
State of the District *Spring 2025*



DCSD Points of Pride

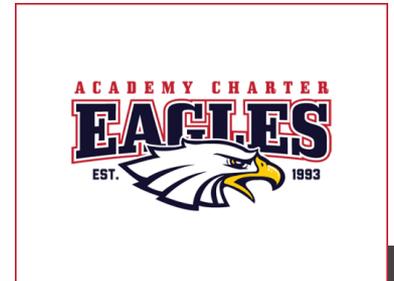
Did you know?

- DCSD is the **TOP** scoring district in the Denver/Metro area for the **THIRD** year in a row!
- DCSD's **graduation rate is 92.2%** (highest in 15 years!).
- DCSD is **one of the only districts in the country** to have met or exceeded our **2019 (pre-pandemic!!) scores** in every subject and every grade for **THREE** years in a row.
- DCSD offers 76 Career and Technical Education and Concurrent Enrollment Pathways (including Trades) and is one of the leaders—nationwide—in “**blurring the lines**” between **PK-12**, higher education, and industry.
- The Class of 2024 earned **more than \$131 million in scholarships** and **saved nearly \$20 million in college expenses** through DCSD's concurrent enrollment partnerships and AP programming!



Award-Winning Schools

In 2024, DCSD schools received **41 awards** for academic achievement and growth—more than any other district!



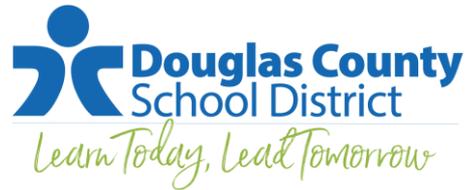
Other Accomplishments

- Campus Security Specialists and School Resource Officers increased across DCSD schools (thanks to the 2023 mill levy override!).
- Teacher and staff pay gap with neighboring districts cut by 50% and turnover has been reduced from almost 20% to 13%.
- Launched Student Support Center Parker with programming for our students with special educational needs.
- Completion of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) pilot in 18 schools.
- Unprecedented access to Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Concurrent Enrollment (CE) in our high schools (over 2,200 kids!).
- Restored many bus routes (more to come!).
- Engaged in a strategic planning process.
- And, biggest of all....





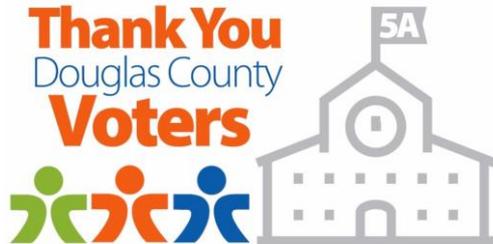
Bond Benefit to Castle Rock



Thank You Voters!

Thank you for voting YES to pass the **\$490M Bond** to provide more funding to our schools!

Work on the 2024 Bond is well underway.



High Schools in Castle Rock

Douglas County High School

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Replace flooring
- Replace generator
- Repair exterior block walls
- Addition of cosmetology pathway
- Replace auditorium seating
- Upgrade theater and stage equipment
- Upgrade theater and stage lighting system
- Replace gym shot clocks
- Repair tennis courts
- Replace stadium track
- Install new intercom systems



Castle View School

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Replace HVAC units
- Reseal exterior block walls
- Recaulk control joints
- Install new intercom system
- Upgrade theater and stage equipment
- Replace auditorium seating
- Replace gym shot clocks
- Replace turf field
- Repair tennis courts



Middle Schools in Castle Rock

Mesa Middle School

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Replace chiller and cooling tower
- Upgrade HVAC controls
- Upgrade fire alarm system
- Replace generator
- Recaulk control joints
- Reseal exterior block walls
- Install new intercom system
- Replace sink countertops



Castle Rock Middle School

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Install new intercom system
- Replace main switchgear
- Recaulk control joints
- Replace kitchen flooring
- Upgrade theater and stage equipment
- Upgrade auditorium sound system



