

# REPORT to the Community 

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## Our Mission:

To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.

## Our Goals

All students graduate prepared for continued learning and the world
of work in the 21st century.
All employees are accountable for a high performing organization.

## 2010 - 2011 Report to the Community

## Traditions of Excellence

This year's annual report to the community reflects on Jeffco Public School's long history of providing the children of Jefferson County an excellent education and our current progress as innovators in education. On the following pages you will read about the highlights and challenges of the 2010-2011 school year as well as review information required by law.



 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In Touch with Parents

Superintendent Cindy Stevenson feels that communicating with parents is one of the most important aspects of her job. During the 2010-2011 school year she participated in numerous community and parent meetings, including the morning coffees she hosted at 10 schools across the district. Approximately 400 parents attended these informal sessions where she spoke about the state of the district, national education issues and answered parent questions.


As I visit our schools and talk to students and staff, nothing gives me greater satisfaction than to hear about their successes and challenges. When I hear their stories I am constantly reminded that Jeffco Public Schools has a long tradition of excellence. Many children are third or fourth generation Jeffco students. This school district has deep roots in the community and deep support. School visits also remind me how much Jeffco Public Schools has changed and progressed. Our teachers and staff are recognized around the country for their successful, innovative educational strategies. We have embraced the need to educate our children in a world that is uniquely different than the world their parents grew up in. We want our students to become successful in the new times they will face.

We have also embraced the need to financially manage the school district to meet the demands of a challenging economy. Jeffco employees are taxpayers too and residents of this community. We understand the need to be good stewards of the funding for our children's education. It bears noting that our 2010-2011 Report to the Community comes on the heels of one of the most daunting economic challenges our school district - and our nation - has ever faced. Yet, we continued to offer the children of Jefferson County a quality education.

In the pages of this annual report, you will meet students, staff and community members and hear their stories. These stories illustrate that Jeffco Public Schools has a long tradition of excellence, despite huge challenges, and that innovation and commitment to success live on.


Dr. Cynthia Stevenson
Superintendent


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a video welcome from Superintendent Cindy Stevenson.

## The Jefferson County Board of Education

The first election for the Jefferson County R-1 school board was held in 1950. Since that time, citizens have continued to step forward and volunteer their time to guide the education of the county's children. The five elected board members serve without pay for four year terms and represent specific areas of the county, but are elected at large.

The Board is a policy making body with powers and duties set by state law. Board members are responsible for creating policy related to educational planning, staff, school facilities, finances and communications.

Board meetings are open to the public unless otherwise specified. Agendas and minutes of Jefferson County Board of Education meetings are available for public review on the Board's Web page at: www.jeffcopublicschools.org/board/.

During the 2010-2011 school year, the following people represented the community as members of the Jefferson County Board of Education.

> The Board of Education values feedback from the community. The Board can be reached via e-mail at: board@jeffco.k12.co.us

## A Call to Action - The Strategic Plan

Great education doesn't just happen. It takes careful planning, thoughtful goal setting, and strategic thinking. Each year district management and

## Strategic Plan

 community leaders, create a strategic plan - our Call to Action - that ensures we never lose sight of our goals that all students graduate prepared for continued learning and the world of work in the 21st century, and that all employees are accountable for a high performing organization. The Call to Action can be viewed online at www.jeffcopublicschools.org.
## The Strategic Planning Advisory Council

The district's planning, goal setting and budgeting is not done in isolation. Many voices come together to move the district in a positive direction. One of the many important groups working to benefit our children is the Strategic Planning Advisory Council (SPAC). SPAC is an advisory group composed of parent representatives, Board of Education members, district leadership, representatives from the employees' associations, as well as citizens from a variety of stakeholder groups. The membership advises district leadership on a variety of current issues including the district budget and student achievement.

## SPAC Accomplishments for 2010-2011

- Engaged in conversation with members of the Board of Education to provide feedback on the challenges facing the district from both the state and local perspective. Provided advice to members of the Board of Education on how to effectively communicate the challenges.
- Reviewed the new three-year Call to Action and the Unified Improvement Plan and provided feedback on this important work that focuses on student achievement.
- Reviewed the history and current progress of the Jeffco Strategic Compensation Initiative and TIF (Teacher Incentive Fund) - a five-year \$32.8M federal grant - to pilot strategic compensation for licensed staff in up to 20 high-need schools.
- Reviewed the preliminary five-year Facilities Master Plan and dialogued with and provided feedback and advice to members of the Board of Education regarding the plan.
- Received information regarding the state of technology in Jeffco Schools and how it is a tool that helps the district meet educational outcomes and be successful today and in the future.
- Reviewed preliminary budget information and had the opportunity to discuss and provide feedback on three proposed fee increases: Transportation fee; Athletic fees increase; and the Outdoor Lab fee increase.
- Provided best recommendations for implementing furlough days for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Reviewed the financial aspects of a mill/bond election, strategized about the alternatives around an election, and provided feedback on when/what/how.
- Invited accountability chairpersons, PTA presidents, and principals to review the proposed budget reductions developed by participants of the employee summit held in March 2011.
- Served as a sounding board for the Board of Education and district leadership on relevant district topics.


TRADITIONS OF EXCELLENCE Distinguished Graduate


Ed Perlmutter
Colorado Congressman - 7th District Jefferson High School Alumnus

## District Profule

## District Profile

The Jeffco Public School District is like a small city with more than 84,000 students and more than 12,000 employees. In fact, the district is one of the largest employers in Jefferson County and the largest school district in the state of Colorado. Our students and staff come from varied backgrounds and have wonderful life experiences that combine to have a profound impact on our community both socially and financially. We are proud to be Jeffco.

## Our School Choices

89 Elementary Schools
3 K-8 Schools
19 Middle Schools
17 High Schools
9 Option Schools
14 Charter Schools*
1 Online High School
2 Outdoor Laboratory Schools
Numerous special schools and programs
*Some charter schools have multiple facilities, but for this report are counted as one school.

For School Profiles go online to www.jeffcopublicschools.org/schools/.

