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Fairview High School
Boulder, Colorado

2026-2027 College Admission Profile

School and Community Description

Fairview High School (FHS) is located in Boulder, Colorado, home of the University of Colorado. Boulder is a scholarly community of 105,000 residents dedicated to education, technology, the arts and recreation. FHS, established in 1960, is a comprehensive four-year public high school with a rich tradition of providing students a rigorous academic program. This is accomplished under the guidance of 120 faculty members, averaging 14 years of teaching experience with 79 masters' and 7 doctoral degrees. Our curriculum is designed to challenge the potential of each student and includes a college preparatory curriculum, and an advanced level curriculum (weighted); details below. FHS also has an extensive program for students with special learning needs.

Fairview is the only IB school in Colorado (of 32) continuously awarded U.S. News' highest ranking (Gold) since the inception of the ranking system. FHS was ranked by NICHE as the 3rd Best Public High School in the State of Colorado. Students who graduate from FHS are prepared to be highly successful in a globally competitive society. They are accomplished academically and also excel in sports, music and the arts. Our school is home to 25 varsity sports, 8 choirs, 5 bands, 4 orchestras, multiple theater productions and more than 100 clubs. Students routinely win awards and state championships in athletic, artistic and scholarly competitions. At the national level, our students have been selected as U.S. Presidential Scholars, have won titles at the Intel Science Talent Search and National History Day competitions and our school frequently has the highest number of National Merit Finalists in the State of Colorado.

GRAD+ Program

GRAD+ is a Boulder Valley School District Initiative designed to increase postsecondary opportunities in both higher education and workplace arenas. Fairview GRAD+ opportunities include 13 dual enrollment courses taught by University of Colorado credentialed teachers, 15 concurrent enrollment courses taught by Front Range Community College credentialed teachers, internship courses and Seal of Biliteracy, Seal of Climate Literacy, and Industry Certification support. Ninety-seven percent of the graduating class of 2026 earned college credit and nearly half earned the Seal of Biliteracy.

Enrollment

Boulder Valley School District (BVSD):	28,000 students
FHS Student Body 2026-2027:	1965 students
FHS Class of 2026:	470 students

Demographics

White:	70%	**Asian:**	8%	**Black:**	1%
Hispanic:	12%	**Multi-Ethnic:**	9%	**Other:**	1%

* Self-Reported Ethnicities

Students in Free and/or Reduced Lunch Program: 10%

Curriculum

Overview
FHS offers students both a college preparatory curriculum and an advanced (weighted) level curriculum that consists of Pre-IB, IB, AP, and additional advanced courses. Enrollment in all programs is open to all students.

Advanced (Weighted) Curriculum
IB, AP, and Additional Advanced Courses:
FHS has intentionally woven together the best of the IB and the AP curricula, to create a highly enriched, advanced (weighted) curriculum. FHS has the most comprehensive honors program in the Boulder Valley School District. With an emphasis on flexibility, the Fairview Honors Program allows students to select among both IB and AP courses. Students can pursue the full IB diploma, IB certificates in specific subjects and/or AP courses.

Because of the FHS IB/AP curriculum, completion of an IB class may also prepare students for AP tests in the subject without having taken a specific AP course for that subject. For example, a student who completes IB Economics could take the IB Economics SL exam and both the AP Microeconomics and AP Macroeconomics exams. Likewise, upon completion of IB Chemistry 2 SL, students are prepared to take both the IB and AP exam in Chemistry.

BVSD Pre IB (PIB) Courses:
This is a term specific to the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) and denotes advanced (weighted) level courses in grades 9-10 that prepare students for IB and AP courses in grades 11-12. A PIB course goes beyond the curriculum expectations of a standard college preparatory course by increasing the depth and complexity of the subject. Students in PIB courses are engaged in dynamic, high-level learning, and the pace of the course is more accelerated than that of a standard college preparatory course.

Advanced (Weighted) Curriculum

17 PIB, 19 IB, 12 IB/AP, 10 AP, and 9 Advanced Courses

Language Arts
BVSD PIB Language Arts Gr 9
BVSD PIB Language Arts Gr 10
AP English Language & Comp*
IB Language Arts Gr 11*
AP English Literature & Comp*
IB Language Arts HL Gr 12 *

Social Sciences
BVSD PIB Geography
BVSD PIB Government
BVSD PIB US History *
AP US History*
IB World History SL
IB Theory of Knowledge
IB/AP Economics SL*
AP Psychology*
General Psychology II*
IB World History HL Americas*
Sociology*

Computer Science
AP Comp. Science Principles*
IB/AP Comp. Sci Java*
AP Computer Science II HL*

Business
IB Business SL/HL*
Personal Finance*
Business Marketing Essentials*
Principles of Marketing*

Mathematics
PIB Algebra 1/2
PIB Geometry Honors
Algebra 2 Advanced
PIB Algebra 2/3
AP Pre-Calculus wt.
Adv. Pre-Calculus AB
IB/AP Elementary Functions
IB/AP CalculusI*
Calculus I, II, III*
AP Calculus AB*
IB Math SL*
AP Calculus BC*
AP Statistics *
IB Math HL*
Calculus 2/3*
College Alg/Trig*

Science
PIB Chemistry/Physics 1
BVSD PIB BiologyI
IB Chemistry I
Advanced Physics
IB/AP Physics I
IB/AP Environmental Science*
IB/AP Biology II HL*
IB/AP Biochemistry HL*
IB/AP Chemistry SL/HL*
IB/AP Physics II HL*
Research Seminar in Science

