## Get to Know Your

# Arvada Area Schools

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# Welcome to the Arvada Articulation Area

The Arvada area schools are located in the heart of Jefferson County, and include eight elementary schools, one K-8 school, one middle school, and one high school. We are committed to educational excellence and putting our students' needs first. We have a strong sense of community and our schools have been a part of Arvada for over 100 years. Please contact us to learn more, to schedule a visit, and to get to know your Arvada area schools.

## About Jeffco Public Schools

As Colorado's second-largest K-12 school district, Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 65 years. The district's 14,000 employees serve over 84,000 students at 155 schools on 168 campuses. The Jeffco Generations Vision and Strategic Plan fortify our determination to keep a learning-centered focus in all of our work and guide the high expectations for our schools, staff, and students.
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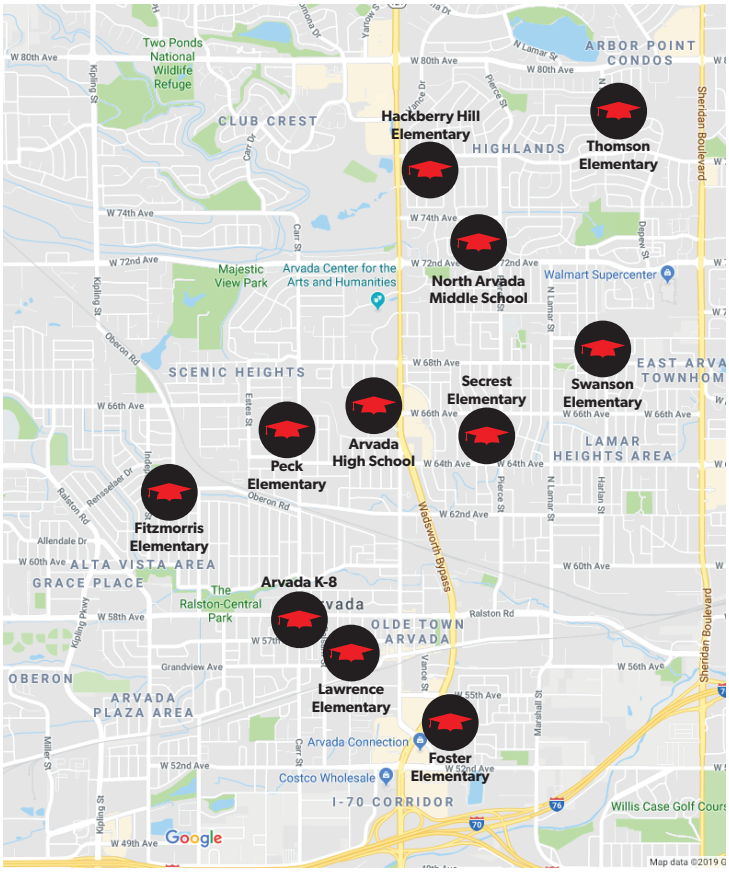


## Arvada Area Schools

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# Arvada High School

Arvada High School is proud to be a tight-knit, comprehensive high school that offers traditional programs like athletics and fine arts, as well as new innovative programs through a partnership with New Tech Network. The New Tech Network is a leading design partner for comprehensive school change and works closely with Arvada High School to create an innovative learning environment through a proven school model, a project-based learning platform, and powerful professional development for staff members. New Tech schools make lasting changes to student achievement, foster continuous improvement, and prepare students for 21st century careers.

- We are also implementing three pathways for students: STEM, Sports Business, and Arts and Humanities.
    - The Sports Business pathway will include sports marketing, journalism/broadcasting, sports management, sports medicine, and will culminate in an internship.
    - The STEM pathway utilizes a newly-built Creative Learning System SmartLab where students participate in project-based STEM learning applications.
    - The Humanities and Arts pathway includes Pathways2Teaching (where students begin the process of becoming a teacher), ProStart (where students receive culinary arts training with credit from a university), visual arts and design, performing arts, or journalism.
- Additionally, we house a Warren Tech program for Building Trades, a Career Explorer program for our seniors that includes paid internships, and we are a Gifted & Talented Center School.

# North Arvada Middle School

At North Arvada Middle, our motto is: Be brave… Charge forward… Never surrender! Our aspirations are for students to engage in high-level learning through projects, design processes, and personalized learning. Our ultimate goal is for students to leave North Arvada with strong Content Knowledge as well as skills in Civic and Global Engagement, Communication, Self-Direction and Personal Responsibility, Critical and Creative Thinking, Collaboration and Leading by Influence, and Agility and Adaptability. We ground ourselves in the Professional Learning Framework where we are committed to a culture of collaboration and a focus on learning.

