

Rock Ridge Elementary School Admission Policy

The most recent date for reflection and review of this document was on Monday, September 21, 2026 during our Professional Learning Community meeting.

Philosophy & Access Commitment: As a public neighborhood school within the Douglas County School District (DCSD), Rock Ridge Elementary embraces parent and student choice by welcoming learners to an inclusive educational community. We strive to find ways to admit students rather than build barriers to entry, fostering a diverse student body rich in culture, gender, and perspective. In alignment with International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) values, we seek to cultivate hardworking, internationally minded, lifelong learners.

Enrollment Options & Geographic Eligibility

- **Neighborhood Attendance:** Rock Ridge primarily serves students residing within its defined geographic attendance area in the Douglas County School District.
- **Open Enrollment Policy:** In accordance with DCSD guidelines, students may apply to attend Rock Ridge regardless of their geographic boundary through the district's Open Enrollment Policy, subject to space availability.
- **Educational Choice:** Rock Ridge supports district initiatives that offer families a wide variety of learning pathways to best match their child's educational needs.

Admissions Considerations & Safety

- **Space Availability:** Admission for out-of-boundary students is contingent upon open space within requested grade levels and programs.
- **Student Need Support:** During the admissions process, school staff evaluates the school's capacity to appropriately meet each child's individual learning and developmental requirements.
- **Safety & Environment:** All admissions decisions prioritize ensuring the overall safety, security, and well-being of the school community.

Feeder System & Community Articulation: Rock Ridge Elementary works to prepare students for success as they transition through the district's designated feeder system to secondary schools.

Policy Governance: This access and admission policy is reviewed periodically during Professional Learning Community (PLC) time to ensure ongoing alignment with Douglas County School District policies and IB PYP access guidelines.