Charter Schools in Castle Rock

Academy Charter School

- Enhance safety and security
- Replace elevator
- Replace phone system
- Replace exhaust fans



Aspen View Academy

- Enhance safety and security



Word Compass Academy

- Enhance safety and security



Renaissance Secondary

- Enhance safety and security



Neighborhood Elementary Schools (Douglas County Feeder)

Castle Rock

- Enhance safety and security
- Replace boilers
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Replace flooring
- Install new intercom system

Cherry Valley

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Upgrade HVAC controls
- Replace propane tank piping
- Replace flooring
- Install new intercom system
- Replace sinks



Flagstone

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Replace generator
- Replace flooring
- Install new intercom system
- Recaulk exterior doors



Sage Canyon

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Upgrade HVAC controls
- Upgrade fire alarm system
- Install new intercom system



Rock Ridge

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Replace boilers
- Replace flooring
- Install new intercom system



Southridge

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Upgrade HVAC controls
- Upgrade fire alarm system
- Install new intercom system



Neighborhood Elementary Schools (CastleView Feeder)

Clear Sky Elementary

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Upgrade fire alarm system
- Upgrade HVAC controls
- Recaulk control joints
- Reseal exterior block walls
- Install new intercom system



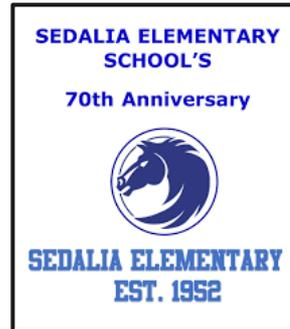
Larkspur Elementary

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Replace panels and transformers
- Replace flooring
- Replace washing stations
- Install new intercom system
- Resurface parking lot
- Recaulk foundation walls
- Repair metal siding



Sedalia Elementary

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Replace sink countertops
- Install new intercom system



Meadow View

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Install new intercom system
- Resurface parking lot
- Replace playground playpad

Meadow View
Elementary School
An Artful Learning School



Soaring Hawk

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Replace generator
- Replace flooring
- Install new intercom system



