

# GETTING TO KNOW US

## VISION:

*Dedicated to  
Excellence*

## MISSION:

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

Welcome to the Cherry Creek School District, where our focus on excellence and innovation is helping to create a better present and a brighter future for our students.

For more than 65 years, our commitment to excellence has been a key component in providing all students every opportunity to think, to learn, to achieve and to care. At Cherry Creek Schools, it's our job to see that our values persist as we keep up with the constantly shifting metrics of 21st century learning. Innovation plays a key role in this process.

The more than 54,700 students currently enrolled in the Cherry Creek School District face a much more complex and challenging world than their counterparts of 20 years ago, and we're committed to making sure they're properly prepared for this landscape with innovative learning at all levels. We're finding new ways to help our students hone critical thinking skills, gain real-world experiences and incorporate problem-solving, curiosity, team-building, communication, project-based learning and flexibility into every school day.

Our success in this effort is rooted in our academic programs, our facilities and, most importantly, the people at the heart of our district. Working together, our teachers, staff members and administrators help maintain an impressive array of academic programs that turn abstract ideas into concrete reality. As a community, you approved bond and budget measures that will build and maintain the facilities and tools of innovative learning in our district far into the future.

The coming school year will see us progress on a journey toward innovative excellence that's already well underway. Whether it's in curriculum based in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), the arts or the humanities, students are finding new ways to learn, grow and properly prepare themselves for their futures.

I look forward to sharing that journey with you, and with the entire Cherry Creek Schools community.

Dr. Harry Bull  
Superintendent



The Career and Innovation Academy will expand career pathways for students.

**2017-2018**



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# GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

*“Cherry Creek schools are using innovation to imagine new ways to inspire learning and prepare our students to be the next generation of problem solvers, creators and leaders. It’s our job to create the conditions that allow our kids to rise to their potential and achieve success.”*

**DR. HARRY BULL,  
SUPERINTENDENT**



TOTAL STUDENTS	54,700+	<p><b>11.0%</b> African-American</p> <p><b>1.0%</b> American Indian/Alaskan Native</p> <p><b>8.0%</b> Asian</p> <p><b>20%</b> Hispanic</p> <p><b>0.2%</b> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</p> <p><b>7.0%</b> Two or more races</p> <p><b>53.0%</b> White</p> <p>29% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch</p>	
TOTAL TEACHERS	3,719	<p><b>Average Class Size</b></p> <p><b>24.1</b> Students Grades K-5</p> <p><b>25.9</b> Students Grades 6-8</p> <p><b>25.7</b> Students Grades 9-12</p>	<p>More than 77% of faculty members have advanced degrees and teachers have an average of 10 years’ experience. Cherry Creek Schools has the third-highest number of National Board Certified teachers in Colorado.</p>
TOTAL SCHOOLS	60	<p><b>42</b> Elementary Schools*, (K-5) 1 school on year-round, four-track calendar 7 schools on transitional calendar</p> <p><b>10</b> Middle Schools* (6-8)</p> <p><b>7</b> High Schools (9-12)</p> <p><b>1</b> Magnet School (K-8)</p> <p><b>2</b> Charter Schools (K-8)</p>	

\*A new elementary school and middle school will open in the 2018-19 school year.

## ACT SCORES

	CCSD	STATE	NATION
<b>ACT Composite Score, 2016 Graduating Seniors</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>20.8</b>
<b>ACT Composite Score, 2016 11th graders*</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>20.4</b>	*

## GRADUATION RATE

	CCSD	STATE
<b>2016</b>	<b>88.1%</b>	<b>78.9%</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>87.2%</b>	<b>77.3%</b>

\*There is not a national average for 11th grade ACT scores.

The academic data in this report was current at time of publication. For updated information, visit the Colorado Department of Education website, [www.cde.state.co.us](http://www.cde.state.co.us).

# EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND SUCCESS

## SUCCESS FOR EVERY STUDENT



The Cherry Creek School District is committed to the success of each and every one of our 54,700+ students. Raising the academic achievement of ALL students, closing the gap between the highest- and lowest-performing students and eliminating the predictability of achievement by race are among the district's overarching goals. Another is preparing ALL students for college and post-secondary options, including vocational/technical education, the military and the workforce.

## ARTS, ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

The Cherry Creek School District offers a rich variety of arts, activities and athletics that keep students engaged in school, help them develop their talents and enable them to connect with other students and adults inside and outside the classroom. More than half of middle and high school students participate in one or more activity or sport and many go on to win state and national awards. Research shows that students who are involved in arts, activities or athletics have fewer absences, do better in school and are more likely to earn a college degree.



Learn more at [www.cherrycreekschools.org/AthleticsActivities](http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/AthleticsActivities).

## STEM & INNOVATION

Cherry Creek is embarking on a journey of innovation designed to empower schools to imagine bold new ways to inspire student learning. Thanks to support from voters, each elementary school and middle school will receive funding to renovate space to support 21st century innovation in learning. The focus on innovation aligns with a districtwide emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning using rigorous academic concepts and real-world experiences. It begins with the hands-on FOSS science curriculum and continues in cutting-edge fabrication labs and classes ranging from biomedicine to aerospace. Our Space-Act Agreement with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) permits our students to design hardware and experiments for the International Space Station.



