



MULTIPLE PATHWAYS FOR STUDENT LEARNING

MAGNET SCHOOLS

Magnet schools serve the entire school district and typically offer specialized programs not available elsewhere such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Gifted and Talented, and Fine and Performing Arts. For more information on these schools, see categories below.

- Hulstrom K-8
- STEM Launch
- STEM Magnet Lab School
- The Studio School

GIFTED AND TALENTED

Based on the foundation of excellent instruction, rigorous student academics and innovative use of technology and 21st Century learning, Gifted and Talented schools provide a comprehensive, advanced learning environment while also meeting the social-emotional needs of students in a caring and nurturing setting.

- Hulstrom K-8

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) programs at Adams 12 Five Star Schools offer high-quality programs of international education that develop the whole child and foster lifelong learning. Through challenging curriculum and opportunities for student inquiry, students are able to make meaning of their learning and of their world.

Elementary Schools:

- Coronado Hills
- Leroy Drive
- McElwain
- Thornton

Middle Schools:

- Century
- International School at Thornton Middle

High School:

- Thornton

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH (STEM)

STEM classrooms are student-centered environments, rich in questioning and inquiry, where students have frequent opportunities to apply engineering, design and problem-solving processes to authentic, contextual problems. STEM schools use science, technology, engineering and mathematics to bring relevance to student work and make connections to society and the global world we live in. STEM education supports fully integrated arts curriculum designed to be responsive and intentional to student needs.

- STEM Lab K-8 & STEM Launch K-8
- Northglenn High School

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EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING

At Expeditionary Learning schools, students are scientists, urban planners, historians and activists. They're investigating real community problems and collaborating with peers to develop creative, actionable solutions. Students apply their skills and knowledge to real-world issues and problems and make positive change in their communities. They see the relevance of their learning and are motivated by understanding that learning has purpose. Students develop the critical thinking and problem-solving skills needed to succeed in life.

- Rocky Mountain Elementary

ARTS-INTEGRATED

Arts-integrated schools offer an arts approach to standards-based learning. Core subject areas are infused with the arts while maintaining high expectations. Students' learning is expanded and enriched through drama, visual arts, music and dance. The learning environment reflects the latest research linking academic success with the integration of arts concepts and experiences. Prospective students must apply for available spaces.

- The Studio School

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Career and Technical education programs prepare students for today's competitive and dynamic workplace by providing them with essential post-secondary and workforce readiness skills and technical training not otherwise offered through area high schools. Students earn high school credit and all courses and programs satisfy district graduation requirements.

- Bollman Technical Education Center
- Programs at comprehensive high schools

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Adams 12 Five Star Schools offers alternative education opportunities for students who seek different options for public education. Vantage Point High School offers an individualized, student-centered, success oriented 9-12 program designed to serve students who are at risk of not graduating. Crossroads Middle School is an alternative middle school that offers a student-centered, success-oriented program for grades 6-8 designed to increase academic success.

- Crossroads Middle School
- Pathways High School
- Vantage Point High School

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools operating under a "charter," essentially a contract entered into between the school and its authorizing agency. In addition to allowing the school to open, the charter allows the school with significant operational autonomy to pursue specific educational objectives that provide different pathways of learning for students. The autonomy granted under the charter agreement allows the school considerable decision-making authority over key matters of curriculum, personnel, and budget. Charter schools are often not a part of states' current districts and, therefore, have few if any zoning limitations. Therefore, students attend charter schools by the choice of their parents or guardians rather than by assignment to a school district. However, nearly all charter schools receive public dollars. As public schools, charter schools are prohibited from charging tuition. In exchange for this autonomy, the charter school is subject to periodic performance review and may be closed for failing to meet agreed-upon outcomes. Not all charter schools found within the boundaries of Adams 12 Five Star Schools are chartered by the district.

- Prospect Ridge Academy
- Stargate School
- Westgate Community School