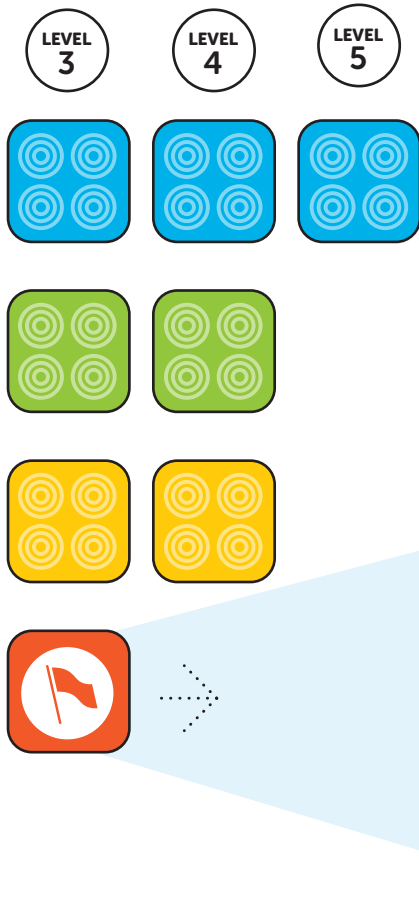
A group of knowledge and skills that students master.

Proficiency:

Is demonstrated when a student scores 3 or better on a 4-point scale, which must happen in order to complete a learning target.

Performance Level:

A collection of learning targets in each content area. Students move on to the next performance level when they demonstrate proficiency in all of its learning targets.



COMPLETE LEVEL 12 IN ALL SUBJECTS AND ADVANCE TO GRADUATION!

LEVEL 12



Student Proficiency

Traditional Approach:

Students move up one grade level in all subjects each year, regardless of their ability in each subject.

Personalized Approach:

Students learn at a customized pace. They move from one performance level to the next when they have demonstrated proficiency in all of the learning targets that comprise that level. Students complete Level 12 in all subjects to graduate.

Example:

A student may complete all of the learning targets in Literacy Level 3, and move on to Literacy Level 4, during the middle of the school year. Or, he may start a new school year continuing his work from the previous year on learning targets in Math Level 2.

To learn more about
Westminster Public Schools
Competency Based System,
visit cbswps.org or
call 720-542-5084.

FROM DAYCARE TO DIPLOMAS... AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN!

Westminster Public Schools recognizes that every child deserves an education that not only inspires them, but also supports them as they work to make their dreams a reality. At WPS we have something for everyone!

EARLY CHILDHOOD

EARLY LEARNING CENTER at F.M. DAY | mywps.org/fmday | pg. 24

F.M. Day provides high-quality, full-day and year-round early childhood programming for students as young as three months through 4 years old.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER at GREGORY HILL | mywps.org/gh | pg. 25

Well-established early childhood education programs for 3- and 4-year-olds.

NEIGHBORHOOD PK-5

HARRIS PARK ELEMENTARY | mywps.org/harrispark | pg. 26

Harris Park Elementary offers computer coding programs for students of all ages.

MESA ELEMENTARY | mywps.org/mesa | pg. 27

Academic leader with strong programming for personal-relational skills.

SHERRELWOOD ELEMENTARY | mywps.org/sherrelwood | pg. 28

One of only 21 Colorado schools to win the 2022 Governor's Bright Spot Award for performance improvement during the pandemic.

NEIGHBORHOOD PK-8

COLORADO SPORTS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY | mywps.org/csla | pg. 29

CSLA offers an opportunity for students who want a solid foundational education while also gaining an appreciation of the values instilled through athletic competition.

FAIRVIEW PK-8 | mywps.org/fairview | pg. 30

Fairview is a neighborhood school with a vision of kindness and service.

JOSEPHINE HODGKINS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY | mywps.org/hodgkins | pg. 31

A Leader In Me School which is built around Steven Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People."

ORCHARD PARK ACADEMY | mywps.org/opa | pg. 32

Recently opened state-of-the-art facility offers students access to engineering resources and a high-tech computer lab with laser engravers and drone soccer.

NEIGHBORHOOD PK-8 CONTINUED

SUNSET RIDGE PK-8 | mywps.org/sunsetridge | **pg. 33**

Sunset Ridge has achieved Level 2 certification as a High Reliability School whose staff partners with parents to achieve excellence.

TENNYSON KNOLLS PREPARATORY SCHOOL | mywps.org/tkp | **pg. 34**

TK Prep offers pathways to high school programs for robotics and aerospace and medical detectives.

INNOVATION PK-8

COLORADO STEM ACADEMY PK-8 | mywps.org/stem | **pg. 35**

The only competency-based STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) school in the state.

METROPOLITAN ARTS ACADEMY | mywps.org/met | **pg. 36**

Focused on visual and performing arts that start with classical training and the skills to pursue interests and compete professionally in the arts industry.

JOHN E. FLYNN A MARZANO ACADEMY | mywps.org/flynn | **pg. 37**

First school in the nation to receive Level 5 Certification for Dr. Marzano's High Reliability Schools. Education focused on academics and personal-relational skills.

