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To Whom It May Concern,

In September 2025, Evergreen High School in Evergreen, Colorado endured a tragic act of violence that profoundly affected our entire school community. Two of our students were critically injured, and a third student, the perpetrator, lost his life. In the immediate aftermath, our school faced not only the weight of collective grief and trauma, but also significant disruption to the academic calendar. Instructional time was lost, and seniors in particular experienced delays in accessing the college counseling, essay review, and application support that are typically central to their fall semester.

Since that day, our district and school have worked with urgency and care to create structures that address both the emotional and academic needs of our students. We expanded access to mental health resources, brought in trained counselors, and adjusted schedules to ensure students could transition back into learning in a supportive and measured way. Simultaneously, we prioritized reestablishing academic stability, making up for lost instructional time, and extending additional assistance for seniors navigating the college admissions process under circumstances of extraordinary stress.

As you review applications from Evergreen High School students, we respectfully ask that you consider this context. Our students have demonstrated tremendous resilience and determination in continuing their education while carrying the weight of this community tragedy, as well as their own personal trauma from the event. We are deeply proud of their perseverance, and we affirm that their accomplishments reflect not only their academic abilities, but also their courage and leadership in facing challenges that no student should have to endure.

Sincerely,

Dr. Skyler Artes
Principal, Evergreen High School

Rob Stein
Interim Superintendent, Jeffco Public Schools

Evergreen High School

Jefferson County Public School District R-1, CO

2026-2027 PROFILE

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Nestled in the beautiful mountains of Evergreen, Colorado, our school is proud to serve a dynamic and ambitious student body. Our graduates go on to excel at Colorado's top colleges and universities, attend prestigious institutions nationwide and internationally, and enter the workforce through careers in healthcare, skilled trades, performing and fine arts, and more.

Enrollment 2026-2027	Student Body 785	Class of 2027 214

About Evergreen High School

- EHS is a comprehensive public high school located in a small mountain community in the foothills west of Denver, serving grades 9 through 12.
- EHS is one of 18 high schools in the Jefferson County Public School District R-1 (JPS).
- Over 80% of students participate in athletics, clubs, and activities.
- Over 70% of students volunteer and perform community service. EHS is unique in offering students the opportunity to earn a varsity letter in Community Service for completing a minimum of 115 hours of service in one year.
- EHS offers 26 sports and 32 clubs, which include interest clubs, co-curricular clubs, service clubs, and honor societies.
- EHS students earn state and national recognitions in instrumental music, business, and STEM competitions.

Awards of Excellence

- A **Colorado John Irwin School of Excellence Awardee** nine times, issued to the top 8% of state high schools, most recently in 2025.
- Awarded the **National Blue Ribbon School Award** in 2007 and 2015, one of the most prestigious education awards in the nation distinguishing schools that maintain superior academics.
- U.S. News & World Report awarded a national gold ranking to EHS and currently ranks EHS as the #6 high school in Jefferson County CO, the #17 high school in the Denver metropolitan area, and the #33 high school in Colorado. **Nationally, EHS is ranked in the top 3%**.
- EHS is ranked in Colorado's **Top 15 High Schools for STEM education**.

Advanced Placement Achievements 2025-2026

While EHS does not limit the number of AP courses a student can take, 9th and 10th grade students are limited to one AP core course due to the nature of academic course progression.

- 200 AP Scholar awards (mean score 3.77) to include:
  - 88 AP Scholars (mean score 3.27)
  - 41 AP Scholars with Honors (mean score 3.71)
  - 71 AP Scholars with Distinction (mean score 4.09)



463
Number of Students Taking AP Exams



825
Total Number of Exams



83%
% of Students with Scores 3, 4, 5

SAT and College Matriculation

Class of 2027 Median Score: 1132
Class of 2026 Median Score: 1147
% of Class of 2026 Attending 4 Year Colleges: 85.9%
% of Class of 2026 Attending 2 Year Colleges: 4.83%

National Merit Scholarships 2015-2026

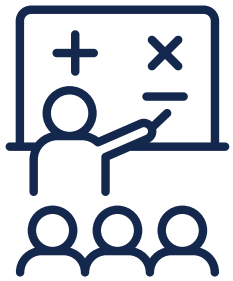
10 Finalists/Winners
12 Semi-Finalists
50 Commended Scholars

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Transcript Information

Jeffco Public Schools Course Requirements

Language Arts	4.0
Social Studies	3.5
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Physical Education	0.5
Fine/Practical Arts	0.5
World Languages	0.0
Electives	8.5
Total	**23.0**



Advisement is an extended weekly period time to provide students with academic support and build a positive and healthy student culture.