Other Castle Rock Schools

Daniel C. Oakes High School

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology



Cloverleaf Homeschool Enrichment

- Refresh student and staff technology

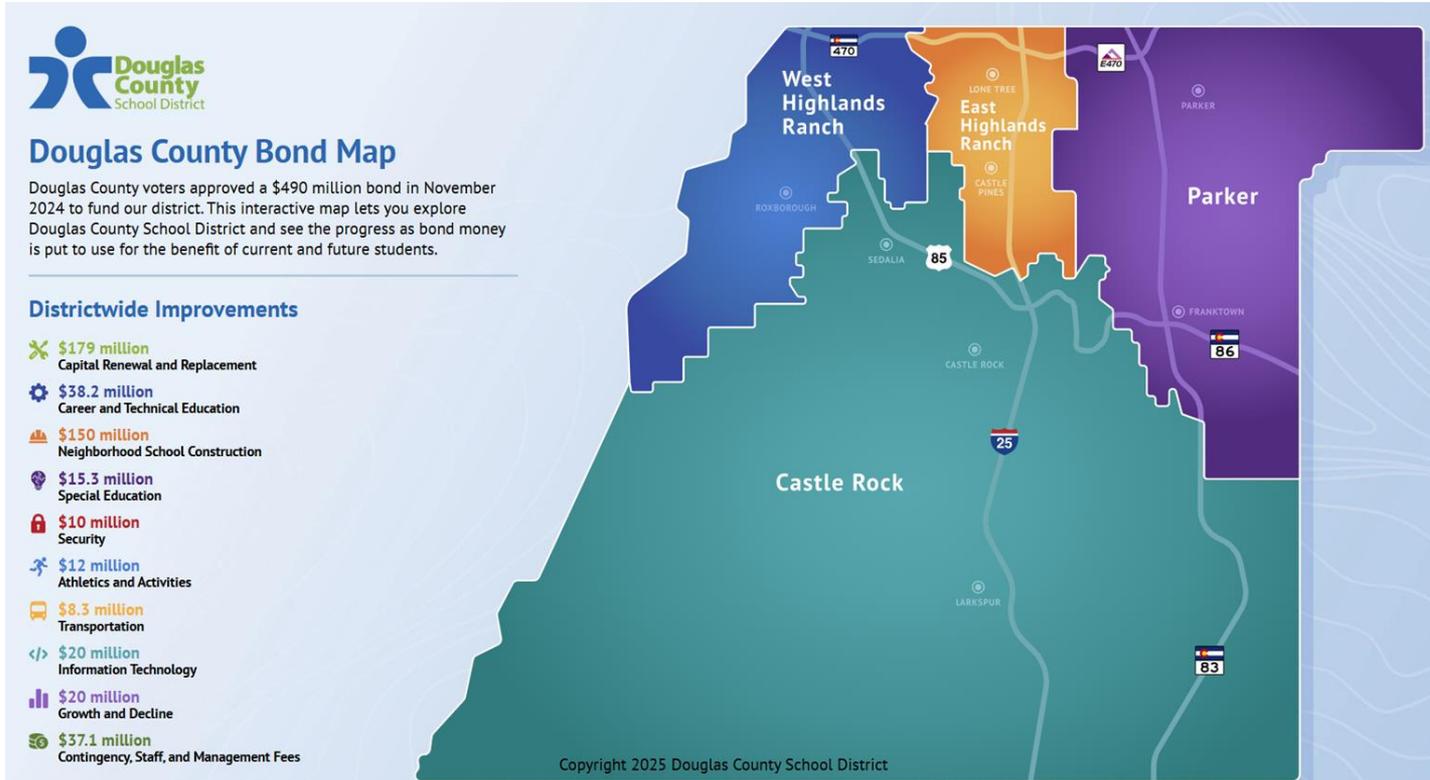


Renaissance Magnet

- Enhance safety and security
- Refresh student and staff technology
- Upgrade HVAC controls
- Replace flooring
- Install new intercom system
- Replace sink countertops
- Repair exterior walls

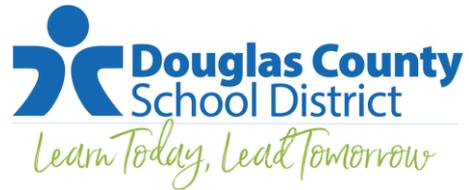


Inter Active Bond Map (bondmap.dcsdk12.org)





Castle Rock Student Enrollment



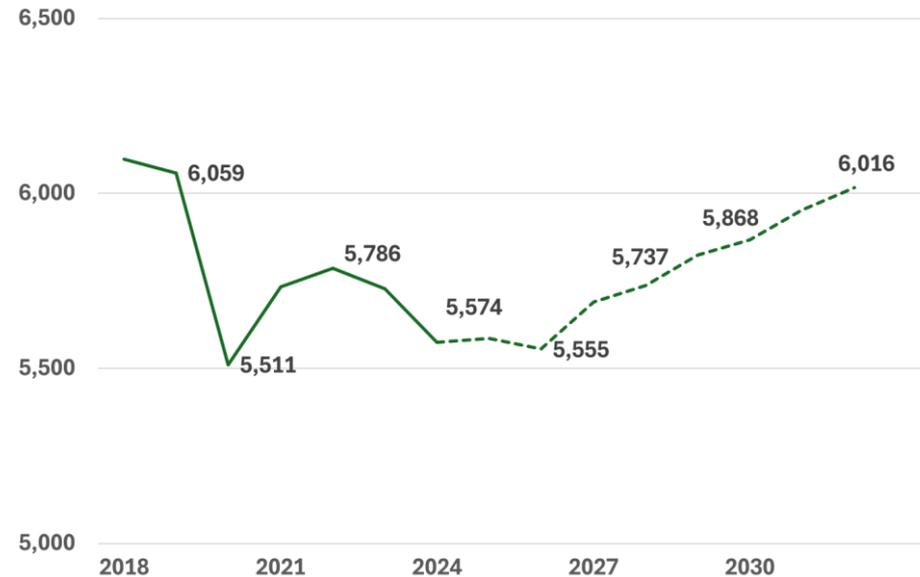
Steady Enrollment in Castle Rock

New builds in Castle Rock have offset declining enrollment we've seen in other parts of the school district