WESTMINSTER ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES | mywps.org/wais | **pg. 38**

Our program approaches subjects through the lens of international studies, teaches languages (Mandarin and Spanish) and appreciation of different cultures.

MIDDLE SCHOOL 6-8

SHAW HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL | mywps.org/shawheights | **pg. 39**

Middle School with course programming including many electives such as choir, band, orchestra, drama, art, STEM and an innovative zSpace lab.

HIGH SCHOOL

WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL | mywps.org/whs | **pg. 41**

A thriving, engaged community committed to programs and policies that produce high levels of learning. Robust athletic, CTE and extracurricular options.

HIDDEN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL | mywps.org/hlhs | **pg. 40**

Alternative campus serving students who prefer a smaller setting with a focus on self-discovery and credit recovery.



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**UNIVERSAL
PRESCHOOL**

REGISTER WITH WPS



Enroll in the preschool program of your choice using the Westminster Public Schools Online Registration. All applications will be reviewed by the ECE department. Families will receive tentative placement within 4-6 weeks.



APPLY WITH COLORADO UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL



Once you receive tentative placement, you will be contacted by WPS to finish your registration with the State of Colorado. All parents and caregivers, regardless of income, county or school district, **MUST APPLY** for a Preschool spot (3 and 4 year olds) using the Universal Preschool portal for the state of Colorado, which does not open until early 2024. Registered Pre-K families with WPS will receive notice when the portal opens.

QUESTIONS?

Visit
mywps.org/upk

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 4-year-olds* are eligible for free full day preschool, Monday-Friday
- 3-year-olds* are eligible for free ½ day programming.
 - *Age based on Oct. 1st cut off date
- If you need more hours than allotted by the state, WPS may be able to provide additional hours at no additional cost to you.
- If your child is not yet 3 years old by Oct. 1st, they may apply for a spot at our tuition-based Early Learning Center, F.M. Day, which accepts children from 3 months old.
- Spots are limited. Enrollment priority will be granted to families living inside our district borders before opening spots up to other families.



EARLY CHILDHOOD
PROGRAMS
2023-2024
REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN



Westminster Public Schools
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Full-Day Kindergarten
for 5-year-olds

Full-Day Preschool
for 4-year-olds

Half-Day Preschool
for 3-year-olds

Tuition Based Infant +
Child Care

Register:
mywps.org/ece



“A STRONG COMMUNITY”

“STEM Academy really set up my daughter for success in high school she was fully prepared for challenging math and science with the preparation she received at STEM. My daughter participated in the WPS Futures sports program and absolutely loved it, the program is great for kids of all abilities and really ignited a love of sports in my daughter.”

ANNA MUÑIZ

Parent of former student at Colorado STEM Academy

“I have been in the Westminster Public Schools district since I was in kindergarten and I have had nothing but great experiences with all my teachers that have all helped me get to where I am academically and emotionally. I appreciate and will miss all the activities I got the chance to be a part of.”

ASHLEY DUARTE-BERNAL

12th grade student at Westminster High School

“WPS is a strong community that focuses on the education and growth of not only the students, but the teachers. We build lasting relationships with students, families and staff that make us feel like a part of something greater.”

ZACK WHITE

Principal at Orchard Park Academy PK-8

“My daughter’s comprehension level grew three grade levels in a few short weeks. Homework isn’t dreaded anymore. She feels confident going into math class!”
- describing after-school tutoring at Shaw Heights.

MALAYNA FERGUSON

Parent at Shaw Heights Middle School

“Teachers were very caring and responsive to student needs, not only for academic topics, but also supporting them emotionally. This balance of academic and non-academic needs is demonstrative of the positive and intentional focus on a strong and supportive culture.”

COGNIA (NGO)

2022 Report Renewing Accreditation to WPS

WESTY FUTURES WOLVES



Westminster Public Schools has created an innovative after school sports program that allows students of all ages to compete in team sports. The Westy Futures and Juniors programs are available to all WPS students regardless of skill level or experience.

WESTY JUNIORS

The Westy Juniors program is the first of its kind in the metro area offering athletic team sports to elementary student-athletes through their public schools. A school-based program allows students to play on teams with their classmates while parents connect with each other in after school games and practices.

WESTY FUTURES

The Futures program is for student athletes in grades 6 through 8. Students compete in the North Metro Middle School league against teams from surrounding communities. Featured sports have included **volleyball, football and soccer**, though programs could be altered depending on community input.

DETAILS ABOUT THE PROGRAMS AND HOW TO REGISTER CAN BE FOUND AT

www.Westyathletics.com



ADDRESSING NON-ACADEMIC BARRIERS TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

DANIEL C. VALLEZ FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER

Westminster Public Schools will be opening a new facility to provide valuable resources to the community in the area of 71st and Pecos. Named after WPS educator Daniel C. Vallez, the Family Education Center will serve WPS students and their families by providing access to essential learning materials along with language and health care support. After a remodeling project, the Daniel C. Vallez Family Education Center will replace the Perl Mack Community Center at 7125 Mariposa Street. Learn more about the extraordinary life and impact of Daniel C. Vallez by visiting mywps.org/vallez