Advisement, Seminar and Study Hall are pass/fail classes for which students earn a P by having two or fewer unexcused absences.

EHS Grading Scale - 4.0

Grade	Grading Scale	Unweighted Grades	Weighted Grades
A	90-100%	A = 4 grade points	A = 5 grade points
B	80-89%	B = 3 grade points	B = 4 grade points
C	70-79%	C = 2 grade points	C = 3 grade points
D	60-69%	D = 1 grade point	D = 1 grade point
F	59% and below	F = 0 grade points	F = 0 grade points

Over the last three years, EHS has secured 9 team State championships and 12 individual State titles. For the 2025-2026 season, two athletes were honored as Colorado Athletes of the Year in their respective sports. Additionally, three coaches received the Conference Coach of the Year award, while two coaches were recognized as the State of Colorado Coach of the Year for 2025-2026.





Our musical performance groups regularly compete and achieve success at regional, state, and national competitions, with biannual performances at Disney World and other renowned venues.

Each year, DECA members participate in competitions at the State and international levels, consistently earning top placements and awards.

The Mural Club contributes to the Evergreen community by creating four murals annually, while developing key skills in art and client collaboration.



Faculty and Accreditation

- The EHS staff is a team of dedicated and professional educators who truly care about the success of each student. With an average of 20 years of teaching experience and over 80% with graduate degrees, the teaching staff of 40 brings a wealth of expertise and real-world experience to the classroom. This contributes greatly to the outstanding results that EHS students achieve. Two assistant principals, one dean, two counselors, one SEL counselor, and one school psychologist provide students with support services.
- EHS is fully accredited by the Colorado Department of Education.

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Curriculum Information

All JPS students must meet or exceed graduation requirements to include the accumulation of a minimum of 23 credits in required courses AND demonstrate their knowledge in Language Arts/English and Mathematics using standardized tests such as the SAT, ASVAB, and ACCUPLACER.

Advanced Placement courses (17): AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Biology, AP Physics I, AP Computer Science, AP Chemistry, AP Human Geography, AP US History, AP World History: Modern, AP US Government and Politics, AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics, AP 2-D Art and Design, AP 3-D Art and Design.

Honors courses (7): Pre-AP English 9, Pre-AP English 10, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry, Earth Science, Spanish 4.

College Level Concurrent Enrollment courses (7): Graphic Design, Photography, STEM Capstone, College Algebra, Statistics, French 3 (plus courses offered through JPS WT and JVA, see below).

Special Curriculum Pathways:

- The **Jeffco Seal of Biliteracy** is a recognition for students who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in at least one world language and English by high school graduation. Criteria include completion of four years of high school equivalent world language courses with an unweighted grade average of 3.0 or higher for those classes AND a demonstration of oral proficiency at the intermediate- to mid-level (e.g., AAPPL Oral Speaking/Listening Test).
- To earn the **Jeffco STEM Diploma Endorsement** a student must earn 4 STEM related credits beyond those required for graduation with a 3.5 unweighted grade average in those STEM courses, demonstrate a high proficiency in mathematics (as determined by specified state and/or national assessments), and complete a STEM Capstone project that demonstrates mastery of specific STEM skills. STEM students participate in regional and state science fairs and innovation challenges at Colorado School of Mines. There is also a Solidworks CAD Program certification option.