Growing Areas

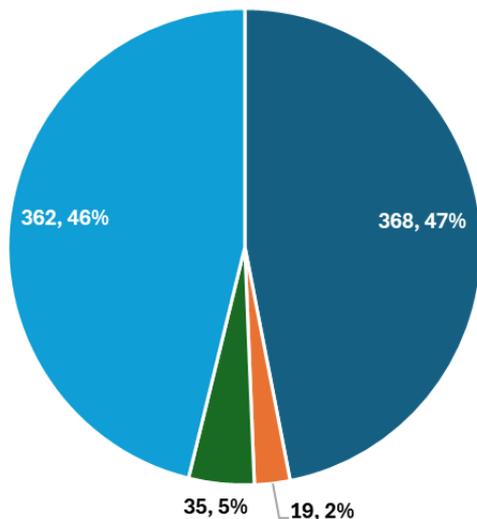
- South Ridge attendance area is expected to see significant residential development resulting in an additional ~250 K-5 students
- Crystal Valley Ranch and Lanterns anticipated to generate an additional ~50 K-5 students at full build out
- 6-10 year need for an elementary school in south Castle Rock
- Dawson Trails approved for 5,850 residential units resulting in an estimated 1,000 K-5 students at full build out

K-5 Students in Castle Rock Schools



Where do Kids in Crystal Valley/The Lanterns Go Today?

PK-5 Students in Crystal Valley Ranch and The Lanterns Developments



■ Charter ■ Home Education/Home School ■ Magnet ■ Neighborhood

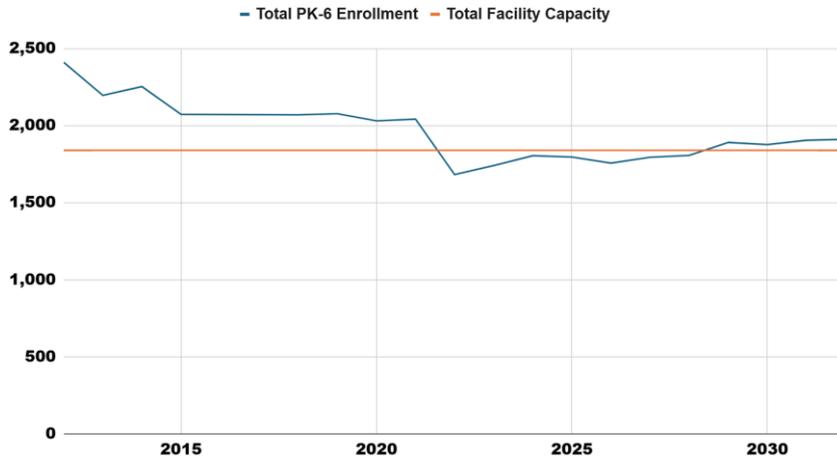
DCSD Charter Schools	368
World Compass Academy	190
Academy Charter	65
Aspen View Academy	41
American Academy	33
Other DCSD Charter School	39
Cloverleaf Home Education	19
DCSD Magnet Schools	35
Renaissance Expeditionary Magnet	33
Lone Tree Elementary	2
DCSD Neighborhood Schools	362
South Ridge Elementary	102
Castle Rock Elementary	79
Flagstone Elementary	53
Rock Ridge Elementary	49
Other DCSD Neighborhood School	79
Total	784