Perfect Scores


Just the words "ACT test" can strike fear in the hearts of many high school students. Every year, thousands of students across the country take the ACT test, which assesses students' general can make the difference between getting into a top level college or not. In 2010, the national average ACT score was 21 . Five Jeffco students earned the perfect 36 score, putting them in an elite category. Congratulations go to the following students and their teachers: Chloe Hawker, Nina Myers and Alexandra Nilles from Lakewood High School; Kara Farnes, Pomona High School; and, Kelsey Kepler, Ralston Valley High School.

## Our Students

American Indian/Alaskan Native ..... 0.84\%
Asian ..... 3.04\%
Black ..... 1.16\%
Hispanic ..... 23.29\%
White ..... 68.39\%
Pacific Islander ..... 0.20\%
Multiple Races ..... 3.07\%
Male ..... 51\%
Female ..... 49\%
On-time Graduation Rate. ..... 78\%
On-time Neighborhood High School Graduation Rate ..... 85\%
On-time Neighborhood High School Completion Rate ..... 87\%
Dropout rate ..... 2\%
*Expulsions ..... 242
*Suspensions ..... 6,316
*Attendance rate ..... 93.6\%
*Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch ..... 31\%
2010-11 Total Student Enrollment ..... 84,602

Figures as of the 2009-2010 school year. This is the first year the Colorado Department of Education calculated an on-time graduation rate. The new four-year formula defines "on time" as only those students who graduate from high school four years after entering ninth grade. It is important to note that this new formula yields a rate that cannot be compared directly with prior year data.

The new four-year on-time completion rate measures the percentage of students who graduate, receive a GED certificate, or receive a certificate or other designation of high school completion four years after entering ninth grade.

The dropout rate "is the percentage of students in grades 7 through 12 who drop out of school in a given year between July 1 and June 30 and have not returned to an educational environment on or before the end of the school year or June 30."

* Figures as of 2010-2011

Sources: Jeffco Public Schools and the Colorado Department of Education. For additional information see: www.jeffcopublicschools.org/student_records/enrollment_stats.html

## Daniels Scholars

More than 250 students in Colorado were named Daniels Scholars during the 2010 school year and eight of them were Jeffco students. Charlena Chay, Arvada High School; Matthew Daniels, Alameda High School; Kelsey Estes, Jefferson High School; Sierra Lopez, Arvada High School; Alyssa and Jennifer Newman, Jefferson Academy; Andrew Padilla, Pomona High School; and Adam Williams, Arvada
 High School received funding to attend the college of their choice. They were recognized for their strong character, academic achievement and a determination to succeed in life.


The Boettcher Scholarship, sponsored by the Boettcher Foundation, is a merit-based award available to Colorado seniors who provide service to community and school, and are in the top five percent of their class, receive top scores on college entrance exams, display leadership, and demonstrate character. Colin and Barrett Mayberry, twin brothers from Ralston Valley High School, were named Boettcher Scholars in 2010.

## TRADITIONS OF EXCELLENCE

 Distinguished Graduate

## Darrell Grant

Award-winning jazz performer and composer Lakewood High School Alumnus

## District Profile, cont.

## Our Staff

Jeffco Public Schools' employees are your neighbors, friends and relatives. Many are parents with children in Jeffco Schools and share the desire to provide children with the best education possible. They work hard to become outstanding in their field and many have received national recognition for their efforts.

## Top Counselor



Green Mountain High School counselor, Sandy Austin was recognized by the American School Counselor Association as one of the top counselors nationwide. The nomination adds to an already impressive list of awards for Austin, including the 2008 Colorado High School Counselor of the Year.


Many Jeffco staff members received awards and recognition for their contributions to education and student development. We invite you to view a short video honoring them, which is online at bit.ly/jeffco_staff.

## The Work Force

Teachers.......................................................................................4,692
School principals and assistant principals .......................................... 270
Nurses, psychologists and social workers ......................................... 359
Counselors ......................................................................................... 146
Teacher-Librarians............................................................................... 139
Classroom aides (working with special needs children) ..................... 361
Health clinic aides ............................................................................. 128
Educational assistants ................................................................... 1,079
Tutors ................................................................................................... 90
School secretaries ............................................................................. 392
Preschool teachers and child care workers ....................................... 349
Charter school staff ............................................................................ 733
Campus supervisors ........................................................................... 68

Supporting schools:
Resource, curriculum specialists, project coordinators ....................... 125
Licensed administrators....................................................................... 48
Non-licensed administrators................................................................. 38
Central secretaries............................................................................. 181
Professional/technical staff................................................................. 156
(technology staff, dept. managers, specialists)
Support staff...................................................................................... 721
(facility maintenance, custodial, equipment repair, insurance)
Food service personnel (includes hourly workers) ................................. 462
Bus drivers and transportation personnel........................................... 386
Security personnel............................................................................. 21
Athletic coaches, ticket sales, locker room aides, etc ......................... 164
Substitutes (for all positions) ......................................................... 1,510
Others ................................................................................................ 125
Total.
12,753

* Figures as of October 2010


## Making a Difference

D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School teachers Briant McKellips, AP physics; Regina Peyfuss, AP computer science teacher and Cory Ryckman, AP calculus
 teacher, were honored for making a difference in a student's life. McKellips was recognized by Stanford University through the Teacher Tribute Initiative - an award acknowledging teachers who played a significant role in a student's academic and personal development. Peyfuss was recognized by the University of Colorado as an Inspirational Teacher - an award recognizing teachers who influenced and inspired a student during their pre-post secondary studies. Ryckman was recognized by the University of Chicago as a nominee for the Outstanding Educator Award - an award to teachers who changed, challenged and helped students along the path of intellectual growth. Each teacher was nominated by a former student.

## Our Teachers

Teachers and their expectations have a powerful effect on student performance and future success. Our Jeffco teachers do make a difference. More than half of Jeffco Public School teachers have advanced degrees and almost 100 percent are considered highly qualified according to federal guidelines. The federal No Child Left Behind legislation defines a highly qualified teacher as one that is fully licensed by the state and endorsed in the subject area and who demonstrates competence in the content areas taught. You can find out more information about teachers' qualifications on the Colorado Department of Education's SchoolView Web page at: www.schoolview.org.