MENTAL HEALTH

Westminster Public Schools recognizes that kids today are facing more stress than ever- from adjustments during the pandemic, family disruption, peer-pressure and bullying, to anxiety around graduation and post-secondary options. WPS has systems in place to keep kids safe and healthy. Each school has a counselor or mental health interventionist on-site and we partner with organizations like Safe2Tell and Community Reach who use trauma responsive practices. WPS even has a trained therapy dog. WPS was also just awarded a 1.5 million dollar grant to expand our support for student mental health initiatives. If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis, please call 988 to talk to a trained professional. To access student and family resources and learn about our commitment to mental health at WPS, visit mywps.org/mentalhealth

NUTRITION

Westminster Public Schools is committed to providing the nutrients students need for growth, development, learning and overall health, especially for our most vulnerable children and adolescents. School breakfast and lunch are provided at no cost to families, resulting in positive impacts on mental health, including reductions in behavioral problems, anxiety and depression. Studies show that students who receive school breakfast have improved attendance, behavior, academic performance and academic achievement as well as decreased tardiness.

Beginning July 1, all families, regardless of income, are encouraged to fill out a meal application- which helps your family and school receive benefits like discounts on home internet, school fees, scholarships to after-school programs and funding for more support staff in schools.



**APPLY
HERE!**
STARTING
JULY 1



TRANSPORTATION

Westminster Public Schools provides free bus service for all in-district students who live more than one mile from their assigned neighborhood elementary school and more than a mile and a half from their assigned middle or high school.

WPS also provides free transportation for students who attend one of the choice PK-8 schools on the south side of the district: Colorado Sports Leadership Academy, Josephine Hodgkins Leadership Academy, Orchard Park Academy or Tennyson Knolls Preparatory School. In general, students will depart from an assigned bus stop with the bus circulating to all of the schools. Free bus service is also available to students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) with transportation as a related service. All students using transportation service are required to have a Westminster Public Schools ID card in their possession while riding a bus.

Information about routes and schedules and answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) can be found at mywps.org/bus

Visit your Westminster Public School's Future Center



**FUTURE
CENTER**

IT'S YOUR FUTURE. AIM HIGHER!

Westminster Public Schools is committed to the successful preparation of all high school graduates for postsecondary education or work in the global economy. The WPS Future Center staff and volunteers, located in the library of Westminster High School, work in conjunction with school counselors, teachers and administrators to help your student succeed.

The Future Center offers comprehensive and expert assistance with the college and workplace application processes. See us for:

- Postsecondary and career planning
- College and employment applications
- FAFSA and CAFSA completion and financial aid information
- Scholarship application assistance and information
- SAT information
- Information on FREE college credits programs
- Field trips for on-campus college visits and employer overviews
- Military applications and ASVAB testing
- Internships, apprenticeships, experiential learning opportunities and job postings
- Resume creation and personal portfolio review

Take advantage of the support available!



CALL US:
303-657- 3929 - English/Spanish



EMAIL US:
futurecenter@westminsterpublicschools.org



VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
www.westminsterpublicschools.org/futurecenter



STOP IN:
Westminster High School,
6933 Raleigh Street, Westminster, CO.

Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS)

Parents, sign up for the Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS) program! This FREE parent outreach program gives families the knowledge and skills to ensure students are ready for life after graduation. Learn about financial aid, how to support students at home, how to track academic progress of your students, and much more.



TO LEARN MORE CALL:
303-657-3985



8 STEPS TO YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS



Parent Academy for Student Success

Just for parents! Learn how to help your student be ready for life after high school. FREE and open to all grade levels. Se Habla Español

1 Attend an orientation to enroll in a session today!

The Test that Opens Doors: SAT

The SAT is a test that helps determine where students can enroll in college, what financial assistance they may earn, or what path they take in the military. The PSAT is a practice test that helps your child prepare for the SAT.

A strong SAT score can help students show they're ready for a job; qualify for scholarships at technical, two-year, and four-year colleges; get accepted at more colleges and universities; test out of college classes; and have more choices in the military.

4 Starting in 8th grade, make sure your child practices for the SAT for 45 minutes each week!

Careers and College Start in High School

Students can explore careers and college coursework while they're still in high school! Many FREE programs can help them earn tuition-free college credit and gain hands-on work experience. Saving them time and money after high school, no matter what their plans are!

6 Beginning in 8th grade, visit us online or in the Future Center, or meet with your child's counselor, to learn more and encourage your child to apply for one or more of these programs!

Future Plan

It's the way students learn about who they are, what kind of life they want, and how to get there! Includes preparation for careers and college.

2 Beginning in 6th grade, talk with your child about his or her Future Plan at the start of each semester.

DREAM

PLAN

DO

There is Help to Pay for College

There are two types of help — “financial aid” is based on your family's income, and “scholarships” are largely based on what your student accomplishes in high school.

Financial aid includes loans, grants and work study. It's first-come, first-served, so the earlier you apply, the better! Scholarships are up to your student: working hard in school can mean receiving FREE money for college that doesn't have to be paid back!

7 Beginning in 9th grade, start exploring scholarships. Attend a financial-aid workshop in the fall of 12th grade. Apply for financial aid, ideally by December 1 of 12th grade.