- Gifted & Talented Center School grades 6-8
- Standards-based grading
- Focus on social and emotional wellness
- 1:1 technology, with Chromebooks provided to every student
- Enrichment opportunities through clubs and community partnerships
- Community Garden (est. 2018)
- Knights act with PRIDE: Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Empathy

# Arvada K-8 School

Arvada K-8 empowers all students to achieve personal and academic excellence. Being an Arvada K-8 Timberwolf means that students are part of an inclusive community that focuses on the whole child. Our staff is a passionate and dedicated group of individuals that collaborate to ensure we are providing every student with exactly what they need to grow and learn, including a focus on social emotional learning.

- Our K-8 school model enables us to build strong relationships with students and partner with families for a longer amount of time than a traditional elementary or middle school.
- We are committed to learning. Our staff model a growth mindset for our students and engage in professional development to continue to expand our knowledge and instructional expertise.
- We are a PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) school and strive daily to demonstrate our PACK behaviors: Perseverance, Ambition, Community, and Kindness. We recognize and celebrate all members of our community when they are showing these attributes.
- Our teachers collaborate consistently on grade level and content teams analyzing standards and using student work and data to drive instruction.
- We are partnered with the 21st Century Learning Center which provides the opportunity for all our students, kindergarten through eighth grade, to engage in a variety of after school clubs and activities at no cost to families.
- Our sixth- through eighth-grade students have access to a wide variety of electives including: choir, band, robotics, STEM, and current events.
- We have 1:1 technology in classrooms.

# Fitzmorris Elementary School

Fitzmorris opened our doors to the Arvada community in 1959. Our mission Fitzmorris is to GROW through Grit, leadeRship, empOwerment, and Wonder. These values are modeled by staff and students daily. In our fun, neighborhood school, we do whatever it takes to ensure that we all GROW every day!

- At Fitzmorris, we honor students as individuals and value kindness and a sense of community. This is best demonstrated by our thriving ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Center programs, as well as our burgeoning preschool. In our collaborative environment, we practice meaningful inclusion so that ALL students benefit and learn from each other.
- Jeffco Generations skills and values are honed and exemplified at Fitzmorris. Our 1:1 technology initiative helps us create rigorous and authentic tasks for student learning. We continuously work to increase opportunities for students to engage in meaningful civic and global engagement.
- Fitzmorris is a Professional Learning Community. Through this process, our dedicated staff collaborate to ensure we maintain focus on student learning, including achievement, growth, and well-being.
- As an integral part of the Arvada Articulation Area, we endeavor to truly be a community hub. In the summer of 2018, we welcomed the new Apex Recreation Center to our site, and are thrilled with that strong partnership. We appreciate our ongoing partnerships with the Arvada Food Bank, King Soopers, Target, Centerpoint Church, and many local restaurants and businesses.
- One of the hallmarks of our Fitzmorris family is our strong sense of community. Between our students who stay with us from preschool through continuation, and our many parents who received their education at Fitzmorris or in Arvada, Fitzmorris Elementary continues to be a home away from home and a great place to continue our learning and sense of well-being.

# Foster Elementary School

Foster Elementary School serves students wanting to become bilingual and biliterate in English and Spanish, as well as traditional students. Parents and students may choose to enroll in a traditional classroom or a two-way Dual Language classroom. All classrooms at Foster follow the district's guaranteed, viable curriculum and provide learning opportunities supported by research-based practices to address the learning needs of all students with a focus on STEM.

The Dual Language program at Foster provides a unique opportunity that brings together Spanish and English speaking students in an effort to develop full bilingualism in both groups. These students will have the opportunity to learn a second language without compromising their first language. This program:

- Develops children who will be more competitive in the global economy and more collaborative in our multicultural society;
- Takes advantage of the optimal window of learning a second language during the primary years;
- Produces critical thinkers and problem solvers who can use a communication-rich approach to succeed in the information age; and
- We have 1:1 technology in classrooms.

# Hackberry Hill Elementary School

The Hackberry Hill Elementary School staff is committed to educational excellence by creating a child-centered environment that ensures the safety and well-being of all students. We are a GT (Gifted & Talented) Center School and we pride ourselves on being inclusive; we are all Hackberry Hill Hawks! Hackberry Hill's strength lies in the efforts of students, families, staff, and the community working together.

- We are honored to have received the Governor's Distinguished Improvement award for the 2017-18 school year.
- Innovative learning and instruction models including project based learning, PLC (professional learning community) structures, flexible seating, focus on mindfulness practices, discovery learning circles, and restorative justice practices.
- While we are proud of our assessment results, we are focused on the whole child and our community of learners and their families. We offer many extra-curricular before and after school programs and activities, as well as community building events.

# Lawrence Elementary School

Lawrence Elementary School opened in 1900 and was the first school in Arvada. We are always striving to fulfill our mission, PAWS: Prepare, Achieve, Wonder, Succeed by instilling these values in our students and preparing them for the future. At Lawrence, we firmly believe in our vision: Together We Can, Together We Will!