Professional Qualifications of Jeffco Teachers

| Professional Qualification | \% of Teachers |
| :--- | :---: |
| Bachelor's Degree | $41.7 \%$ |
| Master's Degree | $56.7 \%$ |
| Ph.D. | $1.1 \%$ |

## Teacher Licenses

| Licensed | \% of Teachers |
| :--- | :---: |
| Initial | $14 \%$ |
| Emergency | $0 \%$ |

## Teachers Highly Qualified in the District

| School Year | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | 2009 | 2010 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage Not Highly Qualified | $0.99 \%$ | $0.35 \%$ | $0.33 \%$ |
| Percentage Highly Qualified | $99.01 \%$ | $99.65 \%$ | $99.67 \%$ |

Classrooms in the District Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers

| School Year | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | 2010 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage Not Highly Qualified | $0.55 \%$ | $0.20 \%$ | $0.22 \%$ |
| Percentage Highly Qualified | $99.45 \%$ | $99.80 \%$ | $99.78 \%$ |

Source: Colorado Department of Education and Jeffco Public Schools.
Additional data can be found at www.schoolview.org.


Jeffco's 21st Century Virtual Academy teacher Kristin Kipp was named the 2011 National Online Teacher of the Year. The honor comes as an additional kudos for Kipp, who was also named the 2011 Colorado Online Teacher of the Year by the Colorado Department of Education.

## TRADITIONS OF EXCELLENCE Distinguished Graduate



Chris Sanders
Academy Award Nominee
Best Animated Feature Film
Arvada High School Alumnus

Our Partners

District Profile, cont.


For more than 60 years, the people of Jefferson County have worked together for the good of our Jeffco schools. The mission of providing a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future is possible only through the support of citizens and supporters in our community. We thank all the parents, grandparents, community members and businesses that provide volunteer support, funding and other valuable contributions to help our children succeed.

This year we would like to pay special tribute to:

- Our founding partner, FirstBank, for the generous support of Jeffco Public Schools.
- The Jefferson Foundation, which has been positively affecting the lives of students and educators in the county since 1983. Since its inception, the foundation has provided more than $\$ 9$ million in program support to schools and community organizations.
- The Outdoor Lab Foundation, which during the 2010-2011 school year, helped to raise enough money to keep the district's Outdoor Lab Schools open for another year.
- The Jefferson County PTA whose members are the backbone of our schools' volunteer programs. They provide countless hours of support in our classrooms, raise thousands of dollars in many creative ways and advocate for good education policy.
- The county's many civic organizations including the Kiwanis Clubs, who have supported our students' outdoor education program, painted our schools, raised funds and demonstrated outstanding leadership for our students. Also, the Arvada/Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth who have provided scholarships and guidance to hundreds of Jeffco students.
- The many volunteers who touch the lives of our students everyday. Volunteers show Jeffco students that the community cares about them.

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Seven years ago, Tom Wier had reached a turning point. His wife of 56 years, Barbara, had just passed away; Wier had been her sole caregiver for 10 years.
"I didn't leave her much in all that time and after she passed away, I knew I needed to move on," said Wier. "I became very active in a couple of projects and one of those was as a volunteer at Vivian Elementary."

Wier already had a special connection to the school - his wife had been an aide at Vivian in the 1970s. He had a background in volunteer work through local government elections and service clubs, but had never worked in a school. His first assignment at Vivian was in the kindergarten room.

It was so helpful to me in my recovery - I just
love the kids...The kids just reinvigorate you.
"It was so helpful to me in my recovery - I just love the kids," said Wier. "The kids just reinvigorate you." Over the years, Wier worked his way through the different grade levels, following with the students he started with in that first kindergarten classroom.

Now 84-years-old, Wier has come to another crossroads in his life. "I just don't have the stamina to sit in the classroom all day and I don't drive anymore," said Wier. "The realization that I couldn't volunteer as much as I used to was rather traumatic for me - to know my journey here would come to an end."

Not so fast, said Vivian Principal Diane Rosen. "Volunteers provide an extra layer of love and support to keep our students moving ahead," she said.

Fourth-grade teacher Susie Battler says senior volunteers build relationships with students that enhance their confidence and self-worth. "You remember being spoiled by grandma and grandpa and the feeling you had knowing you could do no wrong in their eyes," said Battler.

Wier still makes a point to stop in at the school when he can and help out.
Wier doesn't hesitate to tell you how fond he is of the kids and staff at Vivian. "I'm very lucky to have had such a great experience," said Wier. "I bump into the people who have been so kind to me, it makes me feel like I'm back with family."