World Languages
BVSD PIB Spanish 2
BVSD PIB Spanish 3
Spanish 4
IB Spanish 4
Spanish 5 Wt.
IB/AP Spanish 5 HL*

BVSD PIB French 2
BVSD PIB French 3
IB French 4
IB/AP French 5 HL*

BVSD PIB Latin 2
BVSD PIB Latin 3
IB/AP Latin 4*

Film/Art
IB Visual Arts SL*
IB Film SL/HL*
AP Music Theory*
Orchestra II & III*
Band I & II*
All Choir classes*

* Indicates courses for which students can earn College Credit
**AP US History Exam and National History Day participation required

Graduation Requirements

In the Boulder Valley School District a student must successfully complete a minimum of 220 credits in grades 9-12, and 100 of these credits must be earned in grades 11-12. Ten credits are equivalent to one full year of study in a specific subject. Completion of coursework in Money Management and Personal Finance is also required.

Language Arts	40 credits	**Physical Ed**	15 credits
Social Studies	30 credits	**Health**	5 credits
Math	30 credits	**Fine Arts**	5 credits
Science	20 credits	**Practical Arts**	5 credits
World Language	10 credits	**Electives**	75 credits

Academic Year and Schedule

Fairview is on a 2-semester system with an 8-period day, and a semi-block schedule is used on Wednesday and Thursday.

GPA / Class Rank

- FHS offers both unweighted (max of 4.0 GPA value) and weighted (max of 5.0 GPA value) courses.
- Weighted courses consist of PIB, IB, AP, and additional advanced courses.
- All courses in grades 9-12 with a letter grade of A-F are used in computing the student's GPA.
- The GPA that appears on the transcript is weighted (BVSD policy) and calculated based on the average of the grades from all unweighted and weighted courses.
- It is important to note that many electives taken by FHS students for personal interest and challenge are not weighted; even a high grade in these classes may lower a student's weighted GPA.
- Class rank is not reported per BVSD policy.

Class of 2025	Weighted	Unweighted
Highest GPA	4.966	4.0
Average GPA	4.10	3.627

AP and IB Program Results

Traditionally over 80% of FHS seniors take AP and/or IB courses. Approximately 15% of FHS seniors are IB diploma candidates, and over 95% of these students successfully complete the IB diploma.

AP STATISTICS

Class of	Students Taking AP Exams	Total Exams Taken	AP Subjects Offered by FHS	AP Scholars Overall*
2024	812	1639	24	318
2025	771	1547	24	349
2026	804	1626	26	363

* Represents total of all levels including AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction and AP National Scholar.

IB STATISTICS

Class of	Students Taking Exams	IB Subjects Offered by FHS	IB Diploma Candidates	Earned IB Diploma	Highest Points (Diploma)
2024	252	25	24	21	38
2025	219	25	36	32	39
2026	246	25	23	22	42

National Merit Program Results

Fairview has a long tradition of producing National Merit Scholars, with approximately 5% of each class becoming National Merit Finalists.

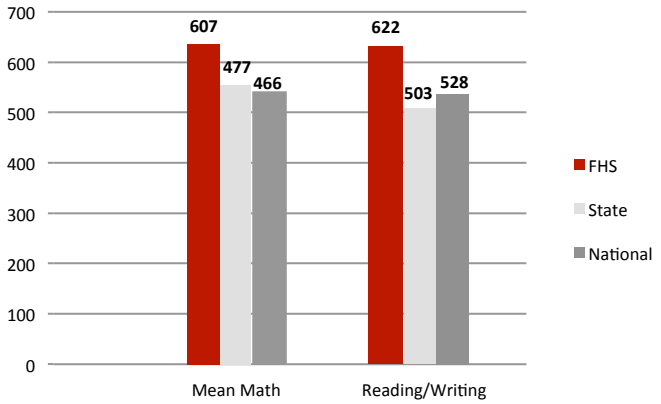
NATIONAL MERIT STATISTICS

Class of	Class Size	Commended	Semi-Finalists	Finalists
2025	464	28 (6.0%)	19 (4.1 %)	22 (4.3%)
2026	430	23 (5.4%)	16 (3.7%)	16 (3.7%)
2027	472	20 (4.3%)	20 (4.3%)	TBD

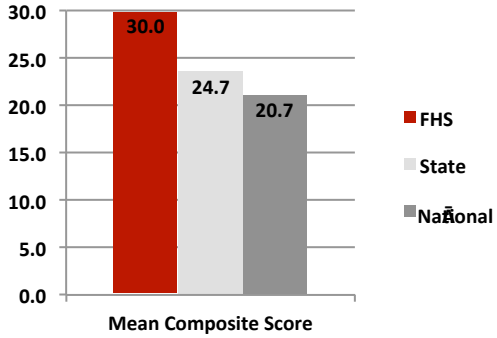
SAT® I and ACT Results

Fairview students achieve SAT and ACT scores well above the state and national averages.

CLASS OF 2026 SAT STATISTICS



CLASS OF 2026 ACT STATISTICS



FHS College Statistics*

Sed quis libero	Historical Average
Number of colleges where FHS seniors received acceptance	300
Number of colleges attended in US, Canada & UK	130
Percent of students attending	
4-year colleges	85%
2-year colleges	7%
In state colleges	55%
Out of state colleges	45%

* Table does not reflect students who enlist in the military, take a gap year, or attend vocational institutions.