What it Takes to Graduate

Along with a Future Plan that shows they are ready to pursue a career after high school, students will complete core classes, electives and a “readiness benchmark.”

3 Starting in the 6th grade, read and understand the new graduation requirements so that you can help your child graduate on time.

There's More than One Way to be Career-Ready

- Apprenticeship On-the-job career preparation that results in an Associate's degree or professional certification
- Technical School Earn a certificate or credential and prepare for a specific career
- Military Serve our country in the Armed Forces. Earn money for college!
- Community College Earn a certificate or two-year Associate's Degree. Earn 32% more income over your lifetime!
- Four-Year College or University Earn a Bachelor's degree. Earn 74% more income over your lifetime!

5 Beginning in 8th grade, talk with your child about career-preparation options.

What it Takes to Graduate

We're here to help students find and prepare for a career.

- Learn about who they are, what they want in life, and how to get there
- Gain work experience, skills and credentials
- Find internships and apprenticeships
- Prepare for careers and college, and earn FREE college credit
- Apply to and pay for college

8 Visit us online, and call or stop by with questions or for help.

Help your child keep all options open!

Good attendance, working hard in school and staying at or above grade level in all classes will help with EVERY career and college goal.

RANUM REIMAGINED

“The future is bigger than any one of us, and we need to dream together.”

Ranum Reimagined is a vision for the future that will bring public and private resources together to prepare students for tomorrow's workforce. On the Iver C. Ranum Campus students will learn from industry professionals and educators while using state-of-the-art equipment so they can move directly into the work force upon graduation or have a head start as they move on to higher education.

Learn the latest at mywps.org/ranumreimagined





CTE + WPS



*Renderings are conceptual and subject to change.

Career Technical Education classes in Westminster Public Schools are project-based courses that incorporate current industry challenges, trends and skills. CTE students are highly engaged as they choose a career pathway based on their strengths and interests. Graduates earn college credits, relevant industry credentials and valuable industry experience in areas such as:

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

ANIMAL SCIENCE

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

BUSINESS & MARKETING

CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT

COMPUTER SCIENCE

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

CULINARY & HOSPITALITY

EDUCATION & TRAINING

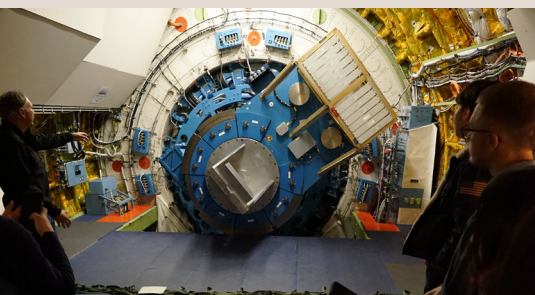
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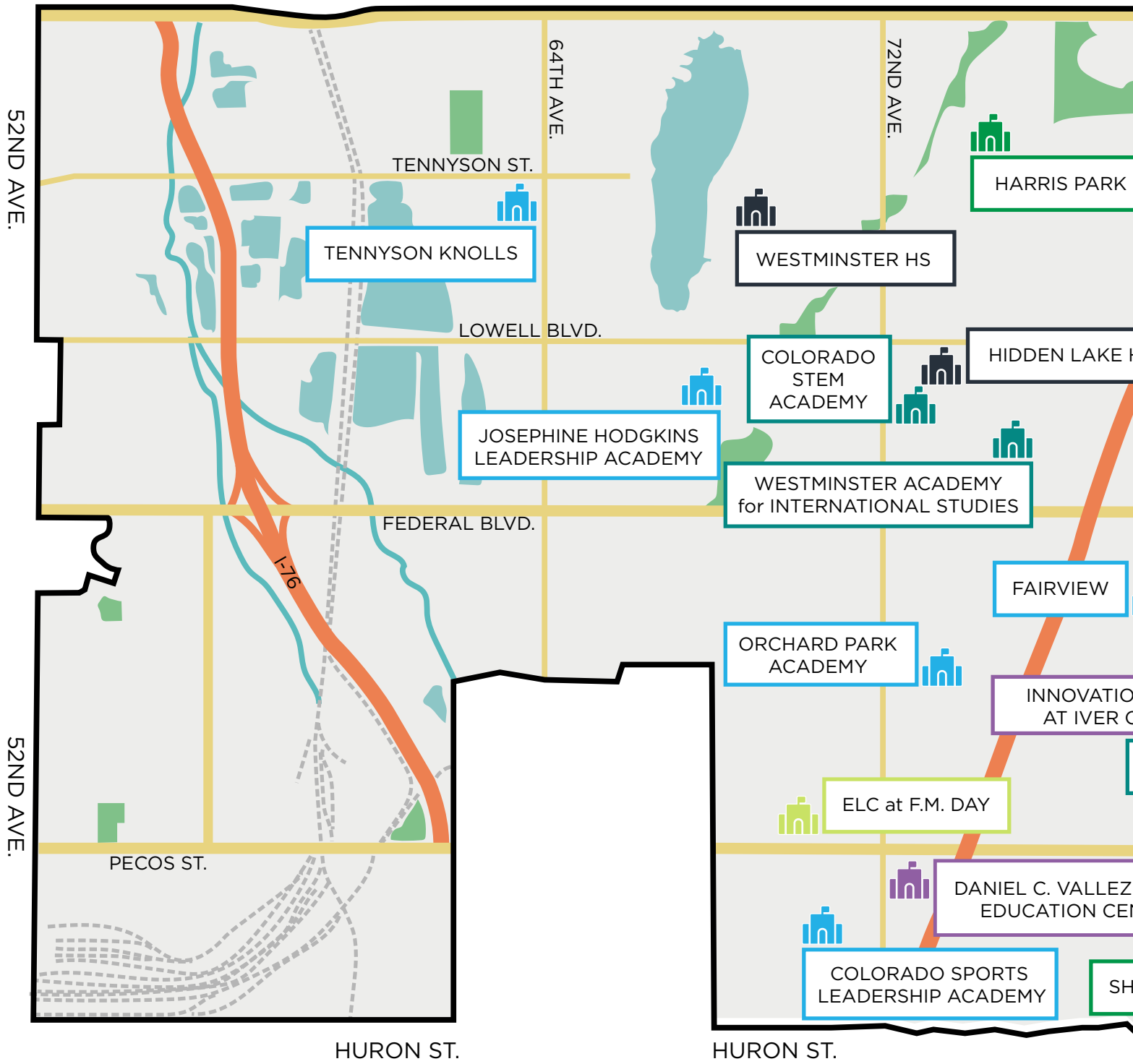
PLANT SCIENCE