Learn more at [www.cherrycreekschools.org/STEM](http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/STEM).

## CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

A state-of-the-art facility will be constructed and available to all Cherry Creek 11th- and 12th-grade students to ensure preparation for college and career in the 21st century. Potential areas of study include: Advanced Manufacturing, Business Services, Culinary/Hospitality, Health Services, Infrastructure Engineering, IT/STEAM and Transportation. The district's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program connects students with unique educational opportunities that offer them access to the next generation of careers in a variety of fields. Students gain valuable knowledge and skills and have the opportunity to do internships, earn college credit and even attain industry certifications.



Learn more at [www.cherrycreekschools.org/CTE](http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/CTE).

In compliance with federal law, the Cherry Creek School District No. 5 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in all of its education programs, employment activities and admissions procedures. The lack of English language skills shall not be a barrier to admission or participation in the district's activities and programs.

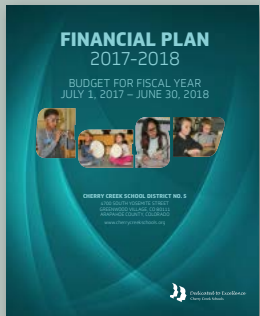


# POINTS OF PRIDE



## CCSD HONORED FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY

Cherry Creek Schools is one of only 23 school districts nationwide to receive the Meritorious Budget Certificate of Excellence for more than 15 consecutive years. The award recognizes school entities that demonstrate excellence and transparency in school budget presentation. The award is presented by the Association of School Business Officials International.

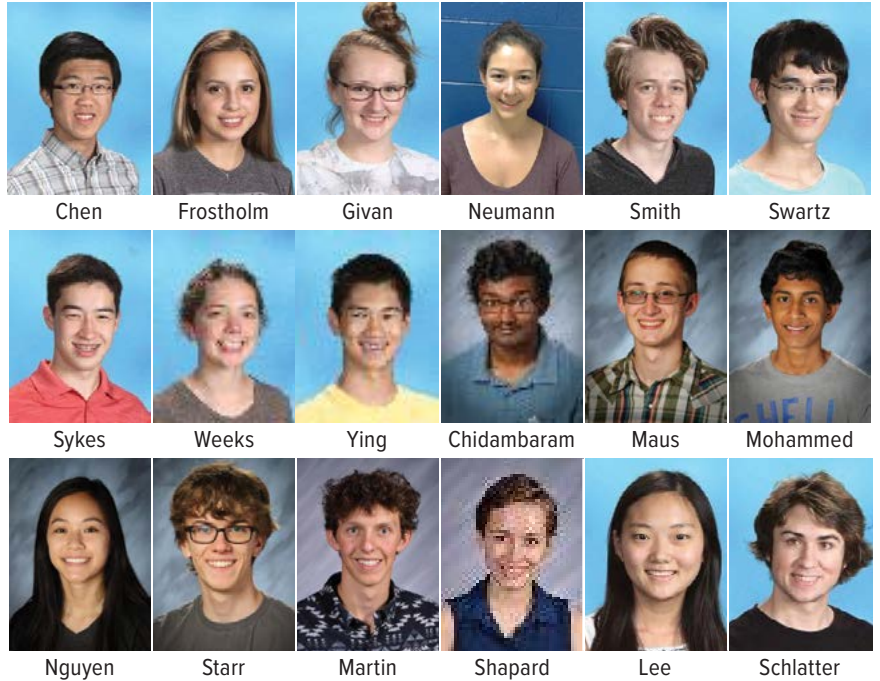


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## STUDENTS EARN PERFECT ACT SCORES

Eighteen seniors in the Cherry Creek School District earned a perfect score of 36 on the 2016 ACT test. Out of the 2.1 million students who took the 2016 ACT, less than 2,000 students, or less than one-tenth of one percent, earned a perfect score.



Chen Frostholm Givan Neumann Smith Swartz

Sykes Weeks Ying Chidambaram Maus Mohammed

Nguyen Starr Martin Shapard Lee Schlatter

## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES

Since 1955, more than 100,000 students have graduated from the Cherry Creek School District. They have earned hundreds of millions of dollars in scholarships and attend outstanding colleges and universities in Colorado, across the nation and around the world. Others go on to vocational training or straight into the workforce, contributing to our nation's economy. Still other graduates serve in every branch of the U.S. military. CCSD graduates are active citizens, leaders in their communities and innovators in their fields.



## DR. BULL NAMED COLORADO SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Superintendent Dr. Harry Bull was named Colorado Superintendent of the Year for 2017 by the Colorado Association of School Executives. Bull was honored for his commitment to excellence for all students, his tireless advocacy for public education and his leadership in the fight for adequate school funding across the state.

*"I'm truly honored, I'm humbled and I'm a little overwhelmed," Bull said. "I'm the person who gets the name on the plaque but this is really about our teachers, principals and support staff and the work they do with every student, every day."*