Growth & Decline in Crystal Valley Ranch

Crystal Valley Ranch Enrollment History and Projections

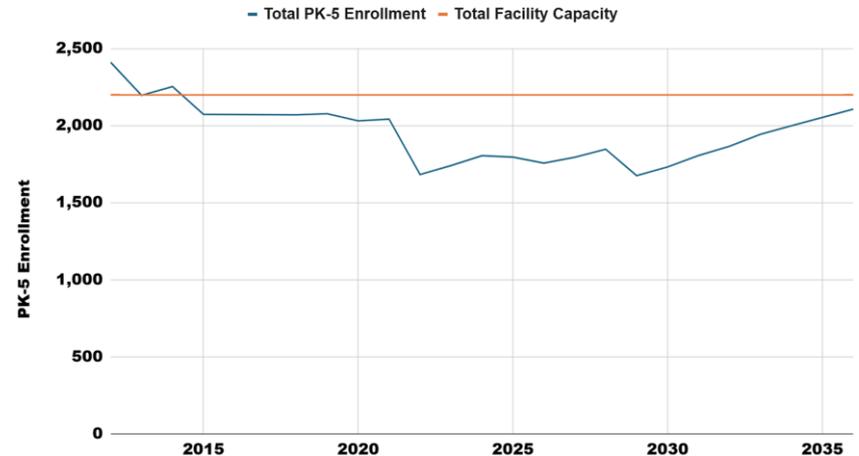
Without a New School

Elementary Schools Serving Crystal Valley Ranch



With a New School

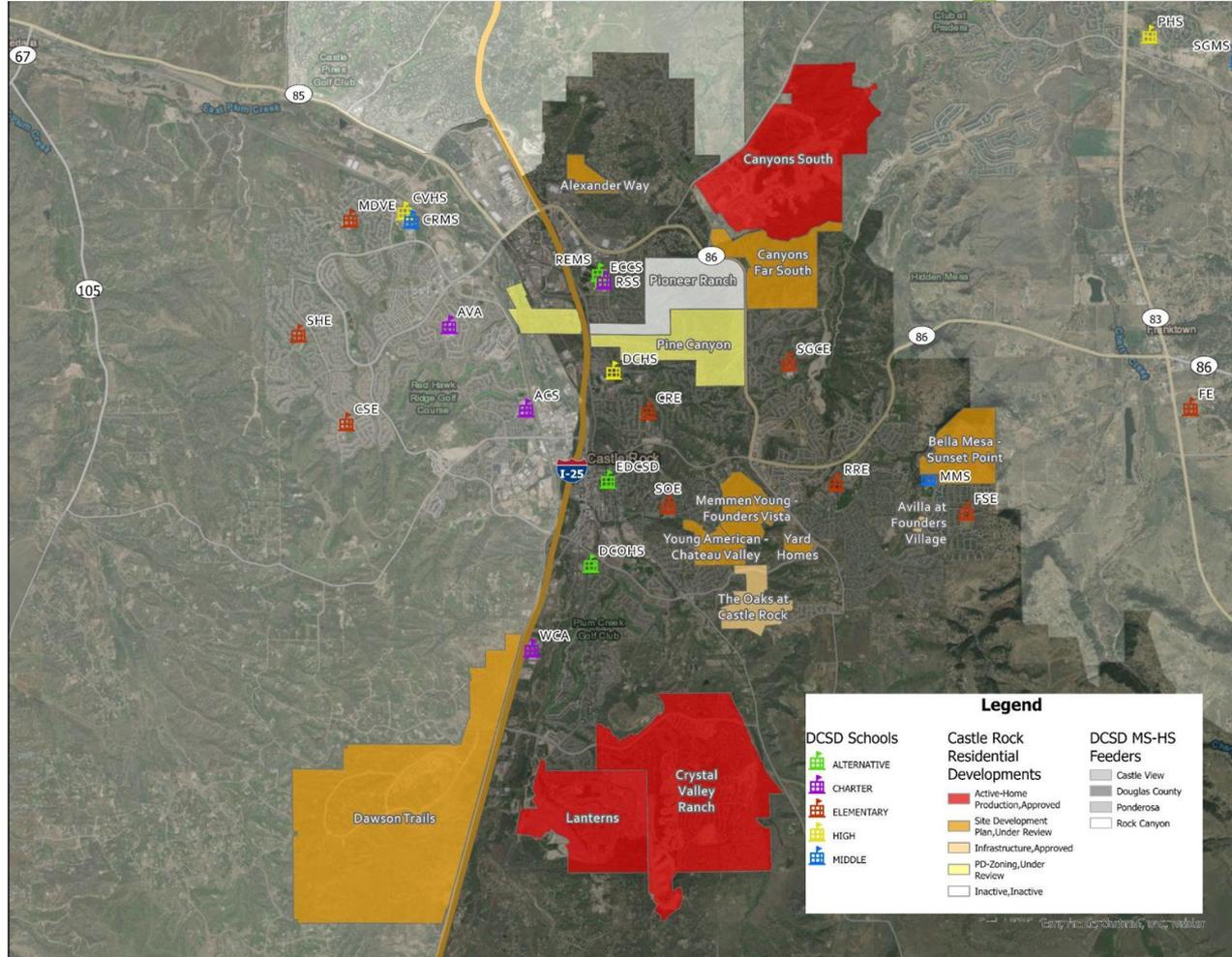
Elementary Schools Serving Crystal Valley Ranch