## Year at a Glance: 2010-11 Highlights

## A Winning Student <br> On and Off the Field

## Nationally Recognized <br> Blue Ribbon School

- Jeffco's Dennison Elementary School was one of only 304 schools nationwide to receive the U.S. Department of Education's prestigious Blue Ribbon Award. This is the second time Benison has received the award for high academic achievement. In 2003, the school received its first national Blue Ribbon honor. Principal Kathleen Krieger and her teachers and students have demonstrated the district's tradition of academic excellence.
- Results of the Make Your Voice Heard student survey released in 2010 showed that students generally feel positive about their schools and education. The survey of approximately 61,000 Jeffco students in second through 12th grade, found the majority of respondents feel they are learning in all subject areas and that teachers have high expectations for them. Nine in 10 respondents say they like their school.
- Each year, the Colorado Department of Education recognizes schools that have demonstrated the highest achievement in the state. The John Irwin School of Excellence Award is given to the top eight percent of schools in Colorado. Seventeen Jeffco schools received the award in 2010: Bear Creek K-8, Bergen Valley Intermediate, Bradford Primary, Conifer High, Dennison Elementary, D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High, Evergreen High, Evergreen Middle, Manning School, Normandy Elementary, Parmalee Elementary, Ralston Elementary, Ralston Valley High, Red Rocks Elementary, Rocky Mountain Academy of Evergreen, West Woods Elementary, and Wilmot Elementary School.
- Education Week ranked Jeffco fifth in the nation for having the highest graduation rate of the nation's 50 largest school districts.
- Jeffco's Lakewood, Evergreen, Conifer and D'Evelyn high schools landed on a very impressive list -- Newsweek's America's Best High Schools list. Each year, Newsweek picks the best high schools in the country based on how hard school staffs work to challenge students with advancedplacement college-level courses and tests.
- Lakewood High School was listed on the Washington Post's Top High Schools in the Nation based on 2010 graduating seniors' data.
- 5280 Magazine listed Bradford Intermediate School among the top 40 elementary schools in the Denver metro area.
- Deane and Stein elementary schools were selected by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) as Center of Excellence winners. CDE recognizes Colorado public schools that enroll a student population with 75 percent of students who are at-risk and show the highest rates of student growth in reading, writing and math, as measured by the Colorado Growth Model.
- Jeffco Public Schools received a five-year $\$ 33$ million federal Teacher Incentive Fund grant to pilot strategic compensation for licensed staff in high-needs schools. The grant allows the district to be at the forefront of developing new ways to compensate educators. Jeffco Schools will test the impact of strategic compensation on increasing student achievement, and attracting, retaining and rewarding top educators.
- Jeffco students continue to outperform the state in all grade levels and content areas on the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP). Science scores improved for all grade levels tested compared to the previous year. Math scores increased for six out of eight assessments and writing scores increased for five out of eight assessments.
- Another measure of student achievement is the Colorado Department of Education's Performance Framework Reports, which provide a snapshot of the district's or school's level of attainment on academic achievement, growth, growth gaps and postsecondary readiness. On the 2011 one-year District Performance Framework (DPF), Jeffco has improved in the performance indicators of Academic Growth and Academic Growth Gaps compared to the 2010 one-year DPF.
- Jeffco Public Schools is accredited by the Colorado Department of Education. For 2011, CDE identified 81 percent of schools in Jeffco with Performance plans. A total of 96 percent of schools were assigned Performance or Improvement plans, meeting CDE's minimal expectations on the state performance indicators.
- The Colorado Growth Model, a measurement that shows how students are progressing over time, as measured against the academic achievement of similar students on CSAP, shows that our district's overall median growth percentiles exceeded the state's typical growth performance in reading and math, while meeting it in writing. See additional information on page 27.
- More than 5,000 Jeffco students completed Advanced Placement (AP) exams this year, and more students took AP exams compared to last year. The AP exam allows students an opportunity to earn credit or advanced placement at most of the nation's colleges and universities. Scores of " 3 " and above often convert to college credit.


TRADITIONS OF EXCELLENCE Distinguished Graduate

Annaleigh Ashford
Broadway and TV Actress Wheat Ridge High School Alumnus


- Jeffco students excel in extra-curricular activities such as sports and the arts. During the 2010-2011 school year, special recognition went to the Bear Creek High School gymnastics team for winning the state 5A championship and Arvada High School pom squad for winning the national title in its category. Pomona High School's theater troupe received honors in state Thespian competition. Lakewood High School's contemporary a cappella group, Eclipse, received the best performance award at the Colorado High School Activities Association Jazz/Show Choir/A cappella Festival. Our schools also had numerous state champions in individual athletic categories. See a video salute to these fine students online at bit.ly/jeffco_awards.
- Six Jeffco schools now offer an International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, which offers accelerated learning opportunities. The Alameda articulation area, offers a continuum of advanced learning in grades 1-12 through IB programs at Patterson International School and Alameda High School.
- Jeffco students are also learning how to be good citizens by giving back to their community. Standley Lake High School students organized multiple activities, collecting clothing and more than 4,700 pounds of food for the needy. A small group of fourth-graders from Maple Grove Elementary School raised nearly \$1,200 for children in Africa. Students from Alameda High School joined Coast-to-Coast Cleanup and collected trash at a park near their school. Jeffco schools make civic responsibility a priority.


## Design Champions

Warren Tech graphic design student, Casey Brickley, put her skills to the test and ended up making her mark on history. Brickley is the first Colorado student to win the National SkillsUSA Pin Design competition. Her winning design became the official pin for the 2011 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation awarded \$1,000 to Casey and \$5,000 to Warren Tech's Graphic Design program. Dustin Brandvold, also a Warren Tech student, got to see his T-shirt design on over 300 T-shirts as the winner of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) T-shirt Design contest. The shirts were worn at a NREL conference.



In response to a changing world, education has evolved over the past 20 years. Sometimes parents hardly recognize the curriculum that they studied and the classrooms where they learned. The following stories provide a snapshot of academics in action in Jeffco schools.

Literacy Project
A number of Jeffco schools have worked with the National Literacy Project to improve students' literacy skills across all subject areas. Teachers and other staff ensure that reading, writing, and vocabulary is incorporated into learning in all classes even science and math. Students at O'Connell Middle School in Lakewood showed off their reading skills at a student showcase where they hosted the community to a morning of reading demonstrations and a questions and answer session.

Technology in the Classroom
Why use technology in the classroom? Today, technology touches almost every part of our lives. Jobs that have traditionally been thought of as requiring only "manual skills," today require the use of technology. In addition, research shows that technology can deepen and enhance the learning process. In Jeffco classrooms, students are using Google Apps for Education, a free suite of online tools, to build websites for sharing information, creating presentations and conducting research. A video demonstrating Jeffco students using Google Apps is available at: bit.ly/jeffco_google.

A letter from a Jeffco third-grader to her teacher librarian.

## The All Boys

## Manly Writing Club

Educators have often struggled with how to get boys more interested in reading and writing. Across Jeffco, there has been a 13-point discrepancy in test scores between third-grade boys and girls in writing. Fairmount Elementary School has responded to the challenge to improve writing scores with the All Boys Manly Writing Club. An hour before the bell rings, school Principal Brady Stroup and third-grade teacher Jason Robinet gather a group of third- and fourth-grade boys for some extra attention and time to focus on writing as a fun activity.

## NASA in the Classroom

Students and teachers from Jeffco's Warren Tech have expanded their learning thanks to NASA.

