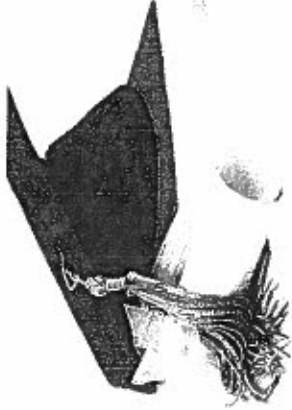


## Economic Impacts regarding High School Graduation



Average salary without a High School Diploma  
\$19,089 annually

Average salary with a High School Diploma  
\$26,712 annually

College: Associate's Degree; \$32,793 annually  
Bachelor's Degree; \$46,277 annually

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007)

### District Attendance Department

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## Community Resources/Partnerships

- **Aurora Mental Health Center**  
303-617-2300 [www.aumhc.org](http://www.aumhc.org)
- **Aurora Youth Options 303-617-2614**  
[maryyoung@aumc.org](mailto:maryyoung@aumc.org)  
Provide a link for youth to community resources such as Team sports, Mentoring, Mental Health & Tutoring.
- **Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health Network 303-779-9676** [admhn.org](http://admhn.org)
- **Arapahoe County Department of Human Services 303-636-1750**
- **18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile Assessment Center 720-874-3381**  
[www.jac18.org](http://www.jac18.org)  
Provides free risk & protective factor assessments to youth & referrals to resources within the community.

- **The National Youth Crisis Helpline**  
24 hour line: 1800-999-9999
- **National Runaway Switchboard**  
24 hour line: 1-800-621-4000
- **CCSD CARE Line 720-554-2273**  
[careline@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:careline@cherrycreekschools.org)  
(confidential & anonymous)

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## Cherry Creek Schools District Attendance Information



## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

*Partnering with parents, students and school personnel to provide support of school attendance and school engagement*

Educational Services Center  
District Attendance Office  
4700 S. Yosemite St. #240  
Greenwood Village, Co. 80111

## Understanding Truancy

- ❖ Colorado State Law (CRS 22-33-104) requires that elementary students age 6 and older must attend at least 968 hours (161.3 days) per school year. Middle and high school students under age of 17, must attend at least 1,056 hours (176 days) per school year.
- ❖ CCSD Board District Policy states that if a student is absent without a signed parental excuse or if a student leaves school without permission, the student shall be considered truant.
- ❖ A “habitual truant” shall be defined as a student who has 4 days of unexcused absences in any one month or 10 days during any school year. Said absences are cumulative, need not be consecutive, nor confined to one class.
- ❖ If a student is declared “habitually truant” a plan shall be developed with a goal of assisting the student to remain in school. The parent, guardian or legal custodian will be expected to participate with district personnel in an effort to review and evaluate the reasons for truancy.
- ❖ Please refer to the Student Conduct and Discipline, Rights & Responsibilities, section JH and JHB for full text and policy.

## Understanding the Attendance Process

- ❖ Parents are encouraged to actively check their student’s attendance on Power School and initiate communication with school personnel when concerns arise.
- ❖ All schools participate in a problem-solving process with the students and families. Examples of this process include phone calls to home, letters mailed to home and parent/student meetings along with district support staff to develop an attendance plan.
- ❖ When the above process is unsuccessful the school will request that a “**Sanction Letter**” be mailed to the family. The Sanction letter is sent by the District and states that if attendance issues are not resolved within 10 days, further action will be taken.
- ❖ The next step will be a referral to the **Student Attendance Review Board (SARB)**. This meeting includes district staff, parent(s), student and personnel from community agencies. A contract is created and signed. Information and resources are provided that may be helpful and beneficial.
- ❖ Failure to participate in the SARB process necessitates a direct referral to Truancy Court, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

## 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Truancy Court

- ❖ When a student is unsuccessful with their attendance contract, a referral for an initial appearance in truancy court is completed. The family and student are informed of the hearing date and must appear at the Arapahoe County Court House.
- ❖ At the initial hearing, the district asks that a valid court order be entered regarding the student’s truancy. Once the court order is in place the parent(s) and student are required to appear monthly or more frequently if ordered by the Magistrate.
- ❖ Valid court orders may include and are not limited to the following:
  - In school parent shadowing.
  - Driving privileges revoked and/or the student will not be allowed to obtain a permit or license.
  - Assessment and treatment for mental health.
  - Assessment and treatment for substance abuse.
  - Referral to the Juvenile Assessment Center and Department of Human Services.
- ❖ If the student continues to be truant and is in violation of the court order, sanctions may be given including Community Service, Residential Work Weekends, fines, ankle monitoring and in extreme cases, detention at the Marvin Foote Center