Family Guide

2026 – 2027

Dedicated to Excellence
Cherry Creek Schools











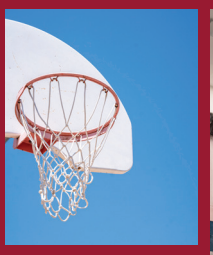















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Inspiring every student to think, to learn, to achieve, to care

Getting to Know Us

About Cherry Creek School District

Cherry Creek School District serves 52,000 students and more than 300,000 residents in 8 municipalities across 108 square miles. It is Colorado's fourth-largest district and the largest employer in Arapahoe County. Cherry Creek School District is a diverse district where inclusive excellence and college and career readiness are priorities. Cherry Creek's dedication to excellence has been a guiding principle for more than 75 years and continues to guide the district's approach to ensuring a Pathway of Purpose and a bright, fulfilling future for each and every student.

Vision

Dedicated to Excellence

Mission

To inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, to care.

Core Values

The Cherry Creek School District is grounded in five core values. These values guide every aspect of our work in service of our students, to think, to learn, to achieve, to care.

Growth Mindset | **Equity** | **Whole Wellbeing** | **Engagement** | **Relationships**

Enrollment

52,000 students

Number of Schools

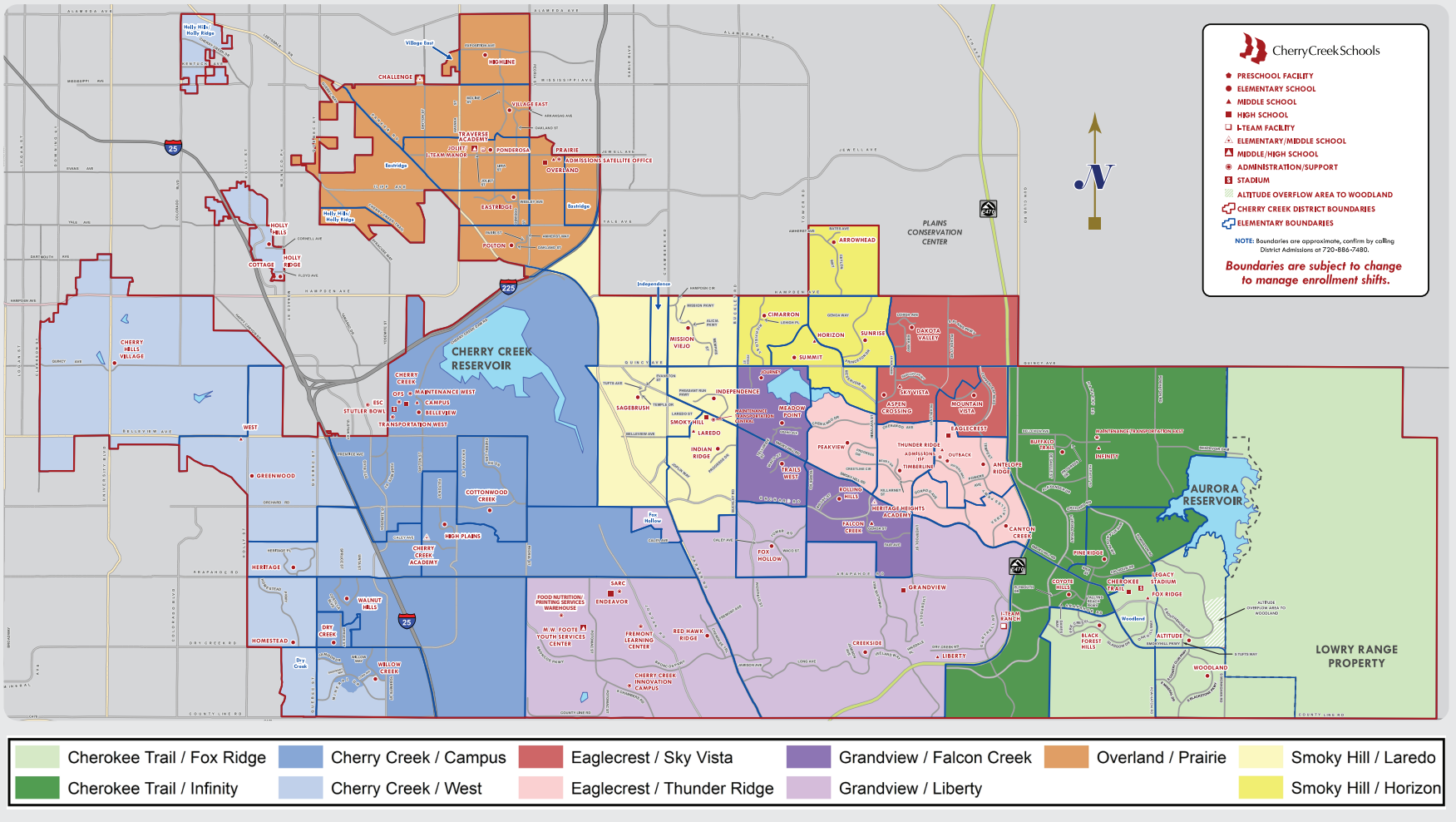
Elementary Schools: 44
Middle Schools: 11
High Schools: 7
Charter Schools: 2
K-8 Magnet School: 1
6-12 Online School: 1
Total Number of Schools: 66

Programs

Cherry Creek Innovation Campus
Pathways at Overland
Traverse Academy
Adaptive Programs
Homeschool Options

Race/Ethnicity

African American: 11.8%
American Indian/Alaskan Native: 0.3%
Asian: 8.7%
Hispanic/Latino: 24.40%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.3%
Two or More Races: 10.1%
White: 44.4%





31,500

College credits earned each year by CCSD students

18,460

Miles CCSD buses travel every single day to get students safely to school

91.6%

Graduation rate, the highest in district history



67%

Students participate in school athletics, clubs, and extracurriculars



78.3%

Of CCSD teachers hold advanced degrees

TOP 100

CCIC ranks among the world's top 100 most impactful and innovative educational programs and ranks top 10 in the United States

1874

CCSD's educational legacy began with a single one-room schoolhouse, a historic building preserved on CCHS's & SHHS campuses

6M

Nutritious meals served to students each school year





Message from the Interim Superintendent

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year!

Cherry Creek Schools has a long tradition of excellence, and we continue to build on that strong foundation through our Strategic Plan. We are strengthening literacy instruction, supporting the wellbeing of students and staff, and ensuring every student has access to high-quality learning opportunities.

