



Five Star
LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY

Cotton Creek Elementary School

Student Population: 618

Percentage Free and Reduced Lunch: 26.21%

| | American Indian or Alaskan Native | Asian | Black or African American | Hispanic or Latino | White | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | Two or More Races |
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| Cotton Creek | 1% | 5% | 2% | 17% | 69% | 0% | 5% |

COTTON CREEK IN MY OWN WORDS

Bill Kempzell - Principal

Cotton Creek Elementary is a neighborhood school serving more than 600 students K-5. We currently have twenty-four general education classrooms. All grade levels have four rounds except for 1st grade which has five rounds. In addition to our general education classrooms, we have one Resource Room for children with Specific Learning Disabilities, one classroom for children receiving Significant Support Needs (students identified with significant cognitive and/or physical challenges), and one classroom for students receiving Structured Learning Support services (typically for children who have been identified with significant autism). We host approximately 55 students needing English as a Second Language services through a pull-out instructional model as well. We are fortunate that, due to the size of our enrollment, we are able to provide Art, Music, Physical Education and Computer Literacy classrooms, as well. I am pleased to share that during the last year that Colorado schools participated in the TCAP assessment protocol (2013-14), our school earned the highest School Performance Framework (SPF) score of all Five Star Schools, K-12, at 92.4% and received the 2014 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award for Outstanding Academic Growth.

Our Long-Term Needs In My Words

Our school opened in October of 1979. Thirty-six years of wear-and-tear takes its toll on the building. The exterior window and doorframes are rusting and in need of repair and / or replacement. Our mobile classrooms, all of which are being used, are challenging when considering proximity and access to the building, safety and security of students and staff, and general maintenance (HVAC, pest control, etc.). Even though the roof has been repaired, we continue to have intermittent issues with roof leaks. Given our enrollment, it can be challenging to find storage space and appropriate meeting space that supports confidentiality. Our Health Clinic is limited in size which can be a challenge at times as well. Cotton Creek has eighty employees but only fifty-five parking spaces. Given this, we have no parking spaces available for our parent community, limited parking for disabled students and citizens, and often the parking is dangerous for employees and parent community during snowstorms.