

THRIVE TIMES

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Starting the School Year off with an NOI

Notice of Intent

As we enjoy these summer weeks, our team is already preparing for an exciting new school year starting in August! We can't wait to welcome everyone back and continue providing engaging, high-quality enrichment opportunities for your students. As we get ready for the upcoming year, we want to share an important update related to homeschooling requirements in Colorado.

Families have three paths to homeschooling in Colorado. They can either submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to any school district in Colorado, enroll in an Independent/Umbrella school classifying them as a private school student, or have their child instructed by a Colorado-licensed teacher.

New legislation has been passed stating that if a homeschool student wants to participate in a publicly funded enrichment program, they must submit an NOI. Enrichment programs are now mandated to hold a copy of the NOI in students' records.

If this is new to you, we are here to help! You are welcome to call or email the school with questions. We also attached a blank template to this email that you are welcome to utilize if you do not want to send in your own.

📚 Quick Reminder: What is Included in a Colorado NOI? A Notice of Intent in Colorado includes:

- Submitted 14 days before instruction begins
- Student's name, age, and address
- Number of instructional hours planned
- Assurance that your homeschool program will follow required subjects (such as reading, writing, speaking, mathematics, history, civics, literature, science, and the U.S. Constitution)
- **Signature of a parent or guardian ← Please don't skip this step.**

You can submit your NOI to the Thrive Office at thrivehsa@hsd2.org or directly to mwelch@hsd2.org. Thank you for your partnership and for helping us stay aligned with state requirements. If you have any questions, please give us a call or send an email: 719.579.2160 or mwelch@hsd2.org

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What's Happening At Thrive

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Save the Date

SUMMER ROUNDUP

Grab & Go Informational

August 11-12th 11:00-12:00pm

Do you need a new car tag, help with a curriculum order, need to use the library or turning in forms? Please drop by on August 11-12th and the front office and we will be here to get you all squared away before the start of the new school year.

Band Instrument Petting Zoo

Various Dates in July 10am-12pm

If you are in the 5th grade or higher and are interested in Band, and have not connected with Mr. Williams yet to check out the different instruments now is the time. Please click the link below to schedule a time to come in and check out the instruments and see what might be a good fit for you!

Sign up HERE

August 11-12 10:00-11:00am

K-2 Orientation

Parents and K-2 students come join us for Orientation for K-2. Meet your teacher and classmates, see your desk and classroom and have fun together.

August 19th
4:00-7:00pm

Back to School Carnival

Save the Date! You won't want to miss this annual event!

August 13 8:15-3:15pm

High School Retreat

This year, our High School Retreat is happening right here on the Thrive campus, giving us the perfect space to launch the school year with energy, connection, and community. Students will rotate through a series of team-building challenges designed to spark collaboration, strengthen friendships, and set a positive tone for the months ahead.
More details to come.

You can download the school calendar from our website for general start and end dates.
www.thrivehsa.org

UPDATES & REMINDERS



In May our families received an email from Ms. Riker updating our community on changes to this coming year as Thrive transitions to becoming a District 2 School as well as legislative changes that took place during the last session.

As we have worked with School District 2 and the Colorado Department of Education to implement changes needed to be in compliance with both entities, we wanted to share a quick update with where things stand at this time. Please also recognize that this is our understanding at this time, and if any further changes are needed we will keep everyone informed.

We understand that changes can be difficult and bring many questions. Please feel free to reach out with specific questions and concerns.

UPDATES: >>>>>>>>>>>>

Teaching Staff:

Last Communication: Our teaching staff: At this time, all our current classroom teachers have expressed their intention to stay at Thrive.

As of Today: We are happy to report that all of our current teaching staff are staying at Thrive for the coming school year. Mrs. Dean and Ms. Angelina will not be returning this year.

Clubs:

Last Communication: Clubs and extracurricular offerings: We expect to be able to continue clubs and extracurriculars after school, although there will be changes to the number and types offered.

As of Today: All clubs this school year will be taught by current district staff. We are still working out the details of what clubs will be offered on which days, so this information is **subject to change**. We hope to release the club schedule before August for families to start signing up.

- Sports Clubs (various)
- Let's Create
- Yearbook
- Band (multi-levels)
- Percussion
- Theater
- Backstage
- Classic's Bookclub
- Watercolor Painting
- Strategic Gaming



Curriculum:

Last Communication: Curriculum ordering: Per student allotment is changing to $50. We'll send information on the new ordering process at the start of the school year.

As of Today: We are continuing to work alongside the district to align with new guidance from the Colorado Department of Education. The new guidelines will change how we come along side our families to help with curriculum. We hope to have finalized answers by the beginning of August.

Budget:

Last Communication: Budget: We will need to align with district budgeting practices, which will impact how certain experiences are funded (for instance: field trips, concurrent enrollment, and events like the carnival).