Students have participated in HUNCH, "High School Students United with NASA to Create Hardware," by creating equipment and experiments that have traveled in space. They have seen how skills they're learning in school directly translate to knowledge that can be used in the real world. Teachers have attended NASA training programs designed to excite students about science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

## The Capstone Project

Senior students from Wheat Ridge High School participate in the Senior Capstone Project, an intensive, research-based project that demonstrates the culmination of a student's academic achievement while attending the school. Students research, create a product associated with the research, organize a portfolio detailing the process, and present to the community. The entire senior class participated with topics ranging from sustainable architecture to the influence of social media on teen bullying.

Fairmount Elementary School has responded to the challenge to improve writing scores with the All Boys Manly Writing Club.

Ever since there have been schools, there have been tests. We test students as one measure of how well they are doing in school, but we also use them to assess student strengths and weaknesses, focus classroom instruction, and hold schools and districts accountable for improved educational programs. Across the nation, in response to federal regulations, states have created their own accountability systems, made up of various student assessments and other indicators. The following pages explain Colorado's assessment and accountability system and provide a summary of Jeffco schools' results.

## School and District Accreditation

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) assigns four types of plans to schools:

- Performance
- Improvement
- Priority Improvement
- Turnaround

According to CDE, schools with Performance and Improvement plans still need to engage in a continuous improvement cycle, but their results have met the state's minimum expectations. Schools with Priority Improvement and Turnaround plans have not met the state's minimum expectations and thus they need greater support from the state. The district accredits schools based in part on these state performance plans.

Individual school performance indicators can be seen beginning on page 20.

Additional information about accreditation and the School and District Performance Frameworks can be found on CDE's website at www.schoolview.org.

## Adequate Yearly Progress

The federal government also measures the achievement of individual schools, school districts and state education departments. Adequate Yearly Progress, or AYP, created by the No Child Left Behind Act, applies to districts that receive funds under NCLB Title I (federal funds for low income students) and are required to meet specific academic goals in reading and math each year as measured by the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP). To make AYP, a district must meet 100 percent of its targets for participation and performance in reading and math assessments for all applicable subgroups of children (race/ethnicity, economically disadvantaged, students with disabilities and students with limited English proficiency). The table beginning on page 20, shows how many of the AYP indicators individual schools met during the 2010-2011 school year. Details about AYP can be found at www.schoolview.org.

## Measuring Student Success

General Harold W. "Punch" Moulton II














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304．Long Vew High．．．．．



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Jeffco Schools Accreditation and AYP Status

| Elementary Schools | Accredited | Met AYP Indicators |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adams Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Allendale Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 22 of 24 |
| Arvada K-8 Elementary | Accredited with Turnaround Plan | 17 of 24 |
| Bear Creek K-8 Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 32 of 32 |
| Belmar Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 21 of 28 |
| Bergen Meadow Primary | Accredited with Performance Plan | No CSAP administered in K-2 |
| Bergen Valley Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Blue Heron Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 36 of 36 |
| Bradford Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Bradford Intermediate | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Campbell Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 20 of 20 |
| Coal Creek Canyon Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 8 of 8 |
| Collegiate Academy Charter Elementary School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Colorow Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 20 of 20 |
| Columbine Hills Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 20 of 20 |
| Compass Montessori Golden Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Compass Montessori Wheatridge Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Coronado Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 20 of 20 |
| Deane Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 28 of 30 |
| Dennison Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 18 of 18 |
| Devinny Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 30 of 30 |
| Dutch Creek Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 23 of 24 |
| Edgewater Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 20 of 24 |
| Eiber Elementary | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 28 of 32 |
| Elk Creek Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Excel Academy Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Fairmount Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 20 of 20 |
| Fitzmorris Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 18 of 18 |
| Foothills Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 21 of 24 |
| Foster Elementary | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 26 of 30 |
| Free Horizon Montessori | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Fremont Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 22 of 24 |
| Glennon Heights Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Governor's Ranch Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 20 of 22 |
| Green Gables Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Green Mountain Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 21 of 24 |
| Hackberry Hill Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 30 of 30 |
| Hutchinson Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 16 of 16 |
| Jeffco Open School Elementary | Accredited with Priority Improvement Plan | 13 of 18 |
| Jefferson Academy Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Kendallvue Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 26 of 26 |
| Kendrick Lakes Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Kullerstrand Elementary | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 26 of 30 |
| Kyffin Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 18 of 18 |
| Lasley Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 28 of 30 |


| Elementary Schools | Accredited | Met AYP Indicators |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lawrence Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 22 of 26 |
| Leawood Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Lincoln Academy Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 16 of 16 |
| Little Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 23 of 24 |
| Lukas Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Lumberg Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 26 of 26 |
| Maple Grove Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Marshdale Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Meiklejohn Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Miller Special Elementary | Accredited with AEC Performance Plan | 3 of 4 |
| Mitchell Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 18 of 18 |
| Molholm Elementary | Accredited with Priority Improvement Plan | 21 of 26 |
| Montessori Peaks Academy | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Mortensen Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Mount Carbon Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 20 of 20 |
| Mountain Phoenix Community Elementary | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 6 of 6 |
| Normandy Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 20 of 20 |
| Parmalee Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Parr Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 22 of 24 |
| Patterson International | Accredited with Performance Plan | 29 of 30 |
| Peck Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Peiffer Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 25 of 28 |
| Pennington Elementary | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 21 of 24 |
| Pleasant View Elementary | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 15 of 18 |
| Powderhorn Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Prospect Valley Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 22 of 24 |
| Ralston Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Red Rocks Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Rocky Mountain Academy Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Rocky Mountain Deaf Elementary School | Accredited with AEC Performance Plan | 4 of 6 |
| Rooney Ranch Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 16 of 16 |
| Ryan Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 36 of 36 |
| Secrest Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 21 of 24 |
| Semper Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Shaffer Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Shelton Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 25 of 25 |
| Sheridan Green Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 23 of 26 |
| Sierra Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Slater Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 22 of 24 |
| Sobesky Academy Elementary School | Accredited with AEC Improvement Plan | 2 of 4 |
| South Lakewood Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 26 |
| Stein Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 31 of 32 |
| Stevens Elementary | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 27 of 30 |
| Stober Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 23 of 24 |
| Stony Creek Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 25 of 26 |
| Stott Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 22 of 24 |

Title I schools on school improvement (that have not met AYP determination for two consecutive years) are indicated in bold.