POWER & STRUCTURAL TECHNICAL SYSTEMS

VIDEO CINEMA ARTS

...AND MORE TO COME!





EDUCATION CENTERS

DANIEL C. VALLEZ
FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER

INNOVATION CAMPUS
AT IVER C. RANUM



**CHILDCARE +
PRESCHOOL**

ELC AT F.M. DAY

ELC AT GREGORY HILL



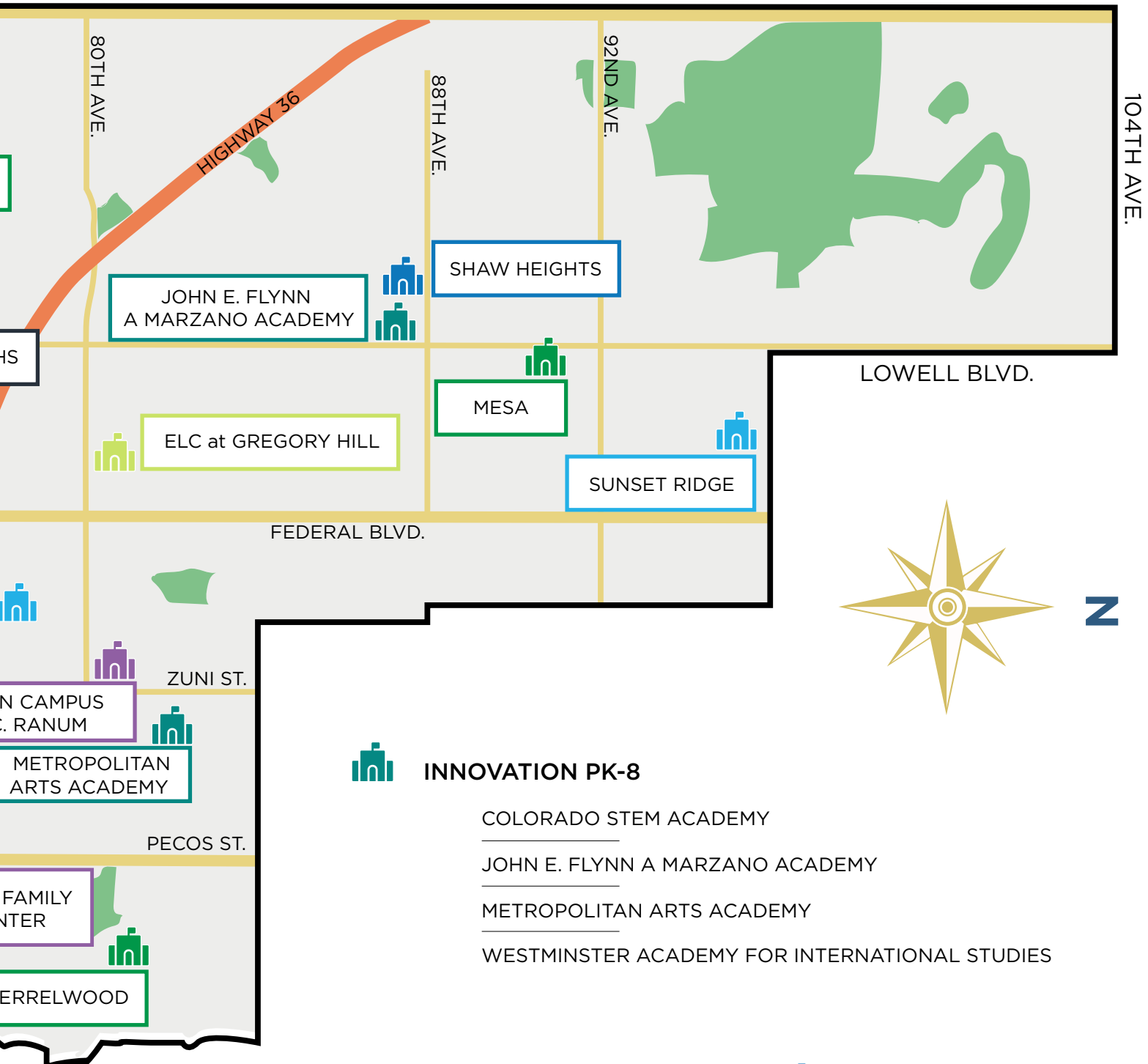
ELEMENTARY PK-5

HARRIS PARK

MESA

SHERRELWOOD

BLVD.