We are making great strides toward our Strategic Plan goals. The district is seeing gains in literacy scores and our graduation rate is the highest it's ever been. We also remain deeply focused on whole wellbeing. More students are reporting a strong sense of belonging at school; suspensions and expulsions are down as restorative practices continue to take hold; and we are making meaningful progress toward greater equity in the identification of students with special education and gifted and talented needs. These efforts reflect our commitment to ensuring every student has the support, confidence, and skills to pursue the future they choose.

We are expanding opportunities that prepare students for life beyond graduation. The continued growth of the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus and the opening of Cherry Creek Pathways at Overland give even more students access to hands-on learning in high-demand fields, including health care, aerospace, construction, veterinary science, and skilled trades.

We continue to deliver on the promises made to our community with the expected completion of several other major community-supported projects, such as a new Holly Hills Elementary School and a new pool at Overland High School. Looking ahead, we are excited to see long-term projects like the new Cherry Creek High School and Laredo Middle School gain momentum as they head toward completion in 2028.

I look forward to partnering with you to ensure all Cherry Creek schools are safe, inclusive, and welcoming places where all students can thrive. Together, we will build on our legacy of excellence.

In partnership,

Dr. Jennifer Perry
Interim Superintendent

Strategic Plan

The CCSD Strategic Plan outlines three key priorities: 1) Literacy, 2) Health and Wellbeing, and 3) Disproportionality. Each of these strategic objectives will ensure the organization operates in a way that supports our amazing teachers and staff while providing every student with the high-quality education and supportive environment necessary to achieve success in school and beyond graduation.

Literacy

Develop independent and confident readers, writers, communicators, and thinkers by providing every student with authentic and rigorous learning experiences through a structured, culturally responsive, and evidence-based approach to literacy.

Health & Wellbeing

Support students in their social-emotional and physical wellbeing so they can learn, teach, grow, and find their future pathway. By creating an environment where every student feels safe, included, cared for, and seen so they can fully engage in learning.

Disproportionality

Ensure all students thrive regardless of where they are in their learning journey. Reduce disproportionality in discipline data to reflect student demographics and support the equitable identification of students in special populations.

Strategic Plan Celebrations

- Increase in district literacy scores
- Districtwide record high graduation rates
- More students report strong sense of belonging
- Suspensions and expulsions are down
- Greater equity in identification of special education and gifted/talented students

These efforts reflect the district's commitment to providing every student with the support, confidence, and skills to pursue the future they choose.

Scan to read more about CCSD's Strategic Plan



Cherry Creek School District students actively engage in classroom learning.

CCSD Strategic Plan Driving Student Success Across Cherry Creek Schools

Now in its third year, the Cherry Creek School District Strategic Plan is delivering meaningful results for students across the district. Grounded in extensive conversations with parents, students, staff, and community members, the plan reflects a shared vision: helping every student discover and pursue a pathway to a career and future that inspires them.

The Strategic Plan is built around three key pillars: Literacy, Health & Wellbeing, and Disproportionality. Together, these priorities guide the district's efforts to ensure every student receives the support, opportunities, and academic rigor needed to thrive. Through this work, Cherry Creek Schools continues to fulfill its promise of excellence for every child.

Literacy

One of the most significant areas of progress is literacy. The district is seeing improvements in literacy proficiency, as reflected in CMAS results and the second-highest student growth on state assessments. Additionally, every student racial demographic group in Cherry Creek Schools outperforms its state counterpart on CMAS and PSAT assessments. While celebrating these accomplishments, the district remains committed to closing opportunity gaps and ensuring all students achieve at high levels.

Health and Wellbeing

The district is also making important strides in supporting the health and wellbeing of students and staff. More students are reporting a strong sense of belonging at school, an important indicator that students feel connected, supported, and ready to learn. By focusing on social, emotional, and physical wellbeing, Cherry Creek Schools is helping students build the confidence and resilience they need to succeed both in school and beyond.

Disproportionality

Progress is also evident in the district's efforts to address disproportionality. Through restorative practices and a commitment to keeping students engaged in learning, expulsions have decreased by 71% over the past five years, with annual reductions since the pandemic. These efforts are helping more students remain connected to their schools and academic opportunities.

At the same time, the district has achieved greater proportionality in the identification of students for special education and gifted and talented services, ensuring that students are more equitably recognized and supported based on their needs.

Together, these outcomes demonstrate the positive impact of the Strategic Plan and reinforce Cherry Creek Schools' commitment to preparing every student to pursue the future they envision for themselves. Through continued focus on literacy, wellbeing, and equity, the district is creating pathways to success for all learners.



Students collaborate on a reading exercise highlighting progress in literacy proficiency and student growth across the Cherry Creek School District.

Thanks to our voters!

BIG THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT YOUR SCHOOL!



See how the 2024 Bond is making a difference at your school.

2024 Bond Projects Underway

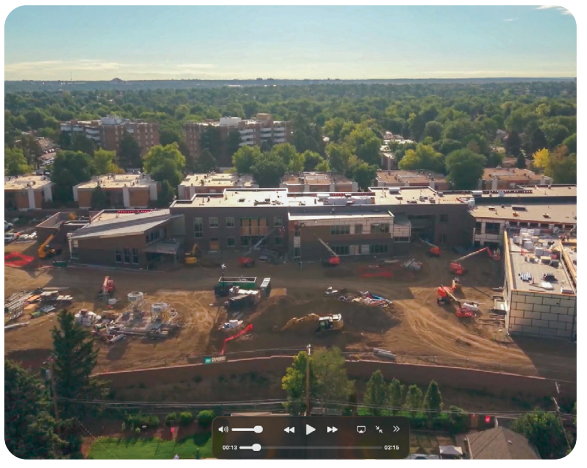
Promises Made, Promises Kept.

Thanks to voter support, projects are underway across Cherry Creek Schools. We're improving learning spaces and creating more opportunities for students.



Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (CCIC) Expansion

The Cherry Creek Innovation Campus has expanded to add nine new career pathways, opening the doors for 70% more students to gain real-world experience in high-demand fields in August 2026. This addition will include a 500-person event center opening in December and further strengthening connections between education and industry.



New Holly Hills Elementary School

Starting in January 2027, a brand-new Holly Hills Elementary School will serve students from both Holly Hills and Holly Ridge, two of the district's oldest elementary schools. The project will bring the two communities together in a shared, modern space designed for future generations of learners.