Jeffco Schools Accreditation and AYP Status, continued

| Elementary Schools | Accredited | Met AYP Indicators |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Swanson Elementary | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 22 of 32 |
| Thomson Elementary | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 28 of 32 |
| Ute Meadows Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 14 of 14 |
| Van Arsdale Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Vanderhoof Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 30 of 30 |
| Vivian Elementary | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 20 of 24 |
| Warder Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Weber Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 26 of 26 |
| Welchester Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 23 of 24 |
| West Jefferson Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| West Woods Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 18 of 18 |
| Westgate Elementary | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 26 of 36 |
| Westridge Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| Wilmore-Davis Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 26 of 26 |
| Wilmot Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Witt Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 23 of 24 |
| Woodrow Wilson Academy Elementary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |

Title I schools on school improvement (that have not met AYP determination for two consecutive years) are indicated in bold.


Schools with Performance and Improvement Plans need to engage in a continuous improvement cycle, but their results have met the state's expectations.

| Middle Schools | Accredited | Met AYP Indicators |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arvada K-8 Middle School | Accredited with Turnaround Plan | 27 of 36 |
| Bear Creek K-8 Middle | Accredited with Performance Plan | 36 of 36 |
| Bell Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 30 of 36 |
| Carmody Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 27 of 36 |
| Coal Creek Canyon Middle | Accredited with Performance Plan | 8 of 8 |
| Collegiate Academy Charter Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Compass Montessori Golden Secondary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 10 of 12 |
| Compass Montessori Wheatridge Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 5 of 6 |
| Connections Learning Center Middle School | Accredited with AEC Improvement Plan | 4 of 6 |
| Creighton Middle School | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 41 of 42 |
| Deer Creek Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 30 of 30 |
| D'Evelyn Middle | Accredited with Performance Plan | 18 of 18 |
| Drake Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 34 of 36 |
| Dunstan Middle School | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 33 of 36 |
| Evergreen Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 26 of 26 |
| Everitt Middle School | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 32 of 36 |
| Excel Academy Middle | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Falcon Bluffs Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 26 of 26 |
| Jeffco Open School Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 14 of 14 |
| Jeffco's 21st Century Virtual Academy Middle | Accredited with AEC Improvement Plan | 0 of 2 |
| Jefferson Academy Secondary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Ken Caryl Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 26 of 30 |
| Lincoln Academy Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 17 of 18 |
| Mandalay Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 42 of 42 |
| Manning Options | Accredited with Performance Plan | 20 of 20 |
| Miller Special Middle School | Accredited with AEC Performance Plan | 0 of 4 |
| Montessori Peaks Academy Middle | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Moore Middle School | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 26 of 30 |
| Mountain Phoenix Community Middle School | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 6 of 6 |
| North Arvada Middle School | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 32 of 36 |
| Oberon Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 26 of 30 |
| O'Connell Middle School | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 28 of 36 |
| Rocky Mountain Academy Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |
| Rocky Mountain Deaf Middle School | Accredited with AEC Performance Plan | 4 of 6 |
| Sobesky Academy Middle School | Accredited with AEC Improvement Plan | 4 of 6 |
| Summit Ridge Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 36 of 36 |
| Two Roads Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 6 of 6 |
| Wayne Carle Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 24 |
| West Jefferson Middle School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 29 of 30 |
| Wheat Ridge Middle School | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 29 of 36 |
| Woodrow Wilson Academy Middle | Accredited with Performance Plan | 12 of 12 |

Title I schools on school improvement (that have not met AYP determination for two consecutive years) are indicated in bold.
AEC $=$ Alternative Education Campus

| High Schools | Accredited | Met AYP Indicators |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alameda High School | Accredited with Priority Improvement Plan | 20 of 31 |
| Arvada High School | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 25 of 29 |
| Arvada West High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 29 |
| Bear Creek High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 27 of 33 |
| Brady Exploration High School | Accredited with AEC Priority Improvement Plan | 5 of 10 |
| Chatfield High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 21 of 25 |
| Collegiate Academy Charter High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 10 of 10 |
| Columbine High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 27 of 29 |
| Compass Montessori Golden High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 7 of 9 |
| Conifer High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 19 of 19 |
| Connections Learning Center High School | Accredited with AEC Improvement Plan | 2 of 2 |
| Dakota Ridge High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 24 of 26 |
| D'Evelyn Secondary | Accredited with Performance Plan | 14 of 14 |
| Evergreen High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 16 of 16 |
| Golden High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 19 of 25 |
| Green Mountain High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 22 of 28 |
| Jeffco Open School High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 9 of 10 |
| Jeffco's 21st Century Virtual Academy High | Accredited with AEC Improvement Plan | 2 of 7 |
| Jefferson Academy High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 10 of 10 |
| Jefferson High School | Accredited with Improvement Plan | 19 of 27 |
| Lakewood High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 26 of 33 |
| Long View High School | Accredited with AEC Performance Plan | 3 of 3 |
| McLain High School | Accredited with AEC Performance Plan | 7 of 10 |
| Miller Special High School | Accredited with AEC Performance Plan | 0 of 4 |
| New America High School | Accredited with AEC Priority Improvement Plan | 3 of 8 |
| Pomona High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 22 of 29 |
| Ralston Valley High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 23 of 24 |
| Rocky Mountain Deaf High School | Accredited with AEC Performance Plan | 2 of 4 |
| Sobesky Academy High School | Accredited with AEC Improvement Plan | 2 of 5 |
| Standley Lake High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 30 of 33 |
| Two Roads High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 3 of 4 |
| Warren Tech Central | Accredited with AEC Performance Plan | Students test at other schools |
| Warren Tech North | Accredited with AEC Performance Plan | Students test at other schools |
| Wheat Ridge High School | Accredited with Performance Plan | 27 of 29 |

## Additional Information

about Accreditation and AYP, including individual school profiles, can be found on the Colorado Department of Education's website at: www.schoolview.org. $\rightarrow($

Title I schools on school improvement (that have not met AYP determination for two consecutive years) are indicated in bold.

