

Poudre School District 2010-11

Pride & Profile

Educate...Every Child, Every Day

*PSD is proud of our student and staff accomplishments!
Below are only a few highlights from 2010-11.*



Academic Excellence

Student success is the ultimate reward for years of hard work by both students and staff members:

- **Graduates earned nearly \$40 million in scholarships!**
- **Graduates will attend prestigious universities:** Harvard, Princeton, Purdue, Yale, Tulane, Tufts, Drake, Vanderbilt, Notre Dame, Colorado's own, West Point, U. S. Coast Guard and Naval Academies, Johns Hopkins, and many more!
- **9 out of 10 graduates completed at least one post-secondary class prior to graduation!**
- **Students performed 5-15% higher than students statewide** – in all subjects and in all 27 areas on the 2010 Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) tests!
- **3rd-grade students' reading CSAP scores in 2011 showed a significant gain to 83.9% proficient and advanced**, up from 81% in 2010!
- **Dropout rates declined from 1.7% in 2008-09 to 1.2% in 2009-10!**
- **11th & 12th-grade students consistently perform higher than students statewide and nationwide on ACT and SAT college entrance exams!** PSD students scored an average composite score of 22, compared to 20.6 statewide and 21 nationally on the 2010 ACT, and **one student earned a perfect score of 36!**

Student Excellence

Well-rounded students achieve success in rigorous state, national, and international competitions:

- International Science Fair
- International Student Media Festival
- State & National Science Olympiad, Ocean Science Bowl, Forensic Tournament, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Competition & Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)
- State & World Odyssey of the Mind Finals
- State Speech & Debate
- Student Magazine Recognized by National Council of Teachers of English and the American Scholastic Press Association
- State Athletic Championships: Boys & Girls Cross Country, Girls Swimming & Girls Track

PSD students give back to the community:

- Students donated nearly \$19,000 to Poudre Valley Hospital's Cancer Center
- PSD Student Named Colorado's Top Youth Volunteer

Instructional Excellence

Exceptional PSD staff members are the core of our success. Here are a few recent awards:

- Fulbright-Hays Scholarship Recipient
- Colorado School Nurse Advocate of the Year
- Rotary Teacher of the Year

Sustainability Excellence

Since establishing the energy conservation program in 1994, PSD has become a national leader in sustainability, resulting in a savings of more than \$2 million and annual savings of more than half a million dollars.



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

"High expectations and student-driven support systems are the foundation of success at PSD."

— PSD Superintendent Jerry Wilson, Ph.D.

Poudre School District Fast Facts

Geographic Size

PSD covers 1,856 square miles in northern Colorado, including Fort Collins, Laporte, Timnath, Wellington, Red Feather, Livermore, Stove Prairie, and parts of Windsor.

Neighborhood Schools & School Choice

PSD's School Choice program allows families to select the school that best meets their child's educational needs. Nearly 70% of PSD families choose to send their children to their neighborhood school, the school located in the attendance area in which they live. Space permitting, families may choose to send their child to a neighborhood or specialty school located outside their attendance area.

Schools

31 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, 7 high schools, 2 charter schools, and 1 online school

Educational Options

- Neighborhood Schools
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Advanced Placement (AP) & Pre-Advanced Placement
- Bilingual immersion & dual language
- Academics, character & wellness
- Expeditionary & experiential learning
- Core Knowledge curriculum
- Gifted & talented
- Science focus
- Arts & technology
- Project-based learning
- Online instruction
- Preschool & Early Childhood

Referral Programs

- GED preparation
- Teen Parent program
- Pathways After Hours
- Multiple alternative secondary programs

Transportation

116 busses safely transport approximately 11,500 students every day.

Student Population

Student Enrollment	24,508
Pre-K–12th grade	26,923
Preschool Students (as of 11/1/10)	979

Student Ethnicity

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.15%
Native American/Alaskan	0.61%
Black/African American	1.41%
Two or more	2.62%
Asian	3.16%
Hispanic/Latino	17.65%
White	74.40%

Additional Student Information

Students participating in Free and/or Reduced Price Lunch program	29%
Students served by:	
• Gifted and Talented programs	8.7%
• Special Education programs	8.6%
• English Language Learner programs	7.5%

PSD Staff

Total Employees	3,289
Licensed	1,785
Support Staff	1,404
Administrators	100

Community Support

Behind every great school district is the support of a great community:

- More than 18,000 parent and community members volunteer in our schools!
- Community approved the \$16 million mill levy to address funding cuts at the state level, and a \$120 million bond to improve, equip, and furnish district buildings and property.
- Collaboration with local higher education and business and industry partners promotes college and career readiness.

A Great Place to Raise Children & Live

Business Week named Fort Collins the most desirable place in Colorado to raise a child in 2008—based largely on excellent schools—affirming PSD's focus on academic excellence is working.

Fort Collins ranked 5th on the list of Best Places for Business and Careers: *Forbes* – June 2011

Fort Collins-Loveland ranked 3rd for Overall Wellbeing in a metro area: *Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index* – March 2011



Learn More...

About school and district performance at www.schoolview.org.

Here you will find assessment, accountability, and post-secondary readiness data along with tools to view school and district growth and achievement.