Pathways at Overland & New Pool

The IST building, located between Overland High School and Prairie Middle School, has been renovated to expand access to in-demand career pathways in Health & Wellness and Criminal Justice & Law. This project also included the construction of a new 8-lane pool and diving board along with renovations inside Overland HS to accommodate new programming.



New Laredo Middle School

Laredo Middle School is being rebuilt to meet today's student and programmatic needs, replacing the original 1974 building with modern, future-ready learning spaces. The new school will provide bright, flexible, and innovative learning spaces while improving traffic flow and pedestrian safety around the school. The project is expected to be completed by fall 2027.



Cherry Creek High School Rebuild (Phase I)

The 2024 bond measure is the first in a multi-year effort to replace aging facilities on the Cherry Creek PreK–12 campus. Two administrative buildings have been demolished and crews have begun rebuilding the West Building for Cherry Creek High School.

Scan to see how the 2024 Bond is making a difference at your school!

Pathways at Overland Opens Doors to What's Next

The new Pathways at Overland building gives CCSD students more ways to explore careers, gain hands-on experience and prepare for life after high school.

A newly renovated building on the Overland High School campus is opening more doors for Cherry Creek Schools students to explore what their futures could look like.

Pathways at Overland is a college and career preparedness facility where high school students from across Cherry Creek Schools can spend part of their school day exploring career fields through hands-on, industry-focused courses. Students remain enrolled at their home high schools while coming to Pathways for specialized programs in Criminal Justice & Law, Health & Wellness, Hospitality & Tourism and Technology. Along the way, they can build real-world skills, earn industry certifications and, in some programs, college credit.

The new facility was made possible through the 2024 Bond and transforms the former Institute of Science and Technology (IST) building into a dedicated Career and Technical Education (CTE) space.

For more than a decade, IST gave Overland students a place to explore aviation, robotics, engineering, and technology. Pathways at Overland builds on that history while opening the facility to more students and introducing new programs based on student interests and growing career fields.

"I'm very excited at the opportunity to re-imagine and design the space with state-of-the-art CTE programming that was selected with the input and support of students and the community," Overland High School Principal Sybil Booker said.

Inside, classrooms look and feel different from a traditional school setting. Students learn in spaces built around the work they may one day do professionally, giving them the chance to try something new, discover an interest or even decide a career is not the right fit before leaving high school.

For Overland High School student Aries Jamison, the program connects directly to something she has wanted to pursue since she was young.



The new culinary area and café at Pathways at Overland.

"Hopefully [I] can get into law. I've always wanted to do it since I was in elementary school," Jamison said.

Other students are already noticing how the right space and equipment can change the way they learn.

Overland student Allison Terry, a producer for OTV, the school's student broadcast journalism program, remembers walking into the renovated space for the first time.

"We have never had a classroom this big that could actually fit all of us and our equipment." Terry said.

For Terry, experiences like OTV have done more than teach her technical skills. They have helped her figure out what she wants to do next.

"I would never have known what I wanted to do with my life if it wasn't for OTV," she said. "I am so thankful for this program and everything it's done for me."

That kind of discovery is at the heart of Pathways at Overland. By spending part of their day in specialized, career-focused courses, students can explore their interests while gaining experience that connects what they are learning in school to what comes next.

"Outside of the traditional offerings in school, we're finding that students really are gravitating to what their passion might be," Pathways at Overland Assistant Principal Cary Reed said. "This prepares students to go straight from here into the workforce, getting those certifications with concurrent enrollment through our industry partners."

Pathways at Overland also adds to the CTE opportunities already available across Cherry Creek Schools. Along with programs at comprehensive high schools and the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (CCIC), the new facility gives students another way to explore careers and find an educational experience that fits their interests and goals.

Students leave CCSD headed to college, the workforce, the military, or still exploring what comes next. No matter their path, the goal is to provide meaningful experiences that help them make decisions about their future with confidence.

"This building was created on the promise to provide desired post-secondary pathways for the Overland community, and that's what we will do," Reed said.

With the opening of Pathways at Overland, Cherry Creek Schools is continuing to invest in spaces and programs that help students discover their interests, build real-world skills and find their own pathway of purpose.



CCSD board members, Interim Superintendent Jennifer Perry, Overland Principal Sybil Booker, Pathways Assistant Principal Cary Reed, and students celebrate the grand opening of Pathways at Overland with a ribbon cutting.



Members of the Overland High School swimming and diving team celebrate the opening of their new aquatics center with the first official splash.

Overland High School Makes Waves with New Aquatics Center

After nearly 50 years without a home pool, Overland High School officially cuts the ribbon on its brand-new, 35,000-square-foot aquatics facility.

Overland High School officially opened the doors to its first-ever aquatics facility on Friday, August 28, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that drew students, staff, families, community members, alumni, city officials, and district leaders to celebrate a milestone nearly 50 years in the making.

“Investments like this one reflect our commitment to giving every Cherry Creek student access to world-class facilities and opportunities,” said Dr. Jennifer Perry, Cherry Creek School District Interim Superintendent. “Overland’s new aquatic center is a testament to what’s possible when a community comes together to support its students.”

Since Overland opened in 1978, the school’s swimming and diving teams practiced at nearby Utah Park. That changed in August, as people gathered to cut the ribbon on the district’s first stand-alone aquatics center built to serve Overland for generations to come.

“This pool represents more than just a new building,” said Sybil Booker, Overland High School Principal. “It’s an opportunity for every Overland student to grow, compete, and belong to something bigger than themselves. Our student-athletes have earned this moment, and we couldn’t be more excited for what’s ahead.”

Following the ceremony, attendees toured the building before watching members of the swimming and diving team take the first official plunge into the new pool. The 35,000-square-foot facility built by Saunders Construction and designed by DLR Group houses an 8-lane, 25-yard, 417,000-gallon competition pool, two diving boards, locker rooms, a team room, two classrooms, and bleacher seating for more than 300 spectators. It will support Overland’s swimming and diving programs and physical education classes, with community rentals available beginning in the facility’s second year.



CCSD Board of Education members, Interim Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Perry, district leaders, cheerleaders, and students celebrate the grand opening of the new aquatics center at Overland High School with a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Alumni in Action



Jakye Nunley

Jakye Nunley, who graduated from Eaglecrest High School in 2023, is a self-described “perspective-lover” who threw himself into everything Eaglecrest offered: track, Student Leadership (starting freshman year), DECA, NHS, and ultimately student body vice president, all while working a job all four years to prove he wouldn’t short himself on any experience. That commitment followed him to Colorado State University, where he’s now serving as chief of staff for student government overseeing nine departments and a $2.1 million budget, with plans to run for student body president this spring. His message to students: don’t sell yourself short on anything. Get the full 100% out of your life.