AEC $=$ Alternative Education Campus


## Colorado Student Assessment Program

The Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) is comprised of tests given to public school students in grades three through 10. Depending on the grade, the CSAP tests students' skills in reading, writing, mathematics and science. CSAP includes multiple choice and short and long essay questions. The CSAP is based on state content standards and measures student progress toward those standards. Students are not compared to each other, but are rated on how well they are meeting standards. The rating scale is advanced, proficient, partially proficient and unsatisfactory. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has additional information about CSAP and provides test scores for various demographic groups at: www.schoolview.org.

2011 CSAP Scores: Percent of students scoring proficient and above
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

|  | State | District | Female | Male | Am Ind | Asian | Pacific | Black | Hisp | White | Multi | Special Ed | NEP* | LEP* | FEP* | FRL* | GT* |
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| READING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 3 | 73 | 80 | 84 | 76 | 54 | 83 | 87 | 61 | 66 | 85 | 77 | 35 | 25 | 64 | 100 | 64 | 100 |
| Grade 4 | 65 | 73 | 77 | 69 | 54 | 75 | 88 | 55 | 55 | 80 | 70 | 28 | 5 | 32 | 93 | 55 | 99 |
| Grade 5 | 69 | 78 | 80 | 76 | 61 | 74 | 67 | 51 | 62 | 84 | 81 | 31 | 4 | 35 | 89 | 60 | 100 |
| Grade 6 | 71 | 82 | 85 | 79 | 71 | 84 | 86 | 72 | 69 | 87 | 78 | 37 | 21 | 41 | 94 | 67 | 100 |
| WRITING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 3 | 51 | 61 | 68 | 54 | 32 | 64 | 67 | 31 | 41 | 67 | 65 | 17 | 11 | 37 | 91 | 38 | 95 |
| Grade 4 | 56 | 63 | 70 | 56 | 38 | 67 | 63 | 41 | 45 | 70 | 59 | 20 | 6 | 23 | 80 | 44 | 97 |
| Grade 5 | 60 | 66 | 73 | 60 | 37 | 73 | 56 | 46 | 50 | 72 | 69 | 18 | 4 | 27 | 78 | 46 | 97 |
| Grade 6 | 62 | 71 | 79 | 64 | 64 | 75 | 57 | 58 | 57 | 77 | 68 | 24 | 26 | 30 | 84 | 53 | 99 |
| MATH |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 3 | 70 | 76 | 75 | 76 | 51 | 80 | 100 | 52 | 59 | 81 | 80 | 41 | 34 | 63 | 99 | 58 | 100 |
| Grade 4 | 71 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 58 | 82 | 88 | 41 | 59 | 82 | 71 | 35 | 20 | 52 | 91 | 59 | 99 |
| Grade 5 | 66 | 71 | 72 | 71 | 54 | 78 | 67 | 32 | 55 | 78 | 72 | 27 | 14 | 37 | 82 | 53 | 99 |
| Grade 6 | 63 | 71 | 72 | 70 | 60 | 76 | 71 | 49 | 56 | 77 | 69 | 25 | 34 | 33 | 79 | 54 | 99 |
| SCIENCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grade 5 | 47 | 58 | 56 | 60 | 39 | 55 | 56 | 27 | 36 | 66 | 61 | 20 | 1 | 13 | 57 | 35 | 98 |

MIDDLE SCHOOL


HIGH SCHOOL

*NEP = Non-English Proficient
LEA $=$ Limited English Proficient

FER $=$ Fluent English Proficient
FRI $=$ Free and Reduced Lunch/economically disadvantaged as determined by students qualifying for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program
GT = Gifted and Talented.
Federal changes to the 2010-11 collection of student race and ethnicity definitions increased the number of categories reported and impacts trending from previous years.

To see CSAP scores for past years, please visit the
Colorado Department of Education website at: www.cde.state.co.us

## Colorado Growth Model

The Growth Model compares each student's performance to students in the same grade throughout Colorado who had similar scores in past years on the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) tests, and calculates a Student Growth Percentile. For example, if the student grew academically as much, or more, than 60 percent of his or her peers, the student would have a 60th Growth Percentile. For schools, CDE reports the median growth percentile. The chart below shows the district's median growth percentile for three years in CSAP reading, writing and math. Individual school growth data can be found on the Colorado Department of Education's website at: www.schoolview.org.

Colorado Growth Model - Jeffco Public Schools


FRL = Free and Reduced Lunch/economically disadvantaged as determined by students qualifying for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

IER $=$ Individual Education Plan for student with disabilities.
ELL = English Language Learner.
Federal changes to the 2010-11 collection of student race and ethnicity definitions increased the number of categories reported and impacts trending from provious years.

Bold type indicates the segment meets or exceeds state median growth percentile of 50 and higher.

> The Growth Model compares each student's performance to students in the same grade throughout Colorado...


## Big Head Todd \& the Monsters

Platinum record musicians Rob Squires, Brian Nevin and Todd Park Bohr Columbine High School Alumni

## Measuring Student Success, cont.

## Additional Assessments

Additional measures of student academic achievement, including
the National Assessment of
Educational Progress (NAEP),
the only nationally representative assessment of what America's students know, and results for Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives for English Language Learners can be reviewed online at www.cde.state.co.us.


## ACT

The ACT is traditionally a college entrance examination. Results are scored on a scale of 1 to 36 . Scores for Jeffco students who took the test for college entrance are shown in the table entitled: College-Bound students. See the table below to compare Jeffco students to the national average score.

ACT: 2010-2011 College-Bound Graduates

|  | District | State | Nation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2011 | 21.6 | 20.7 | 21.1 |

Colorado law also requires all high school juniors to take an ACT test designed especially for Colorado students to measure progress in English, reading, math and science.

ACT: Colorado High School Juniors

|  | District | State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2010 | 21.0 | 20.0 |
| 2011 | 21.0 | 19.9 |

*There is no national average for 11th-grade ACT

Additional Assessments can be reviewed online at www.cde.state.co.us.