NEIGHBORHOOD PK-8

- COLORADO SPORTS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
- FAIRVIEW PK-8
- JOSEPHINE HODGKINS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
- ORCHARD PARK ACADEMY
- SUNSET RIDGE PK-8
- TENNYSON KNOLLS PREPARATORY SCHOOL



MIDDLE SCHOOL 6-8

- SHAW HEIGHTS



HIGH SCHOOL

- HIDDEN LAKE
- WESTMINSTER

ELC AT F.M. DAY CHILDCARE & PRESCHOOL

- ✓ 3 months through 4 years old.
- ✓ Low adult to child ratio.
- ✓ Extended schedule from 7:15 am until 5:15 pm.
- ✓ Year-round calendar with summer programming options.
- ✓ Scholarships available, limited space.
- ✓ Highly qualified early childhood professionals.
- ✓ Lab school partnership with Metro State to train the next generation of childcare professionals.
- ✓ Building a positive foundation to learn, live, play and prepare for kindergarten.



AYLANE DIBILDOX
Principal

Early Learning Center
Est. Enrollment 154
7:15am - 5:15pm

303.428.1330

1740 Jordan Dr. Denver, CO 80221

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ELC AT GREGORY HILL PRESCHOOL

- ✓ We offer programming for children 3 - 4 years old.
- ✓ Play-based curriculum.
- ✓ Half day for 3-year-olds | Full day for 4-year-olds.
- ✓ Available August through May.
- ✓ Scholarships available, limited space.
- ✓ Highly qualified early childhood professionals that focus on individual student skills.
- ✓ Pre-academic skills to help prepare students for kindergarten.
- ✓ Focus on social emotional development to help students learn to be part of a learning community.
- ✓ We have a Kid's First Health clinic on-site.



JENNIFER KEYES
Principal

Early Learning Center
Est. Enrollment 350
8:00am - 3:00pm

303.428.1560

8030 Irving St. Westminster, CO 80030

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HARRIS PARK ELEMENTARY

- ✓ We are a Computer Science focus school.
- ✓ A school with a culture of leadership.
- ✓ Our staff teaches Steven Covey's "7 Habits of Happy Kids and Successful People."
- ✓ We have a rich and long-standing relationship with the San Marino retirement community.
- ✓ Other programs include Reading Partners, Celebrate the Beat, Scholars Unlimited and Girls on the Run.



NANCY MILLS
Principal

PK-5 Neighborhood School
Est. Enrollment 263
7:55am - 3:00pm

303.428.1721

4300 W. 75th Ave. Westminster, CO 80030

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MESA ELEMENTARY

- ✓ Mesa has earned MEETS PERFORMANCE status from the Colorado Department of Education
- ✓ We host family events including fitness night, craft night, and math and literacy night where families come in to learn and play games with their children.
- ✓ Mesa is a leader in Reading Instruction following the Science of Reading.
- ✓ We partner with Scholars Unlimited to provide an after school program.
- ✓ Mesa collaborates with local artists to provide real world experiences for students.



JANELLE STASTNY
Principal

PK-5 Neighborhood School
Est. Enrollment 301
7:35am - 2:45pm

303.428.2891

9100 Lowell Blvd. Westminster, CO 80031

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SHERRELWOOD ELEMENTARY

- ✓ 2022 winner of the Colorado Governor's Bright Spot Award.
- ✓ In the heart of a supportive and caring community.
- ✓ We are the premier neighborhood school with high quality teachers who collaborate with all students and families.
- ✓ Character development plays a critical role in educating our students and we foster social intelligence.
- ✓ Several before- and after-school programs and clubs meet the interests of our students including fitness class, tutoring, choir, dance, Spanish club and more!



CINDY DAVIS
Principal

PK-5 Neighborhood School
Est. Enrollment 256
7:45am - 2:45pm

303.428.5353

8095 Kalamath St. Denver, CO 80221

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FAIRVIEW PK-8

- ✓ We have a vision of kindness and service.
- ✓ Our students participate in service projects where they give back to the community.
- ✓ Our parents and community members receive adult education opportunities, health & nutrition lessons and parenting classes.
- ✓ Boys & Girls Club after-school care available.
- ✓ Camp Chief Ouray outdoor adventures and traditional overnight camp.
- ✓ After school Math Academy.



