



KENT DENVER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL PROFILE

Mission Statement

Transforming lives of students and community through extraordinary educational experiences.

CORE VALUES: INTEGRITY • RESPECT • PERSONAL GROWTH • COMMUNITY • WISDOM

School and Accreditation

Kent Denver is fully accredited by the Association of Colorado Independent Schools (ACIS), which is recognized by the Colorado State Board of Education. The school is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

Kent Denver has 784 students; 540 are in the Upper School. 34% of Upper School students and 37% of seniors self-identify as ethnically or racially diverse. More than 22% of the student body receives annual financial aid of more than \$5.5 million.

Kent Denver consistently earns recognition at the regional, state and national levels in athletics, arts, foreign language, speech and debate, journalism, Model UN, mock trial, robotics, and contemporary music.

Kent Denver hosts Breakthrough Kent Denver. The mission of Breakthrough Kent Denver is two-fold: first, to increase the educational and social opportunities of motivated, under-resourced, middle school and high schools students through a quality year-round program, and, second, to motivate and train talented high school and college students for careers in education.

Since 2012, Kent Denver has partnered with The Challenge Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports high-achieving low income students with scholarships and holistic services from 6th grade through college. The partnership with The Challenge Foundation has resulted in 21 Kent Denver graduates since 2012, and we currently have 16 Challenge Foundation students enrolled at Kent Denver for the 2025-26 school year.

A list of college matriculations can be found on [our website](#).

Grading System and GPA

A standard system of marking is followed in all departments.

A+ 100-97=4.3	A 96-93=4.0	A- 92-90=3.7
B+ 89-87=3.3	B 86-83=3.0	B- 82-80=2.7
C+ 79-77=2.3	C 76-73=2.0	C- 72-70=1.7
D+ 69-67=1.3	D 66-63=1.0	D- 62-60=0.7

Kent Denver School does not rank students. Advanced Placement and Honors courses, including Advanced Topics, are weighted an additional 10% in the calculation of GPAs, which are calculated based on all courses taken in grades 9-12 at Kent Denver. Independent Study and grade-level Seminars are graded as Pass or Fail and do not earn credit.

Transcript Designations

Head of School's List will appear on a student's transcript for each semester they earn a semester-long GPA of 4.0 or better.

Class of 2026 - 128 Seniors

Graduation Requirement

Students are required to independently complete 80 hours of community service outside of school and participate in athletics or wellness classes each year. Seniors must complete a required three-week Career Internship Experience or Senior Project.

4yrs

English



4yrs

Math



3yrs

(consecutive)
World Language



3yrs

History



3yrs

Science
(Biology, Physics,
& Chemistry)



2yrs

Art &
Electives



Kent Denver School Curriculum Highlights

Our focus on wellness touches every aspect of school life, including course selection. Students are encouraged to choose courses that match their interests and provide appropriate academic rigor. We partner with Stanford's ChallengeSuccess and the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence to enhance the emotional well-being of our students. Our goal: our graduates have the skills they need to lead happy, productive lives in high school and beyond.

Starting in fall 2024, all Upper School students will take a Seminar course, covering topics appropriate to their grade level. These include wellness, sustainability, digital literacy, college counseling, and cultural competency.

Advanced Placement Program

AP coursework is available for students in grades 11–12 and, on rare occasions, to students in grades 9 and 10. It is not uncommon for a student to take their first AP course as a junior.

Post-AP courses, often labeled Advanced Topics, are offered in computer science, math and world languages. Honors courses are available in world languages and math starting in 9th grade. Honors courses in science and history are available in 10th and 11th grade.

Independent Study

Kent Denver supports the individual interests, passions and talents of its students in various ways, including its robust independent study program. Through this program, students pursue a course independently with the supervision of a faculty member. Last year, students completed 110 independent study classes in areas such as LEED certification, healthcare equity, pirates of the Galapagos, solar entrepreneurship, and sustainable fabrication. Independent studies are facilitated with faculty permission.

The school also partners with Global Online Academy (GOA) and One Schoolhouse (OSH) to provide access to classes that are not currently offered at Kent Denver.

All courses at Kent Denver School are taught at the college preparatory level, unless otherwise designated as Honors, AP, or Advanced Topics. We do not offer Honors in Chinese V, French IV, Spanish IV, or Spanish V.

Honors, AP, and Post-AP Courses

Computer Studies

AP Computer Science A; AP Computer Science Principles

English

AP English Literature

History

Honors US Foreign Policy Debate; Honors Debate; AP US History; AP Economics; AP European History

Mathematics

Honors Geometry; Honors Algebra II; Honors Introduction to Precalculus; Honors Pre-Calculus/Calculus A; AP Precalculus; Honors Calculus; AP Calculus AB; AP Calculus BC; AP Calculus C; Honors Multivariable Calculus I & II; Honors Intro to Data Analytics; Honors Data Analytics: An Exploration of the Sports Business; Honors Data Analytics: Topics in Social Justice; AP Statistics; Honors History of Mathematics: Quantitative & Cultural Aspects of Problem Solving; Honors Mathematics of Finance

Science

Honors Chemistry; Honors Physics; AP Biology; AP Chemistry; AP Environmental Science; AP Physics C: Mechanics; AP Psychology

Visual and Performing Arts

Honors in Levels III and IV or by audition

World Languages

CHINESE: Honors Chinese III; Honors Chinese IV; AP Chinese Language and Culture; Advanced Topics in Chinese

FRENCH: Honors French III; AP French Language and Culture; Advanced Topics in French

SPANISH: Honors Spanish III; AP Spanish Language and Culture; AP Spanish Literature and Culture; Advanced Topics in Spanish

KDS Innovation Scholars and Signature Programs

The **Kent Denver Innovation Scholars** program empowers students to pursue self-directed exploration and learning. Students may follow established tracks in the areas of Arts, Design, Entrepreneurship, Experimental Research, Robotics, or Technology, or they may pioneer their own Innovation Scholars track.

In the Innovation Scholars program, students are the initiators, architects and managers of their learning. Advisors help students begin their journey, explore initial projects, connect students with mentors, and draft an initial personalized learning plan. Upper School students can work towards an Innovation Scholars certification, which typically culminates in a portfolio/presentation of learning.

Kent Denver Signature Programs provide authentic learning opportunities and help students follow their passions, find their voices and accomplish the extraordinary. Programs include Contemporary Music, Ethics Day, MidFirst Student Bank, Mock Trial, Model UN, Robotics, Speech and Debate, Tiny Farm, and more.