Brandon Hill

As a student at Smoky Hill High School, Brandon Hill (Class of 1992) had a simple approach: try everything, show up, and stay committed. He played football, ran track, participated in marching band and orchestra, and built friendships across different groups. One of his biggest influences was Coach Champion, whose energy, respect for students, and ability to genuinely connect with people left a lasting impression. Brandon carried those lessons into his career at Adolfson & Peterson Construction, where he now serves as Vice President of Operations and has twice been named Mentor of the Year by his colleagues. He continues to give back through education advisory boards across Colorado and as Board Chair of the Front Range Community College Foundation.



Wendy Werchant

A perspective drawing exercise in her Overland High School art class sparked Wendy Merchant’s passion for architecture. After graduating in 1988, she earned a degree in architectural engineering and built a 20-year career designing building systems. When her son became interested in tech at age 10, she discovered that fewer girls were pursuing STEM fields than in previous decades, so she founded STEMblazers to change that narrative. Today, her nonprofit operates in 27 metro schools, including all 13 CCSD middle schools, where volunteers guide girls through hands-on activities and help them visualize themselves in engineering and tech careers. Her ambitious goal: reach one million girls by 2050.



Jesse Aaronson

From performing in musicals at Cherry Creek High School before graduating in 2014 to making his Broadway debut in Tom Stoppard’s Leopoldstadt in 2022, Jesse Aaronson credits his time at CCHS with preparing him for the demands of professional theater. On opening night, walking under the Broadway marquee even reminded him of performing at Creek. Since then, Jesse has expanded into television, including an appearance on Law & Order: SVU. His advice to students: keep an open heart and mind, say yes to opportunities, and trust that the experiences you’re having now are preparing you for what comes next.

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

You're invited!

Parents, families, and community members are invited to attend performances at our high schools throughout the year. Enjoy a variety of band, choir, orchestra, and the theater performances.

Cherokee Trail High School

November 12th – 14th 2026 | Freaky Friday Musical
November 19th, 2026 | Dance Showcase
November 21st, 2026 | Big Band Boogie Ball
November 24th, 2026 | Jazz Choir Festival
December 2nd, 2026 | Winter Choir Concert
December 8th, 2026 | Winter Orchestra Concert
January 22nd & 23rd, 2027 | CCSD Honor Orchestra
February 3rd, 2027 | Band Concert
February 9th, 2027 | Celebrate the Arts Concert
February 25th – 27th, 2027 | Spring Play
March 2nd, 2027 | Choir Concert
March 3rd, 2027 | Talent Show
April 19th & 20th, 2027 | Pops Choir Concert
April 28th, 2027 | Jazz Band Concert
April 29th, 2027 | Band Concert
May 6th, 2027 | Dance Showcase
May 13th, 2027 | Orchestra Senior Farewell Concert

Cherry Creek High School

November 5th – 7th, 2026 | Fall Play
November 12th, 2026 | Jazz Band Concert
December 2nd, 2026 | Orchestra Concert
December 3rd, 2026 | Meistersingers & Kantorei Concert
December 7th, 2026 | Unified Production
December 8th & 9th, 2026 | Choir Concerts
December 10th, 2026 | Band Concert
January 12th, 2027 | Band Futures Concert
January 13th, 2027 | Orchestra Futures Concert
January 14th, 2027 | Choir Futures Concert
February 18th, 2027 | Jazz Band Concert & Silent Auction
March 3rd – 6th, 2027 | Spring Musical
March 9th, 2027 | Choir Concert
March 25th, 2027 | Band Concert
April 6th, 2027 | Senior Orchestra Recital
April 8th, 2027 | Avenue Jazz Cabaret
April 15th – 17th, 2027 | Spring Play
April 27th, 2027 | Band Concert
April 30th, 2027 | Jazz Band Concert
May 4th, 2027 | Orchestra Concert
May 5th, 2027 | Choir Concert
May 19th, 2027 | Acapellooza

Eaglecrest High School

November 5th – 7th, 2026 | Fall Play
November 12th, 2026 | Theatre 3 Performance
November 13th, 2026 | Mariachi Concert
November 23rd, 2026 | Dance Headliner
November 24th, 2026 | Dance Main stage
December 1st, 2026 | Choir Concert
December 3rd, 2026 | Concert Bands Concert
December 4th, 2026 | Jazz Bands Concert
December 8th, 2026 | Orchestra Concert
January 29th, 2027 | Harlequin Show
February 25th – 27th, 2027 | Musical Performance
March 2nd, 2027 | Choir Concert
March 3rd, 2027 | Jazz Bands Concert
March 4th, 2027 | Concert Bands Concert
March 11th, 2027 | Orchestra Concert
March 25th, 2027 | Theatre 3 Performance
April 14th, 2027 | One Acts Performance
April 16th & 19th, 2027 | Unified Theatre Performance
April 23rd & 24th, 2027 | Harlequin Show
May 4th, 2027 | Dance Headliner Show
May 6th, 2027 | Choir Concert
May 7th, 2027 | Mariachi Concert
May 11th, 2027 | Orchestra Concert
May 14th, 2027 | Jazz Bands Concert
May 17th, 2027 | Dance Main Stage Concert
May 20th, 2027 | Band Concert

Grandview High School

November 13th, 14th, 20th & 21st, 2026 | Urinetown Musical
December 2nd, 2026 | Concert Bands Concert
December 3rd, 2026 | Jazz Bands Concert
December 7th, 2026 | Treble Choir, Tenor/Bass Choir, Bella Voce
December 8th, 2026 | Jazz Choir, Camerata, Chamber Singers & Chamber Orchestra Concert
December 9th, 2026 | Orchestra Concert
January 13th, 2027 | Band Feeder Concert
January 14th, 2027 | Orchestra Feeder Concert
February 10th – 12th, 2027 | Freshman/Sophomore Play
February 17th, 2027 | Jazz Bands Concert
February 24th, 2027 | Concert Bands Concert
March 11th, 2027 | Masterworks Concert
March 23rd & 24th, 2027 | Unified Theatre Show
March 31st – April 2nd, 2027 | Bravo Murder Mystery
April 9th, 2027 | Performing Arts Jazz Swing Night
April 23rd & 24th, 2027 | Spring Play
May 1st, 2027 | Grand Evening
May 12th, 2027 | Senior Band Concert
May 13th, 2027 | Senior Orchestra Concert
May 17th, 2027 | Senior Pops Choir Concert
May 18th, 2027 | Junior Pops Choir Concert
May 19th, 2027 | Senior Jazz Band Concert