LISA CYR
Principal

PK-8 Neighborhood School
Est. Enrollment 251
7:50am - 3:10pm

303.428.1405

7826 Fairview Ave. Denver, CO 80221

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SUNSET RIDGE PK-8

- ✓ Recognized by the Colorado Dept. of Education with the Governor's Improvement Award.
- ✓ Awarded \$30,000 from the non-profit Foundations for Great Schools for student achievement.
- ✓ We are committed to excellence and strongly encourage Sunset Ridge family members to serve as classroom or school volunteers, attend evening school activities and be active in our parent teacher association to plan fun events.
- ✓ We encourage parents to help their children with homework, and talk with them about what they are reading and learning.
- ✓ We have many free after-school activities, including: Boys and Girls Club of America, art club, MathCounts, and Spelling Bee.
- ✓ Our Mission: 'The Time is Now- Everyday Matters- Make it Count!'



ROGER VADEEN
Principal

PK-8 Neighborhood School
Est. Enrollment 346
7:55am - 2:50pm

303.426.8907


9451 Hooker St. Westminster, CO 80031

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COLORADO SPORTS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

- ✓ We offer grades from Pre-K through 8th grade that support building a strong and collaborative community for the entire family.
- ✓ We embrace and value Teamwork, Integrity, Perseverance, and Leadership Skills.
- ✓ We highlight possible careers in a sports related industries that align with Westminster High School's Career Technical Pathways.
- ✓ We offer on-site afterschool care through the Boys and Girls Club.



LINDSAY LOHMANN
Principal

PK-8 Neighborhood School
Est. Enrollment 457
7:45am - 2:55pm

303.428.8583

7011 Lipan St. Denver, CO 80221

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JOSEPHINE HODGKINS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

- ✓ We believe that every student has genius and by using the 7 Habits, our student leaders become amazing citizens in their school, neighborhoods, cities and the world.
- ✓ Our classrooms are learner centered. Students learn at their own pace and advance only when they demonstrate proficiency in all of the Colorado State standards at their academic level. Advancing can occur any time during the course of the school year.
- ✓ We build on a student's strengths and guide them to set and achieve their academic goals.



AMBER SWIECKOWSKI
Principal

PK-8 Neighborhood School
Est. Enrollment 635
7:55am - 3:10pm

303.428.1121

3475 W. 67th Ave. Denver, CO 80221

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ORCHARD PARK ACADEMY PK-8

- ✓ Every learner has access to innovative technology within a safe, caring, contemporary and differentiated environment.
- ✓ We offer drone soccer, media, coding and yearbook.
- ✓ We blend rigorous Competency Based Curriculum with a developmentally responsive approach to prepare students for high school and the work force of the future.
- ✓ Daily periods of art, music, physical education and tech.
- ✓ We recently earned the Center of Excellence award from the Colorado Department of Education.



ZACK WHITE
Principal

PK-8 Neighborhood School
Est. Enrollment 525
7:40am - 2:50pm

303.428.2300

7395 Zuni St. Westminster, CO 80221

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TENNYSON KNOLLS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

- ✓ A small, high quality PK-8 school serving the southwest corner of the district.
- ✓ TK provides students with the foundational skills to become lifelong learners in a nurturing environment where staff is attentive to the needs of the whole child and their families.
- ✓ Rigorous curriculum and unique learning experiences.
- ✓ The school partners with Boys and Girls Club of America to provide free after school programming, meals, educational experiences, and sports.
- ✓ We offer medical detectives, robotics, flight and space, as well as AVID to our middle school students.



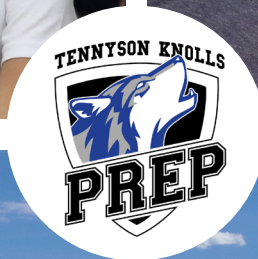
MOLLY MOJDEN
Principal

PK-8 Neighborhood School
Est. Enrollment 360
7:45am - 2:55pm

303.429.4090

6330 Tennyson St. Arvada, CO 80003

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COLORADO STEM ACADEMY

- ✓ Fully certified in both Competency-Based education and STEM education as well as achieving level 5 of the high reliability schools framework
- ✓ All of our teachers are trained in a project-based learning approach that helps students develop STEM skills and work to make a difference in our community.
- ✓ Dedicated STEM labs that house 3D printers, sphero robots, and even a laser engraver.
- ✓ Recipients of the Governor’s Bright Spot Award in 2023 and the Governor’s Distinguished School Award in 2018 and 2019.
- ✓ Students have classes in art, music, physical education and social-emotional leadership lessons.



BRENDA MARTIN
Principal

PK-8 Innovation School
Est. Enrollment 371
8:00am - 3:30pm

303.429.STEM (7836)

7281 Irving St. Westminster, CO 80030

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JOHN E. FLYNN A MARZANO ACADEMY

- ✓ Flynn is the first school in the country to receive Level 5 High Reliability Status.
- ✓ At John E. Flynn A Marzano Academy, every student is encouraged to explore his or her curiosities through academic inquiry with the goal of becoming future world-class leaders.
- ✓ Marzano academies include: Competency-Based Education, a personalized, focused curriculum involving the critical concepts in mathematics, science and English language arts, direct instruction in cognitive and meta-cognitive skills, personalized projects each year for every student and an emphasis on high engagement.