The challenge facing Jeffco Public Schools is to offer the highest quality education at the lowest possible cost.
This is a challenge Jeffco Public Schools is well prepared to meet because we have been focused on educational excellence and cost efficiencies for many years. Our financial situation this year has been unprecedented. Cuts in state spending for education, reduction in local tax revenue and declining enrollment for Jeffco had a cumulatively negative impact on revenue for our children's education. The district faced $\$ 59.8$ million in state funding cuts and was forced to utilize $\$ 24$ million from reserve funds, which thankfully we had been saving for bad times. In real terms, effects were felt by staff, parents and students. Budget trimming resulted in fewer full-time employees, with the majority of those staffing reductions managed through attrition, larger class sizes, fewer choices for electives and secondary credits, less classroom support, less office and building support and less technology in the classroom. During the year, plans were implemented to furlough employees, charge fees for transportation and two neighborhood schools and two outdoor lab schools were scheduled to close for the 2011-2012 school year. Only last minute fundraising saved the outdoor lab schools. The bleak financial picture seems daunting, but we are determined to remain a highly regarded school district that provides a quality education while being fiscally responsible.

## Transparency and Citizen Participation

Citizen participation in local government is the cornerstone of our American democracy. Jeffco Public Schools invites community participation. As such, thousands of people participated in the development of the 2010-2011 budget through a series of meetings, hearings and surveys. On an ongoing basis, the district's Financial Oversight Committee, made up of community members with financial expertise, meets monthly throughout the school year to review financial operations and assist the Board of Education in ensuring adherence to established policies and procedures.

This school district belongs to the community and we are committed to the practice that our financial transaction information should be accessible to our stakeholders. An online financial transparency database is available for anyone who wants to review district expenditures at www.jeffcopublicschools.org/finance/.

## Award-Winning

For 28 consecutive years, Jeffco Public Schools has earned the prestigious "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the district published an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report, which can be viewed online at www.jeffcopublicschools.org/finance/.

## TRADITIONS OF EXCELLENCE Distinguished Graduate



Trey Parker
"SouthPark" co-creator of animated TV series and co-creator of Broadway Musical "The Book of Mormon." Evergreen High School Alumnus


## Safety is a Priority

Jeffco Public Schools takes very seriously the responsibility to provide a safe and welcoming environment for our students and staff. We take a proactive approach through the creation of school safety plans, threat assessments, staff and student training and communications. We believe that setting high expectations for appropriate student behavior is the best violence prevention. Codes of Conduct are provided to all students at the beginning of the school year and parents/guardians must provide written acknowledgement that they have received the information. The district has a process for students to report anonymously about behavior that concerns them through the Safe2Text and Safe2Tell systems. Bullying and violence prevention programs in our schools help to support the district's efforts. The district has a Safety Plan, which is reviewed annually. School- and district-level administrators have been trained in the Federal Incident Command System and utilize the Standard Response Protocol for responding to school emergencies. The district's Safety, Security and Emergency Planning Department works closely with local law enforcement to protect our schools.

## Award-Winning

John McDonald, Jeffco's executive director of Safety, Security and Emergency Planning received the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers 2010 Life Saving Award for exemplary performance.


We believe that setting high expectations for appropriate student behavior is the best violence prevention.


TRADITIONS OF EXCELLENCE Distinguished Graduate


## Jamie Dukehart-Conti

Miss Colorado 2008
Miss America Contestant 2009
Ralston Valley High School Alumnus

## Schools are a Community Asset

## Community Members Ensure Building Integrity

Jeffco Public Schools citizens' Capital Asset Advisory Committee, which is appointed by the Board of Education, helps to ensure that the district's building programs meet the highest standards. The committee also monitors procedures relating to the selection of consultants and contractors, financing issues, and scheduling. They help create a master Capital Improvement Plan, which guides the district's building and improvement projects and provided written reports to the Board of Education.

There is a strong connection between the strength of our schools and the strength of our communities. School quality can have a significant impact on the local housing market, and healthy, stable neighborhoods. Jeffco Public Schools takes seriously its responsibility to be a community asset and has worked hard in that role despite declining resources. As we practiced responsible spending during the 2010-2011 school year, we examined closely the appropriate use of school and district facilities. The Jefferson County Board of Education continued to consider options developed by the Facilities Usage Committee - a panel made up of Jeffco citizens and district employees that met for eight months in 2009. The group developed a preliminary Facilities Master Plan, which included the possibility of closing many schools. In 2011, the Board made the decision to close two neighborhood schools, Martenson and Zerger elementary schools, and Jeffco's two outdoor lab schools in order to see additional cost savings. After a last minute community fundraising campaign and additional funding from the district, the outdoor lab schools were saved for one year. In May 2010, Russell Elementary School was closed and the building sold to Jefferson County for \$2 million. The Board voted to continue working on the preliminary Facilities Master Plan, but decided not to move forward with any aspects of the plan, including school closures, at that time.

Without new funding, the district relied on the little remaining money from the 2004 bond election to complete a few building projects during the 2010-2011 school year. Russell Elementary School was consolidated with Arvada Middle School, creating a new K-8 school on the Arvada Middle School campus. The re-configured school received a new kitchen, and several new elementary school classrooms, as well as two new playgrounds. Arvada K-8 opened in August 2010 with nearly capacity enrollment.

Jeffco Public Schools' longest serving option school, Jefferson County Open School, celebrated completion of approximately 45,000 square feet, which included a new commons and kitchen, library, administration center, classrooms, kindergarten, art and music rooms along with support spaces.

## Federal and State Reporting Requirements

Every year, school districts in Colorado report about their performance based on state and federal requirements. This data, which includes assessment scores, accountability measures, teacher qualifications, and other data for the district and for individual schools, has been compiled by the Colorado Department of Education at: www.schoolview.org. Parents and community members are invited to review this site for more detailed information about Jeffco Public Schools' performance. Individual school profiles are also available on the Jeffco Public Schools website at: www.jeffcopublicschools.org/schools/index.html.

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    9201 W. Columbine Dr.
    
    
    

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