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**Press Release**

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## **CDE Recognizes DCSD Schools for Academic Excellence**

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is recognizing several Douglas County School District schools for high academic achievement.

The Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award is given to schools demonstrating exceptional student growth. On the school performance framework that is used by the state to evaluate schools, these schools "exceed" expectations on the indicator related to longitudinal academic growth and "meet or exceed" expectations on the indicator related to academic growth gaps.

The John Irwin Schools of Excellence awards recognize schools that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement over time. These schools received an Exceeds Expectations rating on the Academic Achievement indicator of the School Performance Frameworks reflecting exceptional performance in Math, English Language Arts, and Science.

Finally, the High School Academic Growth Award recognizes high schools that demonstrate the highest levels of student academic growth in reading, writing and math, within each classification used by the statewide association for high school activities for the sport of football.

Congratulations to the following DCSD schools:

### **Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award** (*exceptional student growth*)

1. Arrowwood Elementary
2. Castle Rock Elementary
3. Flagstone Elementary
4. Global Village Academy - Douglas County
5. Gold Rush Elementary
6. Heritage Elementary
7. Iron Horse Elementary
8. Legacy Point Elementary
9. Lone Tree Elementary
10. Northridge Elementary
11. Sage Canyon Elementary
12. Soaring Hawk Elementary

13. Stone Mountain Elementary
14. Summit View Elementary
15. Timber Trail Elementary
16. Trailblazer Elementary
17. World Compass Academy

**John Irwin Schools of Excellence** (*exceptional academic achievement*)

1. Academy Charter
2. American Academy
3. Arrowwood Elementary
4. Bear Canyon Elementary
5. Ben Franklin Academy
6. Buffalo Ridge Elementary
7. Challenge to Excellence Charter
8. Copper Mesa Elementary
9. Cougar Run Elementary
10. Eagle Ridge Elementary
11. Eldorado Elementary
12. Gold Rush Elementary
13. Heritage Elementary
14. Lone Tree Elementary
15. Mountain Ridge Middle
16. North Star Academy
17. Northridge Elementary
18. Parker Core Knowledge Charter
19. Platte River Academy
20. Ranch View Middle
21. Rock Canyon High
22. STEM School Highlands Ranch
23. Saddle Ranch Elementary
24. Stone Mountain Elementary
25. Summit View Elementary
26. Timber Trail Elementary
27. Trailblazer Elementary
28. Wildcat Mountain Elementary

**High School Academic Growth Award**

1. Rock Canyon High

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*About DCSD*

Douglas County School District is Colorado's third largest school district and serves 63,000 students. Learn more at [www.dcsdk12.org](http://www.dcsdk12.org).