Overland High School

November 4th, 2026 | Musical Matinee
November 5th – 7th, 2026 | Fall Musical
November 17th, 2026 | Winter Choir Concert 1 with Prairie
November 19th, 2026 | Winter Choir Concert 2
December 4th, 2026 | Winter Orchestra Concert
December 7th, 2026 | Winter Band Concert
December 9th, 2026 | AA Seasons Greetings
December 19th, 2026 | Nutcracker with the Colorado Ballet
January 8th & 9th, 2027 | CCSD Honor Choir
January 15th, 2027 | Overland/Prairie Choir Festival
January 22nd & 23rd, 2027 | CCSD Honor Orchestra
February 5th & 6th, 2027 | CCSD Honor Band
February 9th, 2027 | AA Show
February 25th – 27th, 2027 | Spring Play
March 8th, 2027 | Spring Band Concert
March 10th, 2027 | Prairie & Overland Orchestra Concert
March 11th, 2027 | Prairie Spring Choir Concert
March 24th, 2027 | Jazz Night
March 25th, 2027 | Spring Choir Concert
April 8th & 9th, 2027 | AA Drama Show
April 20th & 21st, 2027 | One Act Plays
May 3rd, 2027 | Band Concert
May 4th, 2027 | Orchestra Concert
May 5th, 2027 | Thespian Inductions
May 11th, 2027 | Choir Variety Show
May 13th, 2027 | AA Last Call

Smoky Hill High School

November 6th & 7th, 2026 | Fall Play Performances
November 24th, 2026 | Spontaneous Combustion Improv Show
December 1st, 2026 | Dance Showcase
December 3rd, 2026 | Band Winter Concert
December 8th, 2026 | Choir Winter Concert
December 10th, 2026 | Orchestra Winter Concert
December 17th, 2026 | Spontaneous Combustion Improv Show
January 28th, 2027 | Night of Stars Talent Show
February 11th – 13th, 2027 | Musical Performances
March 2nd, 2027 | Orchestra Spring Concert
March 4th, 2027 | Choir Spring Concert
March 5th, 2027 | Spontaneous Combustion Improv Show
March 9th, 2027 | Band Spring Concert
April 8th & 9th, 2027 | One Act Play Performances
April 13th, 2027 | Jazz on the Hill - Band/Choir Concert
April 16th, 2027 | Spontaneous Combustion Improv Show
April 27th, 2027 | Orchestra Concert
April 29th, 2027 | Band Concert
May 4th, 2027 | Choir Concert
May 6th, 2027 | Dance Showcase
May 7th, 2027 | Spontaneous Combustion Improv Show



CCSD Board of Education members, Interim Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Perry, Principal Steve Day, and CCIC staff cut the ceremonial ribbon to officially open the new HVAC learning space.

Carrier and Cherry Creek Schools Launch New HVAC Learning Lab

CCIC's hands-on HVAC training lab gives students experience with industry-standard equipment while preparing them for careers in the field.

The Cherry Creek School District is proud to announce a new partnership with Carrier, one of the most recognized and influential companies in the HVAC industry, to support the development of a state-of-the-art training lab for students enrolled in the HVAC Pathway program at the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (CCIC).

Founded on the legacy of Willis Carrier, who invented modern air conditioning in 1902, Carrier has remained a global leader in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning solutions for more than a century. Today, Carrier continues to lead the North American HVAC market and is widely recognized as one of the industry's most trusted manufacturers.

"At Carrier and Lohmiller & Company, we believe the future of our industry depends on investing in the next generation of skilled professionals," said Tim Brooks, President, Lohmiller & Company and Carrier West. "This partnership with the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus is about more than providing equipment, it is about creating opportunities for students to develop the technical skills, confidence, and passion needed to build successful careers in the HVAC industry. We are proud to support a program that is preparing tomorrow's workforce and strengthening our industry and community for years to come."



Guests gather to tour the state-of-the-art Carrier HVAC training lab inside the expanded Cherry Creek Innovation Campus.

The Cherry Creek Innovation Campus is a world-renowned college and career preparedness facility that now offers 25 career pathways and serves more than 1,800 students each year. Thanks to the support of the CCSD community in a 2024 bond measure, the building is now doubling in size and will offer nine new pathways beginning in the 2026-27 school year, including Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC). Over the past year, CCIC staff worked closely with Carrier representatives to help design and plan the future HVAC lab.

"This partnership represents far more than an equipment donation," said Steve Day, principal of CCIC. "CCIC and Carrier share a commitment to workforce development and hands-on learning opportunities, and this partnership reflects the power of relationships, community investment, and meaningful collaboration with industry."

Through Carrier's support, students at CCIC will have the opportunity to train on industry-leading Carrier HVAC systems while developing the technical and professional skills needed to enter one of the nation's most in-demand industries.

The new HVAC training lab will further expand CCIC's mission of connecting students with real-world industry experiences and preparing them for both college and career success through hands-on, career-connected learning opportunities.

Cherry Creek Schools Opens New Warehouse Elevating Printing and Food Services

From freshly-cooked meals to expanded classroom materials, a massive new warehouse hub enhances daily support for students districtwide.

On August 28, 2026, Cherry Creek School District officially opened its new 123,000-square-foot Revere Parkway Warehouse with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, marking a major upgrade to scratch cooking, print services, and operational efficiency districtwide.





“This facility represents a major investment in our students, our staff, and the long-term future of Cherry Creek Schools,” said Interim Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Perry. “By bringing our print services, logistics, and scratch-cooking under one roof, we are powering our commitment to excellence with real operational scale. It ensures that our schools have the highest quality resources, fresh food, and essential tools every single day to help every child thrive.”

The facility supports all 66 schools across the district as demand continues to grow, following a record-breaking year in which nearly 6 million meals were served. The new building also replaces a 1997 food & nutrition warehouse facility with less than a quarter of its size. The scale is so vast that the new sub-zero freezer alone can store over 13.2 million hamburgers.