Castle Rock Future School Demand



- 10,000 additional homes anticipated at buildout generating approximately 2,000 K-5 students
- Castle Rock will need new schools in the next 6-10 years



School Land Dedication Initiatives

Thriving Schools = Thriving Communities

- Commitment to evaluate inventory of sites and determining which properties are no longer viable or needed for construction of a future school
- Creating a Board of Education policy and a superintendent regulation that transparently outline how we address formerly dedicated school sites.
- Work in collaboration with our municipal partners to determine future school land dedications that make sense for the community and benefits all
- Provide certainty to the Town and community on these properties

Aligned Interests and Partnership Opportunities



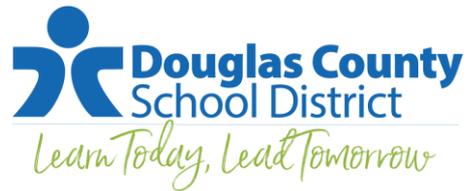
Past Partnerships: DCSD and Castle Rock have collaborated in multiple ways including the Cantril building and the Brickyard URA

Future Partnership Opportunities:

- Collaborate on future schools to maximize home values and the appeal of Castle Rock to young families
- Parking in downtown Castle Rock
- Economic development and job relocation to Castle Rock



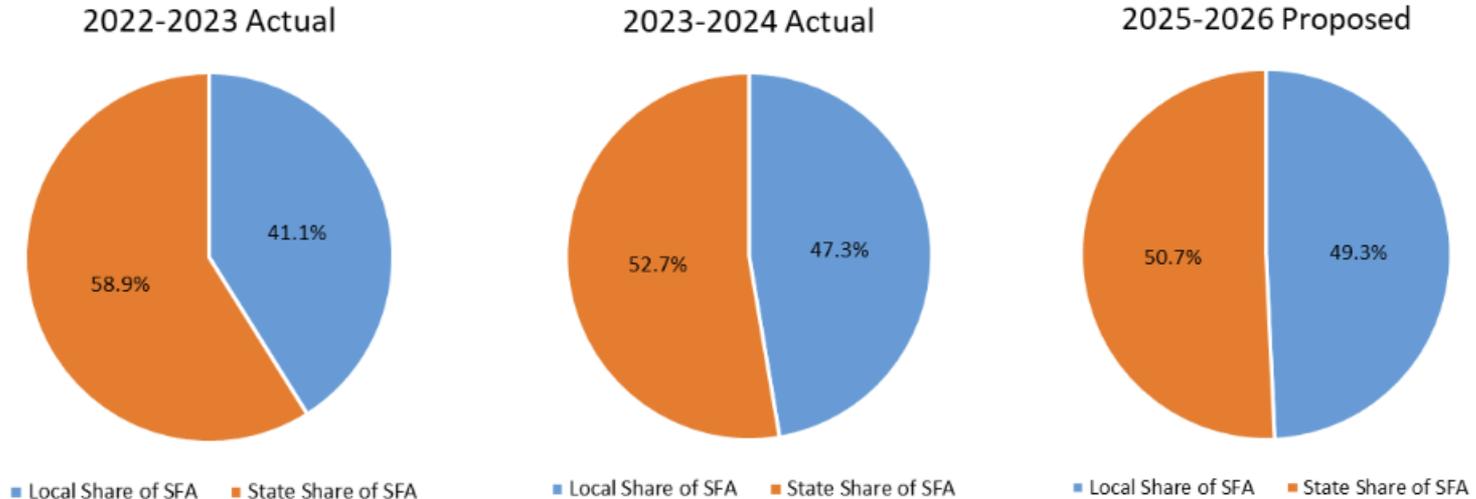
Where Does the Money Go?