JIMMY CHISM
Principal

PK-8 Innovation School
Est. Enrollment 325
8:00am - 3:30pm

303.428.2161

8731 Lowell Blvd. Westminster, CO 80031

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METROPOLITAN ARTS ACADEMY

- ✓ Arts school with focus on visual and performing arts.
- ✓ We provide classical training and the skills students need to pursue personal interests in arts and compete professionally in the arts industry.
- ✓ Students are exposed to a variety of arts to develop their interests until they begin to focus their attention and deepen their knowledge in their preferred areas.
- ✓ Students will also have multiple opportunities to work with guest artists and field experiences.



CLAUDETTE TRUJILLO
Principal

PK-8 Innovation School
Est. Enrollment 330
8:10am - 3:40pm

303.428.1884


2341 Sherrelwood Dr. Denver, CO 80221

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WESTMINSTER **ACADEMY** FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- ✓ WAIS is a small PK-8 school offering an exceptional and creative educational experience.
- ✓ Our program approaches academics through the lens of International Studies. Students gain knowledge and appreciation for different cultures around the world through our Competency-Based approach to teaching and learning.
- ✓ Spanish and Mandarin language classes offered.
- ✓ Our international studies curriculum currently offers an 8th grade study abroad experience and we are expanding to include a national trip for younger students.



RUSSELL WARWICK
Principal

PK-8 Innovation School
Est. Enrollment 300
8:00am - 3:40pm

303.428.2494

7482 Irving St. Westminster, CO 80030

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SHAW HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ✓ We offer many great electives such as choir, band, orchestra, drama and art.
- ✓ Six different STEM classes including Introduction to Engineering, Flight and Space, Medical Detectives, Robotics, App Creators and Computer Programming.
- ✓ Our physical education instructor is certified in Teen Cross-Fit.
- ✓ Our YESS program attends to the social-emotional aspects of being a teen in today's world.
- ✓ College readiness course designed to assist students in preparing for academic life beyond high school.



JOHN URIDIL
Principal

6-8 Neighborhood School
Est. Enrollment 540
7:05am - 2:10pm

303.428.9533

8780 Circle Dr. Westminster, CO 80030

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HIDDEN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

- ✓ Winner of the 2023 Secondary School Assistant Principal of the Year.
- ✓ Alternative Education Campus (AEC).
- ✓ We specialize in credit recovery and acceleration with a consistent focus on building and maintaining relationships with students and families.
- ✓ At Hidden Lake we identify students as “at-promise.” We accentuate the belief that “despite difficulties, all students can succeed.”
- ✓ We have the ability to customize schedules with day and delivery options that include brick and mortar, independent study and online through Westminster Virtual Academy.



JAMES STEWARD
Principal

6-12 High School
Est. Enrollment 390
8:00am - 4:00pm

303.428.2600

7300 Lowell Blvd. Westminster, CO 80030

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WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL

- ✓ Thriving, engaged community committed to programs and policies where every individual achieves the levels of learning required for success.
- ✓ We focus on the whole person by celebrating our differences and encouraging students to find pride in who they are.
- ✓ International Baccalaureate, Project Lead the Way and Career & Technical Education classes provide students an opportunity to follow their passion and prepare for the day after graduation.
- ✓ After school activities in the arts and athletic programs encourage students to connect with each other and the community.



KIFFANY KIEWIET
Principal

9-12 Neighborhood School
Est. Enrollment 2,370
8:35am - 3:45pm

303.657.3980

6933 Raleigh St. Westminster, CO 80030

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CLUB INFORMATION

Colorado Sports Leadership Academy
7001 Lipan St.
Denver, CO 80221
720-542-4907

Hidden Lake High School
7300 Lowell Blvd.
Westminster, CO 80030
720-542-4562

CLUB HOURS

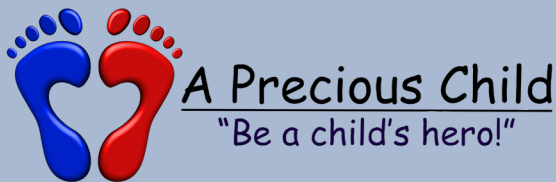
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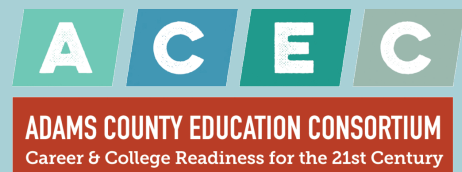
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Food for Hope provides nutritious food for children and their families in Adams County when students are not in school and provides Thanksgiving meal boxes for families who are identified as in need.

foodforhope.net

adamscountyeducation.org



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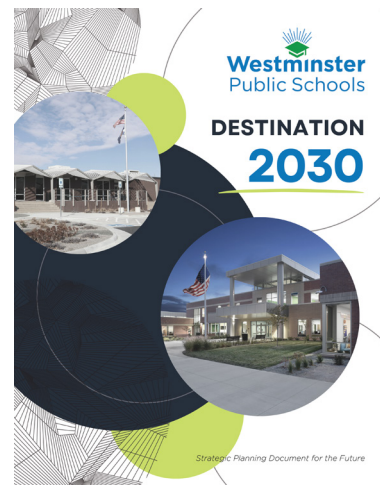
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