- Lawrence continues to strive to be a community hub. We partner with Jefferson County Mental Health to provide support to students and families.
- We welcome our families and community into our school to promote strong partnerships and student growth. Our new community-built playground has been a magnet for our families and neighbors. It is open to all of our community members.
- Our staff believe that collaboration and strong teamwork are the cornerstone of student growth and achievement. We are always looking for ways to improve our practices to ensure student success.
- 1:1 technology has created new ways for students to engage in 21st century learning while preparing for careers of the future.

# Peck Elementary School

Nestled in the Majestic View neighborhood of Arvada, Peck Elementary School has a rich tradition of academic excellence and a strong community. Our dedicated staff demonstrates genuine concern for students' well-being and collaborates on a cycle of continuous improvement to address the diverse needs of our students. Our teachers are trained in Lucy Calkins Reading Units of Study and we have a systemic literacy curriculum across all grade levels to ensure a seamless transition from one grade to the next. Many of our classroom and intervention teachers are also trained in Orton Gillingham literacy interventions, a tactile approach to developing phonemic awareness. We are proud to have a center-based program that supports students with severe needs. We offer free full-day kindergarten and a before- and after-school daycare program.

We have a supportive and involved family community along with a vibrant PTA that provides countless hours of volunteering, fundraising, and family events throughout the year.

Our students develop purpose, community, and passion for learning at Peck Elementary School by demonstrating Ram PRIDE:

P – Promote and Practice Safety
R – Respect Self and Others
I – Imagine Success
D – Dare to Care
E – Engage in Learning

# Secrest Elementary School

Our Mission: All students are growing and succeeding every day! At Secrest Elementary School, we empower all students to become self-directed, caring, global citizens, ready for future challenges and opportunities.

- Secrest's team has been nationally-recognized as a Professional Learning Community, which strives to make sure that every student excels.
- Secrest is a 1:1 technology school where we provide every student with either an iPad or a Chromebook for learning and collaborating in innovative ways.
- We celebrate our students' accomplishments and practice mindfulness with our buddies at monthly Firebird assemblies.

We collaborate with our families on a variety of committees and offer many ways to get involved such as our Parent-Teacher-Association (PTA), School Accountability Committee (SAC), Firebird Families (classroom parents), WatchDOGS, and volunteers. Special programs offered include half-day preschool; Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS) for students at, below, or above grade level; Homework Club; Soccer for Success; band, orchestra, and choir; and before- and after-school care.

# Swanson Elementary School

Swanson Elementary School is a unique environment and we offer many programs you wouldn't find at your typical neighborhood school. Project-based learning and cross-curricular classrooms, 1:1 devices for K-6 students, a strong wellness program, as well as numerous interventions and enrichment opportunities make Swanson a destination for families wanting more out of their public school experience.

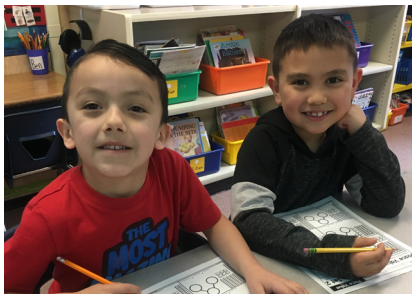
- We Value Diversity: We believe that every one of our students and staff members brings unique strengths, gifts, and talents to our classrooms. One of our greatest strengths as a school is that we welcome and celebrate students of all ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds.
- We Incorporate Technology: We use cutting-edge technology to collaborate, communicate, and learn. Technology is integrated into much of our curriculum and we believe it is our duty to prepare students for the future. As teachers and students, we strive to practice ethical use of technology by being good digital citizens.
- We Believe in Project-Based Learning: Project-Based Learning (PBL) is a dynamic classroom approach in which students actively explore real-world problems and challenges and acquire deeper knowledge. Every classroom at Swanson uses PBL to explore and learn.
- We are a Healthy Choice School: We believe education involves the whole child. We encourage healthy habits by participating in Fuel Up to Play 60, build brain breaks into the day, and have structured recess to encourage physical activity.

We are happy to schedule visits and tours for those interested in Swanson. Come see for yourself all the innovative and special things going on in our building. We can't wait to meet you!

# Thomson Elementary School

Thomson's mission is to collaboratively prepare every student for an excellent future. Thomson Tigers have strong values and we work to instill those in every child. We believe that a partnership with our community is essential to helping all students learn at high levels.

- Academics: We believe all students can learn at high levels. Teachers meet weekly to focus on the academic needs of each student. They collaboratively share their expertise, discuss the individual needs of students, and discuss quality teaching practices for all students.
- Social Emotional Needs: We teach students strategies for managing emotions and resolving conflict. Thomson has a full-time social worker and we also partner with Jefferson County Mental Health to provide support for students and families.
- Student-Enrichment Activities: We have a variety of leadership opportunities and after-school clubs that allow students to engage in areas of passion.
- Technology: Thomson has 1:1 devices for every student in the building. We are using these tools to develop them as 21st century learners.



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