How Our Schools Are Funded

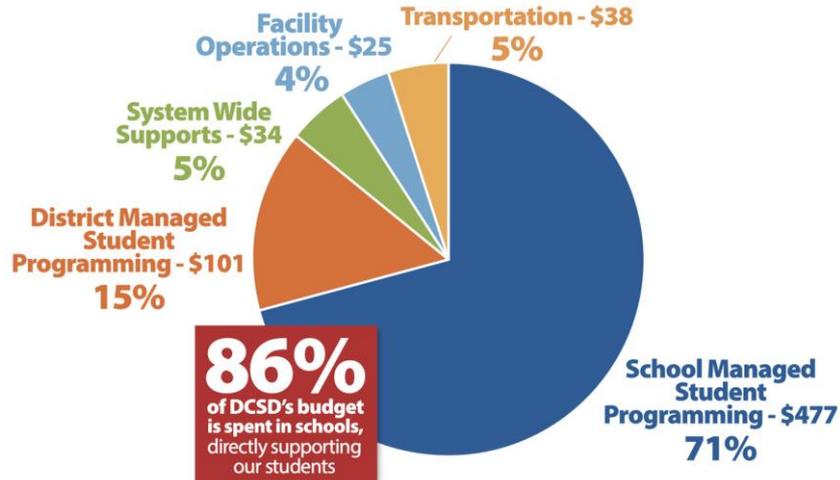
The Colorado School Finance Act determines DCSD's total amount of funding (about \$11K per student). Local property taxes only cover a portion of funding for our school district and the state covers the rest.

When local property taxes increase, the school district receives less from the state.

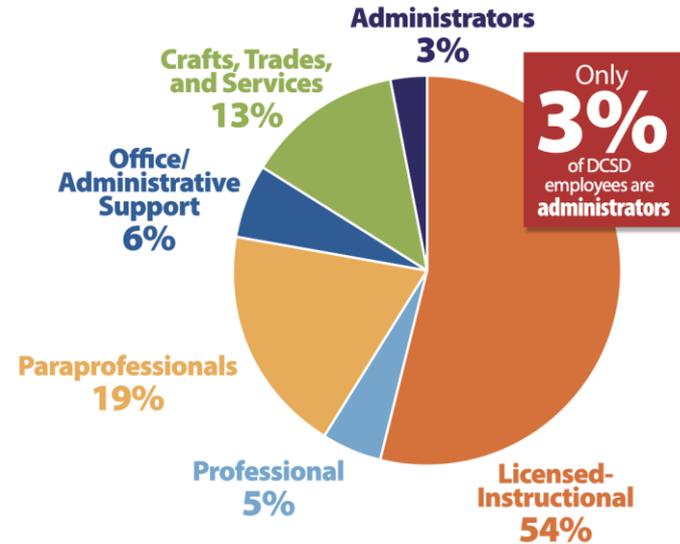


How Taxpayer Funding is Spent on Students

Combined General Fund Expenditures (\$M)
(excluding charter schools)

