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ACCREDITATION

Association of Colorado Independent Schools (ACIS).

MEMBERSHIPS

NAIS • NACAC • RMACAC • CHSAA (Colorado High School Activities Association) • Colorado Council of High School and College Relations • Prizmah (Center for Jewish Day School).

MISSION STATEMENT

Our pluralistic Jewish community day school prepares and inspires Jewish students through an extraordinary secular and Judaic education to live purposefully, act ethically, and thrive in the world.

CORE VALUES

Kindness • Integrity • Curiosity • Community • Purpose

STUDENT PROFILE

- **Leadership.** Students lead teams, clubs, publications, and all-school programs (e.g., Color War, Shabbaton); graduates frequently hold leadership in college organizations.
- **Love of Learning.** Close student–teacher relationships; regular use of office hours; initiative and curious, critical thinkers beyond grades.
- **Commitment to Improving the World.** Emphasis on Jewish values, service, empathy, and philanthropy.

AT A GLANCE

Enrollment	Grades 6 - 8	92
	Grades 9 - 12	99
	Total Student Body (Pre-K - 12)	353
	Class of 2026	30
Average Class Size	10	
Faculty with Advanced Degrees	50%	
GPA & Ranking	4.0 unweighted scale; no class rank due to small class sizes	
Schedule Highlight	Wednesday block supports clubs, electives, online courses, and internships (pass/fail; excluded from GPA)	

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION OVERVIEWS

- **Seven academic courses** each semester (except in Grade 12, can take six).
- **English** (8 sem.), **Social Studies** (6 sem.), **Math** (8 sem.), **Science** (6 sem.), **Hebrew** (4 sem.), Judaic Studies & Electives (8 sem.).
- **GPA Policy:** Unweighted 4.0; A–F scale; pass/fail (e.g., most Wednesday classes) excluded.

COHORT-SPECIFIC CONTEXT (CLASS OF 2026)

- In Grade 9, English and Social Studies were offered at the regular level; AP European History was first available in Grade 10.
- From Grade 10, students could earn an **Honors** designation in non-AP English via an additional rigorous assignment.
- Science classe all laboratory-based science; Biology and Chemistry required (no honors option); at least one semester of Physics in Grades 11–12; most semester long classes.
- **AP Seminar** was introduced in Grade 11, which limited the ability to complete all three AP English courses by graduation (only possible by doubling senior year for scheduling reasons).
- **AP Art History** was first introduced in Grade 12.

ADVANCED COURSEWORK (MOST RIGOROUS CLASSES)

- **English:** AP Seminar; AP English Language & Composition; AP English Literature & Composition.
- **Social Studies:** AP European History; AP U.S. History; AP Macroeconomics; AP Art History.
- **Math:** Honors Geometry; Honors Algebra I/II; Honors Precalculus; AP Precalculus; AP Calculus AB; Calculus III.
- **Science:** Honors Biochemistry; Advanced Genetics; AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based.
- **Hebrew:** Level-appropriate placement each year (see specifics below); from Grade 11, students select semester-long, topic-focused Hebrew courses (e.g., world geography, theater, literature, conversation). Differentiated instruction across mixed-level groups.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- **Grade 9:** Jewish Cultural Experience (Los Angeles, 4 days).
- **Grade 10:** U.S. History & Government Experience (Washington, DC or San Francisco, 4 days).
- **Grade 11:** Cultural & Jewish History Trip (Mexico City, 5 days).
- **Grade 12:** Planned Hebrew Immersion in Israel (5 weeks); Senior Development Program (Denver, 2–3 days); life skills & alumni networking.
- **Grades 6–12:** Color War (1 week of athletic/academic/arts competitions; senior-led).
- **Grades 7–12:** Shabbaton (3-day community-building retreat; senior speeches & programming).
- **Athletics:** 70%+ of students participate in volleyball, soccer, basketball, or baseball.

HEBREW CURRICULUM AND TRANSCRIPT GUIDE

Placement & Naming: Students are placed by proficiency (not grade). Course titles and level names changed over time; the progression and rigor remained consistent. When a course shows two numbers (e.g., Hebrew 3/4), it indicates a blended cohort spanning those adjacent levels.

Grade 9 (Foundational Levels)	Grades 10-11 (Topical, Mixed Level Courses)	Grade 12 (Return to Explicit Levels)
Beginning Hebrew – lowest level	Courses titled “Hebrew: [Topic]” (e.g., Hebrew: World Geography, Theater, Literature, Conversation) are mixed-level classes organized by interest; the title does not indicate a proficiency level.	Hebrew 2 – lowest level
Hebrew 3/4 – middle level		Classical & Biblical Hebrew – mixed-level course (counts for Hebrew or Judaic Studies credit); generally a lower-level Hebrew placement
Hebrew 4/5 – middle level	Advanced Hebrew Literature I and Advanced Hebrew Literature II (sometimes listed as Hebrew Literature) represent the highest level of Hebrew offered during these years.	
Hebrew 5/6 – highest level		

HEBREW AND JUDAIC DISTINCTIONS

- **Graduation with Distinction in Judaic Studies:** ≥3.85 Judaic GPA plus a capstone year of reflection.
- **Graduation with Distinction in Tzedek:** 100+ service hours (≥72 with one nonprofit), senior capstone, and leadership event.

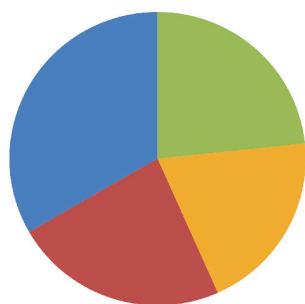
STANDARDIZED TESTING

Please contact us with any questions about testing policies and score reporting.

ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

AP Scholar Awards (based on senior class, # of scholars and percentage of class):

- 2021: 5 (22%)
- 2022: 8 (47%)
- 2023: 5 (36%)
- 2024: 7 (39%)
- 2025: 9 (82%)
- 2026: 6 as juniors (not yet determined)



GPA Range	Students	% of Students
3.8-4.0	10	33%
3.5-3.79	7	23%
3.1-3.49	6	20%
2.1-3.09	7	23%

COLLEGE MATRICULATION (CLASSES OF 2015–2025, SELECTED)

Barnard	Swarthmore
Boston University	Tulane
Brandeis	UCLA
Colorado College	University of Chicago
Colorado School of Mines	University of Colorado Boulder/Denver
Columbia/JTS	University of Denver
Dartmouth	University of Maryland
Emory	University of Michigan
George Washington	University of Pennsylvania
Indiana	University of Southern California
Lehigh	University of Texas
Northwestern	University of Virginia
Northeastern	University of Washington
NYU	University of Wisconsin
Oxford College of Emory	Vanderbilt
Purdue	Washington University in St. Louis
Stanford	Yeshiva University

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