Warren Tech High School (WT)
WT is the premier Career and Technical Education center for JPS students. WT offers students career-focused learning, high school and community college credit, industry certifications, internships, apprenticeships, and on-the-job experience with such organizations as hospitals, governmental agencies, Lockheed Martin, NASA, Colorado School of Mines, and more. WT offers 35 programs and is open to Juniors and Seniors in all JPS high schools. Acceptance into WT programs is competitive and based on grades, attendance, and behavior. EHS students who enroll in WT programs split their school day between EHS and WT. https://warrentech.jeffcopublicschools.org

Jeffco Virtual Academy (JVA)
JVA is JPS' online school, offering educational options for students in grades 6-12 as well as credit recovery options. JVA is accredited, upholds the district's high academic standards, and offers NCAA-approved courses. EHS students can take online courses at JVA to provide flexibility in their schedule and/or access classes not offered at EHS.
https://jeffcovirtual.jeffcopublicschools.org

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College Acceptances - Classes of 2024-2026

Allegheny College
American Musical and Dramatic Academy
American University
Amherst College
Angelo State University*
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Babson College*
Bates College
Baylor University
Bentley University
Bethany College
Boston University
Briar Cliff University
Brown University
Butler University
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*
California State University San Marcos*
Calvin University*
Chadron State College
Chapman University
Clark University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University*
Coker University*
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado College*
Colorado Mesa University*
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado School of Mines*
Colorado State University*
Colorado State University Pueblo*
Columbia University
Creighton University
Culinary Institute of America
CUNY Brooklyn College
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Eastern Kentucky University
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Prescott
Emerson College
Flagler College
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University*
Florida Southern College
Fordham University
Fort Hays State University*
Fort Lewis College
Franklin and Marshall College
Full Sail University
Furman University
Georgetown University
Gettysburg College*
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University
Grinnell College*
Helena College Montana
High Point University*
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hood College*
Indiana University Bloomington
Iowa State University
Kansas State University
Lafayette College
Lake Forest College
Lawrence University
Lesley University
Lewis & Clark College
Lipscomb University
Loyola University Chicago
Marquette University
Marshall University
Metropolitan State University of Denver*
Miami University Oxford*
Michigan State University
Middlebury College*
Minnesota State University Moorhead*
Minnesota State University Mankato
Missouri University of Science and Technology*
Montana State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Ohio University
Oklahoma State University
Oregon State University
Pennsylvania State University
Portland State University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Purdue Global
Purdue University
Radford University*
Rhodes College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design
San Diego State University
Saint Michael's College*
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College
Seattle Central College
Seattle University
Skidmore College
Southeastern University
Southern Methodist University
Southern Utah University
St Olaf College*
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
The Evergreen State College
The George Washington University
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa*
The University of Tennessee Knoxville
The University of the South
Trinity College*
Tufts University*
Tulane University
Tusculum University*
United States Military Academy*
United States Naval Academy*
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California Berkeley*
University of California Davis
University of California Irvine
University of California San Diego
University of California Santa Barbara
University of Colorado Boulder*
University of Colorado Colorado Springs*
University of Colorado Denver
University of Denver
University of Dubuque
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Iowa*
University of Kansas*
University of Massachusetts Amherst*
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri*
University of Montana
University of Nebraska Lincoln
University of Nebraska Omaha
University of Nevada Reno
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of North Dakota
University of Northern Colorado
University of Northwestern Ohio
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma*
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Redlands*
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Utah*
University of Vermont*
University of Washington Seattle
University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin Madison
University of Wyoming*
Utah State University
Vanderbilt University*
Vassar College
Wake Forest University
Wartburg College*
Washington State University
Wellesley College
Western Colorado University*
Western Michigan University*
Western Washington University
Whittier College
Willamette University*
William & Mary
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University
York College*

INTERNATIONAL

- Columbia University - Sciences Po de Paris Dual BA Program
- IE University - Segovia
- Massey University
- McGill University
- Sciences Po - The University of British Columbia Dual Degree Program
- Temple University Japan
- The University of British Columbia
- University College Dublin
- University College London
- University of Alberta
- University of Costa Rica
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Ghent
- University of St. Andrews*
- University of Victoria

* *denotes EHS athlete*