“Our success comes down to our absolute Dream Team,” said Food and Nutrition Director Kim Kilgore. “We have more applications than open positions and incredible staff longevity because of our team’s real passion for making sure students truly enjoy what they eat. Even with enrollment down, food & nutrition services served 81,000 more meals than the previous school year, and our dedicated bakery team conducted 33 school taste tests to ensure kids love every single bite.”
The state-of-the-art hub, designed by DLH Architecture with JHL Constructors serving as general contractor, significantly elevates district operations across multiple departments. The scratch-cooked, allergy-safe central bakery utilizes locally grown flour and pressed sunflower oil to produce 100% egg- and dairy-free baked goods, including dedicated allergy-safe cinnamon rolls. The facility unites Strategic Sourcing, Inventory Warehouse, Print Shop, and Procurement under one roof. The expanded Print Shop has more than doubled its footprint to produce the district’s math curriculum in-house, and the facility has already processed over 100 full truckloads of food to supply daily meal production across district, charter, and special program sites.



Top: Cherry Creek School District Board of Education members, Interim Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Perry, and district leadership cut the ribbon to officially open the new warehouse facility. **Middle:** The new 123,000-square-foot Revere Parkway Warehouse expands storage and logistics space to serve 66 schools across the district. **Bottom:** Visitors tour the state-of-the-art central bakery and food production area, which prepares fresh, scratch-cooked, and allergy-safe meals districtwide.



What will be your signature for the year?

A great school year is built on the strength of the community surrounding it, where students, families, and staff work hand-in-hand toward a shared vision of success. By surrounding our students with encouragement, providing them with rich opportunities to learn, and fostering a culture of belonging, we ensure that our dedication to excellence isn't just something we talk about, but something every student experiences every single day.

Dedicated to Excellence
Cherry Creek Schools



Top: CCIC construction trades instructor Jim Dosky holds a $100,000 oversized check alongside his students and district staff during a surprise presentation in his classroom. **Bottom:** CCIC instructor Jim Dosky holds his check from Harbor Freight Tools for Schools.

CCIC Teacher Jim Dosky Wins Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Teaching Excellence Award

From hands-on construction projects to real-world career opportunities, Jim Dosky is helping CCIC students build skills and futures beyond the classroom.

Jim Dosky, Construction Trades Instructor at Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (CCIC), was the Grand Prize winner of $100,000 from Harbor Freight Tools for Schools for Teaching Excellence in a surprise presentation on Tuesday, September 29, 2026. Dosky was led to believe he was receiving a routine tour of the mechanical room by fellow construction teacher Mike Degitis in CCIC's new expansion — only to find family, friends, and former students waiting to reveal the news in his construction classroom.

"I saw everyone, and I feel like part of me knew they were here for this, but I was completely surprised," Dosky said. "You still can't fully process that it's happening. It's a lift to get this done and be recognized, it's pretty incredible. To see my family, friends, and former students, it was really cool."

A former high school English teacher turned master builder, Dosky spent nearly two decades teaching humanities and framing houses during the summer. In 2019, he traded the traditional classroom for CCIC's construction trades program, growing it from 60 to 150 students. Female enrollment in the program has climbed from 5% to 14.9%,



outpacing industry averages, and non-traditional learners are being connected directly to high-wage career pathways. Dosky teaches carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, and construction fundamentals. He is also completing his doctoral studies in Educational Equity and Learning Design at the University of Colorado Denver.

"This award is a reflection of the extraordinary teachers we have at Cherry Creek Innovation Campus," said Dr. Jennifer Perry, Cherry Creek School District's interim superintendent. "Jim is the third CCIC teacher to receive the Grand Prize for Teaching Excellence from Harbor Freight Tools for Schools, tying [CCIC] for the most winning teachers of any school in the country. That's not a coincidence, it's a testament to the passion and dedication our educators bring to preparing students for real careers and real futures."

Ten students are currently in yearlong internships, and roughly 70 worked construction jobs this summer. Since 2019, about 500 students have come through Dosky's program, with about 250 now working in construction or related fields. This summer, 72 students landed jobs, the program's best year yet.

Dosky's students are also building their second full Habitat for Humanity home, a modular house constructed to code in the school parking lot. Through an ongoing partnership, local contractor JHL provided 40 of those paid summer positions, along with on-site mentorship.

"Now when students ask me [why this matters], I tell them: you're going to use this at home, you're going to use it for the rest of your life," Dosky said. "No matter what, we all live in houses."

Dosky was named Colorado's 2023 SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year and CCIC's 2024 Teacher of the Year. He was one of only five in the nation to be named a Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Grand Prize Winner in 2026. Congratulations Jim Dosky!

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence, the organization increased the total prize money awarded nationwide from $1.5 million to $2 million in 2026. More than 550 skilled trades teachers from 49 states applied for this year's awards. The prize recognizes outstanding high school skilled trades teachers, a group of educators who are often overlooked and underappreciated. Since the program began, more than $12 million has been awarded to 208 teachers and their programs, supporting Harbor Freight Tools for Schools' mission to increase understanding, support, and investment in skilled trades education.

Student Spotlight Series

Cherry Creek School District students display their incredible work and passions as they take what they've learned in school to make a larger impact on the community.



ADVOCACY & PUBLIC SERVICE

Subira Abuaba

Cherokee Trail High School student Subira Abuaba is turning her passion for advocacy into action. As one of just two students in Colorado selected for the U.S. Senate Youth Program, Subira traveled to Washington, D.C., where she had the opportunity to learn firsthand about government and public service. With dreams of becoming a human rights lawyer, she hopes to use her voice to advocate for others and create meaningful change.



PHOTOGRAPHY

Owen Passannante

Eaglecrest High School Junior Owen Passannante has been developing his photography skills since childhood, inspired by his grandfather who sparked a lasting passion behind the lens. Today, he captures Eaglecrest athletics through the Nest Network and has photographed major artists including Dierks Bentley and Ludacris. Check out this student spotlight to learn how Owen is turning his love of photography into exciting real-world opportunities.



PARA CLIMBING & ENGINEERING

Rosario Cornell

After a knee injury, Grandview High School graduate Rosario Cornell found a new way to stay connected to the sport she loves—joining the para climbing community as a caller and sight guide. Now, she's setting her sights on a future in biomedical and mechanical engineering, with a goal of designing bionic limbs that help others keep doing what they love. An artist at heart, Rosario hopes to blend creativity and engineering to make a lasting impact.