As of Today: Thrive is currently operating with a reduced budget compared to previous years; however, we remain committed to providing meaningful opportunities for our students. Our team is working creatively and diligently to continue offering important events, field trips, and student experiences. We will still host a carnival, continue offering concurrent enrollment, and pursue field trip opportunities—though the structure and details of these offerings may look different.

Legislation:

Last Communication: The Colorado legislature is currently considering a bill that could change contact hour requirements for part-time and homeschool enrichment programs. If it passes, our school calendar and number of school days may need to shift. We're watching this closely and will share updates.

As of Today: The legislation ultimately passed without changes to contact hour requirements for this school year. We will continue operating on our standard bell schedule and will follow the calendar published on our webpage. We encourage everyone to download the calendar and mark important dates. Please note that there are some days when Thrive is in session while the rest of the district is closed, and vice versa.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES: >>>>>>>>>>

Concurrent Enrollment:

For High School students currently enrolled or planning to enroll in college classes, please ensure that you read the email sent out from Ms. Riker on 6/8 with changes to this program. If you have questions, please reach out to sriker@hsd2.org.

IXL, Mickey Mouse Typing & Discovery Education

In the coming school year, Thrive will no longer be providing access to IXL, Discovery, or Mickey Mouse Typing. There are some other free programs you may wish to explore to see if they will meet your needs. Take a look at:

- Khan Academy: K-12-this resource includes test-prep and college-prep
- DeltaMath: Age 11+, Free (with paid plans available).
- CK-12: Grades 6-9, FREE
- Typing Club

BAND ANNOUCEMENTS

After feedback from our families, we are excited to make band part of the regular school day. If your student is interested in participating in band, Mr. Williams is going to have an "instrument petting zoo" to come and meet with him and look, touch, and play the different instruments. Mr. Williams can also help students select an instrument based on the student's physical characteristics and aural skills. Please plan to check out one of the sessions to check out an instrument. If we already have the desired instument on-site, students may borrow it at no cost.



Please reserve a spot to come check out the instruments: **SIGN UP**
July 8th, July 9th, July 15th, July 16th, July 22nd, July 23rd from 10am-12pm



Beginner Band (5th - 6th Grade)

Students will have the opportunity to select either Elementary Music **or** Beginner Band as part of their school day. Beginner Band students will also start Monday rehearsals in the spring semester.

Middle School Band (6th - 8th Grade)

The Middle School Band will rehearse on Thursdays during the school day as well as Monday afternoons. 6th grade students who have prior band experience should attend this rehearsal instead of the Beginner Band class on their specific school day.

Middle School Percussion Ensemble (6th - 8th Grade)

Middle School percussion students will participate in the band classes on Thursdays during the school day. They will also have their percussion ensemble rehearsals with our Percussion Director, Mr. Smith, on Thursdays right after school as well as full band rehearsals with Mr. Williams on Monday afternoons.

Wind Ensemble (9th - 12th Grade)

The Wind Ensemble will rehearse on Fridays during the school day and Monday afternoons. In addition to December and May concert preparation, they will also prepare solo and ensemble repertoire for the chamber music performance in February.

High School Percussion Ensemble (9th - 12th Grade)

High School percussion students will participate in the band classes on Fridays during the school day. They will also have their percussion ensemble rehearsals with our Percussion Director, Mr. Smith, on Monday afternoons right after their full band rehearsal with Mr. Williams.

Chamber Winds (Any Grade Level - By Audition Only)

This is the audition-only ensemble that will focus on high-level secondary and entry-level collegiate repertoire. The practice and performance requirements for this ensemble will be much stricter than the other ensembles due to the musical difficulty and will focus on smaller groups that play chamber-style music rather than full wind arrangements. (If interested please contact Mr. Williams for audition information).

THSA Additional Band Rehearsal Schedule

(Subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MS/HS Band & Percussion 3:30-5:30 (MS Percussion leaves at 4:30)	(5th & 6th) During School Day	(5th & 6th) During School Day	MS Band/Percussion - During School Day	HS Band & Percussion- During School Day
			MS Percussion 3:30-4:30	
	Small Group and Individual Lessons		Chamber Winds 3:30-5:00	

THSA Band Performance Schedule

(Subject to change)

Winter Concert → Thursday, December 3rd at 6:00PM

**Beginner Band students do not perform in this concert*

Chamber Concert → Thursday, February 25th at 6:00PM

**Any students wishing to perform a solo or small ensemble can audution to perform in this concert*

Spring Concert → Tuesday, May 4th at 6:00PM

**All students (and any parents or staff members who play an instrument!) perform in this concert*

Dress Code for December Concert:

Black dress/skirt/dress pants with solid colored dress shirt. Black Belt if appropriate. Black shoes/tights. Black Dress Shoes

Dress Code for Chamber & Spring Concerts:

ALL Black Dress Shirt, Dress Pants or Tea Length Dress or Skirt, black socks/tights, Black dress shoes