



Joining the Cherry Creek Schools Community

Welcome! We look forward to enrolling your student(s) in one of our schools and having your family join the Cherry Creek Schools community. This document is intended to provide basic information about the Cherry Creek School District, public K-12 education in the U.S., and specific information for your child(ren)'s school.

How to Enroll in Cherry Creek Schools

New students interested in enrolling in kindergarten through 12th grade need to do so through an easy-to-use online enrollment system. Current students do not need to re-enroll each year. Kindergarten enrollment is available starting February 1st and enrollment for all grade levels starts March 1st of each year.

Enrollment Process

Step 1: Create a family enrollment account at registration.powerschool.com/family. You will need a valid email address to create your account.

Step 2: Once the Family Enrollment Account has been created, you will be able to enroll your student(s). You will need to upload electronic copies of the following documents to complete the enrollment process for each student:

- Birth certificate (translated if not in English) or one of the following alternatives:
 - Signed hospital certificate with official seal
 - Receipt from birth state that a replacement birth certificate was ordered
 - Valid passport
- Immunization records - Please upload the COMPLETE immunization record (all pages, front and back).
 - Colorado law requires schools to have an updated record of each student's vaccination status against preventable infectious disease.
- Proof of address – A list of acceptable documents can be found at www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/13767.
- Government issued Photo ID for the parent(s) or legal guardian(s)

Note: If you are unable to scan your documents, there are free apps online that will enable your smart phone to serve as a scanner. Or you may simply take a picture of the documents with your smart phone. Be sure that your student's name is on all the documents and that all information is clear so that it can be easily read. For additional support, you may visit an Admissions office to have the documents uploaded.

Step 3: You will receive an email from PowerSchool Enrollment after your student has been enrolled to the district. The email will contain your student's information and directions for any next steps.



District Admissions has one main office and one satellite office

Admissions Office 5416 S. Riviera Way
Open M-F, 7:30a.m. – 4p.m. Aurora, CO 80015

Admissions Satellite Office 12600 E. Jewell Avenue
Open on Tuesday and Aurora, CO 80012
Thursday from 7:30a.m. – (We are in a mobile building in the rear
4p.m. parking lot of Prairie Middle School)

Contact Us:

Phone: (720) 554-4550

Email: admissions@cherrycreekschools.org

Back to School Hub

Once you're successfully enrolled, we encourage families to visit our Back to School webpage to ensure they have accurate, up-to-date information for the current school year related to transportation, breakfast and lunch meals, immunizations, athletics and activities, technology needs, and safety and security questions. This online resource can be found at www.cherrycreekschools.org/backtoschool.

School Hours

**Monday through Friday unless otherwise noted on current school year calendar*

All Elementary Schools: 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
(*Early dismissal every Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.*)

All Middle Schools: 8:50 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

All High Schools: 8:20 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Key Information for Your School

School Name:

Feeder Area:

Principal Name:

Main Phone Line:

Attendance Line (to report an absence or tardy):

School Website:

District Website: www.cherrycreekschools.org

Equity, Culture & Community Engagement Liaison:



Additional Information about Cherry Creek School District and Public K-12 Education in the U.S.

About Cherry Creek School District

The Cherry Creek School District is the fourth largest public school district in Colorado, serving more than 53,000 students (kindergarten through 12th grade) across eight municipalities in Arapahoe County. Our 67 neighborhood schools each serve a diverse community each focused on one mission: inspiring every student to think, to learn, to achieve, and to care. Cherry Creek Schools' schedule follows the traditional American school year which typically begins in August and ends at the end of May. Schools take a short break in the fall (fall break), December (winter break) and March (spring break), as well as an extended break over summer (June and July). Current school year calendars can be found at <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/2#calendar1/20230706/month>,

Public Education in the United States

In the United States, children can attend public school for free from kindergarten through high school. The U.S. education system is generally divided into three stages: primary, secondary, and post-secondary education. Primary and secondary education are compulsory, but post-secondary education (such as college or vocational programs) is optional. Formal schooling lasts about 12 years, and each school year is called a grade. Most children begin their education in kindergarten at age 5 or 6, and they complete their education in 12th grade at age 17 or 18.

Parents are responsible for providing basic supplies like notebooks, pencils, and clothing. If families need assistance purchasing school supplies, please talk to your child's teacher or principal. In Cherry Creek Schools, all families are eligible to receive a breakfast and lunch meal at no cost upon completion of the Meal Application Form which can be found here: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/4041>.

Glossary of Common Terms Used in U.S. Public Education and Cherry Creek Schools

- **Accommodations:** Changes that support a student's special needs in the classroom, such as giving a child with a reading disability more time to complete an exam.
- **Advanced Placement (AP):** College-level courses offered at the high school level. Students can take AP courses and receive college credit by achieving satisfactory scores on their exams.
- **English Language Support (ELS):** A program specifically designed to teach English-language learners language skills for the classroom, such as reading and writing.
- **Multilingual Learners (ML):** Students whose primary language is not English and may qualify for extra support in the classroom.
- **Feeder Area:** Cherry Creek Schools is divided into six feeder areas determined by the elementary and middle schools that "feed" into each of our six high schools: Cherry Creek High School; Grandview High School; Eaglecrest High School; Smoky Hill High School; Overland High School; Cherokee Trail High School.



- **Grade Point Average (GPA):** The GPA is a standardized way to measure academic achievement. It's calculated by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the number of classes or credits attempted, and it usually falls in a range from zero to 4.0.
 - Individual grades are often based off the following scale and can also include a plus or minus sign, such as A+ or A- which indicate a student's point total or effort in the classroom. Other grading systems might include a pass-fail system instead of letter grades. The exact system largely depends on the district, subject and class.
 - A (Excellent) 90-100
 - B (Good) 80-90
 - C (Fair) 70-80
 - D (Poor) 60-70
 - F (Failure) -60
- **Individualized Education Program (IEP):** A customized plan that explains how a school will support a student with special needs.
- **K-12:** An abbreviated term that refers to kindergarten through 12th grade, specifically in public school.
- **Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or Parent Teacher Community Organization (PTCO):** An organization of parents, teachers, and staff that helps parents get involved with their child's school through activities like fundraising, community involvement, and after-school programs.
- **Principal:** The highest-ranking administrator on a school campus.
- **Standardized Testing:** All American public schools issue statewide tests (also called standardized tests or benchmark tests) to ensure that students are hitting minimum standards of education. In high school, students also have the option to take standardized tests that satisfy college credits (such as Advanced Placement tests) or support their college admissions requirements (such as the SAT or ACT). Examinations created by an outside entity, such as the district or state, which are used to measure a student's academic progress.
- **Special Needs:** A term that refers to disabilities that affect a child in school, such as learning disabilities or medical conditions. Students with special needs are generally eligible for special education programs.
- **Tardy:** If a student is late to school, it is considered a tardy and will be noted on their record unless it is excused by a parent or guardian. Frequent absences or tardiness will be followed up on by school staff.