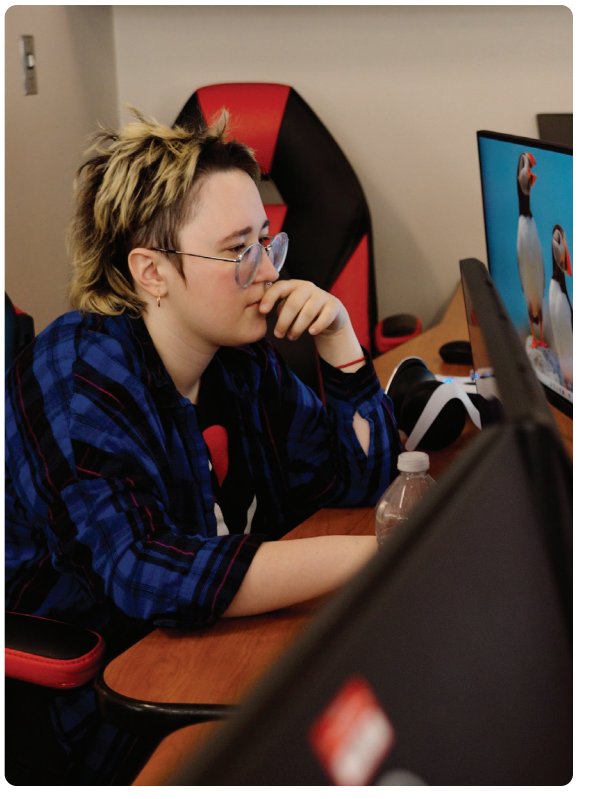


MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Amy Xia

Cherry Creek High School graduate Amy Xia has turned her passion for molecular biology into a purpose. Inspired by dedicated teachers and shaped by personal and real-world experiences, she hopes to study degenerative diseases in the future.

Beyond the classroom, Amy is making a difference now, founding Sunshine for Seniors, a club that spreads joy to residents in local senior living communities through handwritten cards.



GAME DEVELOPMENT

Masha Kiparuk

Cherokee Trail graduate Masha Kiparuk has always dreamed of becoming a video game developer. During her time at CCSD, she has turned her passion into real-world skills, designing and coding her own video game in addition to earning her drone pilot license and certification through programs in the district.



EDUCATION

Trey Greenwood

Smoky Hill graduate Trey Greenwood discovered his passion for teaching through the district's Future Educators Program. Inspired by his connection with younger students, he is continuing that path at MSU Denver through Call Me MISTER, which helps recruit and develop African American male teachers in Colorado. Trey hopes to become a teacher and eventually a principal or superintendent.



BROADCAST JOURNALISM

Baileigh Gray

Overland High School graduate Baileigh Gray is turning her passion for storytelling into a future in broadcast journalism. As part of the school's broadcast journalism class, Baileigh is dedicated to sharing the unique stories of others—something she describes with the word "sonder," the realization that everyone has a story worth telling. With plans to continue her journey after graduation, Baileigh is just getting started in bringing stories to life.

See their stories come to life

SCAN TO WATCH THE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT SERIES.

Board of Education



Anne Egan, President

Egan was re-elected to a second term as District A Director in 2023 and elected Board President in December 2025. A parent of four CCSD alumni and former education policy advisor to Governor Roy Romer, she prioritizes mental health, physical safety, and innovative educational pathways.



Angela Garland

Garland was re-elected to her second term as District C Director in 2023 and served as Board President from December 2023 through 2025. Mother of four, she has worked with the Cherry Creek Schools Foundation, Scouting Colorado, and numerous parent organizations across three states.



JC Futrell

Futrell joined the Board in September 2025 as an appointed District B Director. A CCSD alumnus and parent of two district students, he brings over 20 years of leadership experience in nonprofit organizations focused on education and equity. He is an active classroom volunteer and youth sports coach in the district.



Mike Hamrick

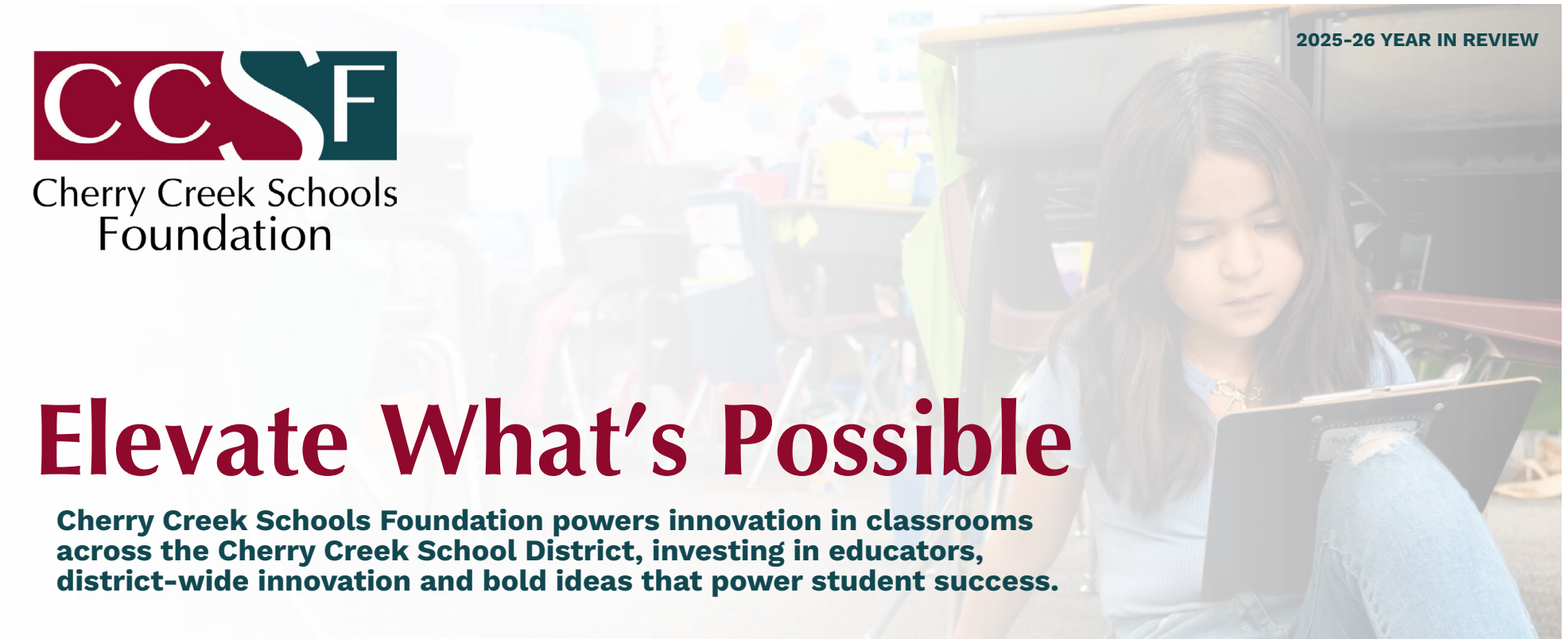
Elected District E Director in November 2025, Hamrick has deep ties to CCSD as the parent of two graduates, husband to a lifelong district educator, and grandfather to a current CCSD kindergartner. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he has volunteered extensively with Destination Imagination and district bond campaigns.