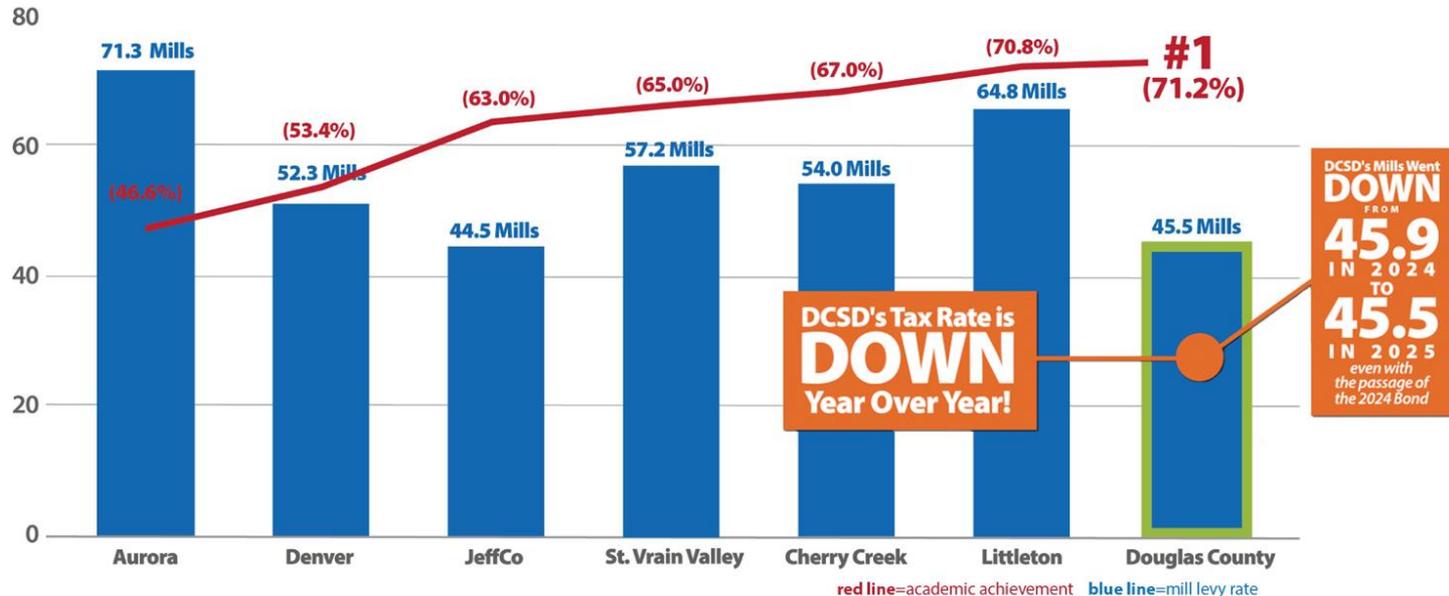


School District Employees
(excluding charter schools)



DCSD ROI for Taxpayers (Post-Ballot Initiatives)

2025 School District Return on Investment
School District Tax Rate vs. Metro Area Ranking (State Academic Rating)





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PURPOSE

By 2038, all DCSD graduates will be empowered to meet their future with competence, purpose, and optimism.

END STATEMENT

All students will develop the knowledge, skills, mindsets and dispositions needed to achieve their highest individual potential in a safe, accessible, thriving, and welcoming learning environment.

FOUNDATIONAL COMMITMENT

Cultivate a culture and climate that strives for excellence and promotes hope and resiliency.

CORNERSTONE COMMITMENTS



Academic Excellence



Strategic Technology Integration



Essential Mindsets and Dispositions



Future Ready Graduates (post-secondary readiness and life skills)



Thriving Schools and Thriving Communities