Keith Frazier

Appointed to the Board in June 2026, Keith Frazier is a parent of two CCSD students with a background in technology, communications, and real estate. He is committed to thoughtful, informed decision-making that keeps students, families, and educators at the center.

Cherry Creek Schools Foundation



Elevate What's Possible

Cherry Creek Schools Foundation powers innovation in classrooms across the Cherry Creek School District, investing in educators, district-wide innovation and bold ideas that power student success.

Cherry Creek Schools Foundation is the philanthropic partner to Cherry Creek School District, serving more than 52,000 students. We unite families, businesses, and community members around a shared belief: when we invest in innovation, we elevate outcomes for every student.

Our work fuels bold classroom programs, supports the whole child, and builds pathways from learning to career. We partner with educators to bring new ideas to life, remove barriers to opportunity, and ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive.

Our Impact

Nearly

$820,000

invested in students and eductors last year



Nearly

$200,000

in Thrive Grants awarded to educators for innovative classroom programs

Nearly

1,000

students and families served through SECOR Mobile Food Markets

44%

of last year's Thrive grants supported student wellbeing and mental health

$91,000

in scholarships supporting Cherry Creek seniors on their post-secondary journeys

What Your Support Powers

Educator Innovation

Funds Thrive Grants up to $1,200 that empower educators to launch creative, high-impact classroom programs

Whole-Child Wellbeing

Supporting students' minds, and bodies so they arrive ready to learn and grow

Opportunity & Access

Remove barriers so every student has the chance to thrive

Career & Pathways

Connect students to scholarships, mentors, and real-world experience so they are prepared for what comes next

THRIVE

Grant Spotlight



Sarah Lemire's Thrive Grant took 50 Overland High School students behind the scenes at a museum, an animal shelter and Amazon to meet the people who work there. Students discovered careers they had never considered, including many that don't require a college degree.

One student had always assumed museum jobs required a doctorate, and knew school had always been hard for them. After hearing museum staff share their own paths, that student is now considering applying for a job at the museum.

> **"The Thrive Grant reminded me that education is not only about academic content but also about helping students see what is possible for their lives."**
>
> *Sarah Lemire, Educator, Overland High School*

Since 1993

Thrive Grants, formerly Educator Initiative Grants, have funded teacher-led ideas in Cherry Creek classrooms.

50+

Cherry Creek schools and programs reached by educator grants

$9M+

invested in educator grants since 1993

Beyond the Classroom

In partnership with SECOR, our Mobile Markets brought fresh food and household essentials directly to families at the Prairie/Overland campus.

SIX

SECOR Mobile Markets this year

~4,500 lbs

of food on the truck at each market



DID YOU KNOW?

CCSD has more students qualifying for free and reduced lunch than some Colorado school districts have total enrollment.

Invested over

$35,000

to support whole-child wellbeing in every corner of the district.

Help Us Elevate What's Possible

- **Learn More about Cherry Creek Schools Foundation**
- **Donate**
- **Join the Alumni Network**
- **Community Nights Calendar**



Top: CCSD leaders, district staff, and Discount Tire officials cut the ribbon on the upgraded CCIC automotive shop. **Bottom:** A former CCIC student, now a Discount Tire technician, demonstrates new equipment to automotive students in the expanded service bay.

Discount Tire Drives Investment in CCIC Students

Upgraded service bays and commercial-grade technology equip students with real-world skills and direct connections to Colorado's workforce.

On Wednesday, August 26, 2026, Cherry Creek School District (CCSD) and Discount Tire officially unveiled groundbreaking upgrades at Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (CCIC), celebrating the opening of a state-of-the-art automotive facility designed to inspire and provide expert level resources to the next generation of workforce leaders. Discount Tire outfitted the campus service bays with industry-expert equipment used across its 50+ Colorado stores.

"Our responsibility to our students is to deliver more than just a diploma – it's to open real doors to economic mobility and meaningful careers," said Interim Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Perry. "This partnership with Discount Tire bridges education and industry in a bold new way, putting commercial-grade technology directly into the hands of CCIC students and empowering them to graduate with proven technical skills, real industry confidence, and a direct pathway of purpose into Colorado's workforce."

The expanded automotive shop gives CCIC students direct access to three industrial tire changers, three computer-calibrated tire balancers, and a full alignment rack housed in a dedicated service bay. Through its partnership with Discount Tire, CCIC is incorporating industry-leading safety, service, and customer-experience practices into its existing curriculum. Students will also have opportunities to observe demonstrations and learn from expert local Discount Tire technicians, providing valuable exposure to real-world industry practices. CCIC alumni who are now part of the Discount Tire team may also participate in these experiences, offering students an opportunity to connect with professionals who share their educational background and understand the path from the classroom to a career in the automotive industry.



"This initiative represents exactly the kind of collaboration we strive for at CCIC, where industry and education come together to create meaningful, career-connected learning experiences for our students," said Steve Day, CCIC Principal. "By aligning our programming with real workforce needs, we are creating opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom."

This integrated model establishes direct career pipelines and builds on a relationship that began in the 1990s, during which dozens of CCSD graduates have transitioned into successful long-term careers with Discount Tire.

"Our commitment to preparing the next generation begins with giving students the resources they need to succeed," said Nick Yurkovich, Regional Vice President at Discount Tire. "We are grateful to CCIC for helping bring this program to life and their work to prepare our future leaders."

This initiative arrives during a major expansion phase for CCIC, made possible by voters passing the 2024 bond, which will allow the campus to serve 70% more students across 25 in-demand career pathways. The automotive pathway has long carried a waitlist, and students are settling into their new space this fall.



67%

Of CCSD's teachers have 10+ years of teaching experience

150+

Languages spoken across the district

800+

Annual industry certifications earned at CCIC each year



50M

Earned by graduating seniors in scholarships & financial aid each year



170

Security staff (145) and School Resource Officers (25) supporting student safety

6

New electric buses serving the Overland feeder

55%

Of our high school students participate in CCSD's 96+ Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs

100%

Of CCSD schools are staffed with at least one mental health professional and registered nurse (RN)

