

SAFETY AND SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Safe and Orderly School Features

Your School	does	does not
• allows after-school programs.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• requires student uniforms.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• encourages community programs in school building.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• conducts home visits.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• has a closed campus.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• requires parental conferences.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Safety and Discipline

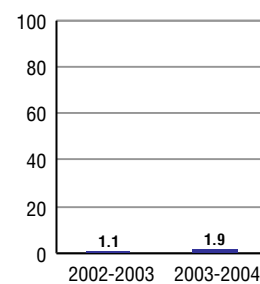
Safe schools are a top priority for parents, teachers, and communities. Your school safety and discipline record for the 2004-2005 school year is:

Type of Incident	Number of Incidents Reported	Action Taken		
		In School Suspension	Out of School Suspension	Expulsion
Substance Abuse - Drugs	15		13	2
Substance Abuse - Alcohol	1		1	
Substance Abuse - Tobacco	2		2	
Assaults/Fights				
Dangerous Weapons				
Other Violations Code of Conduct	146	1	140	5

Student Attendance and School Calendar

Dropout Rate

2004-2005	Your School
Length of School Year	175 days
Enrollment	435
Average Daily Attendance	388
Student Dropouts	1.9%
Annual Number of Teacher Days Scheduled without Student Contact	12



Student Information Over Time

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Student Average Daily Attendance	91.7%	90.3%	89.3%
Student Dropouts	1.1%	1.9%	
Safety and Discipline Total Incidents Reported	177	150	164
Student Enrollment Stability	90.5%	91.5%	88.7%
Students Eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch	N/A	N/A	75.9%

OVERALL ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE RATINGS

- Excellent
- High
- Average
- Low
- Unsatisfactory

ACADEMIC GROWTH OF STUDENTS

- Significant Improvement
- Improvement
- Stable
- Decline
- Significant Decline

N/R - Data not reported to State

DISTRICT TAXPAYER'S REPORT

Sources of School District Revenue 2004

Local Tax Contribution	\$241,071,054
State Tax Contribution	289,366,788
Federal Grants	34,150,119
State Grants	22,458,318
Private/Partnership Grants	117,504
Other Discretionary Income	73,509,163
Total School Dist Revenue	\$660,672,946

Total 2004 District Revenue Per Pupil = \$7,904

District Use of Funds 2004

Teachers	\$330,513,564
Administration	44,701,074
Building & Facilities	59,573,392
Operational Expenses	164,668,607
Textbooks/Materials	39,460,817
Total	\$638,917,454

District Debt and Capital Construction & Equipment

Total Outstanding Bonded Debt	\$480,392,738
Average Annual Percentage Interest Rate on Debt	5.66%
Amount Raised from Most Recent Bond	\$265,000,000
Amount Spent on New Buildings During Last 2 Years	\$71,818,508

Accreditation is the state's most all-encompassing accountability system, measuring eleven different indicators including academic areas both tested and not tested by CSAP, school safety, and budget compliance. The state accredits districts, and districts, in turn, accredit individual schools.

Accreditation Status for the 2004-2005 School Year:

Accredited

Voter Approved Funding Changes

Your community did /did not hold an election in November 2003.

The following items have been approved by voters:

TABOR Override

Bond

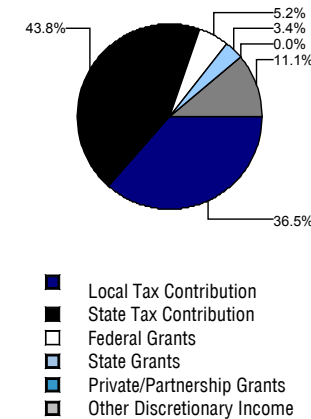
Mill Levy Increase

For more information and further details about this report, visit www.state.co.us/schools Colorado Department of Education. 201 East Colfax Ave. Denver, CO 80203

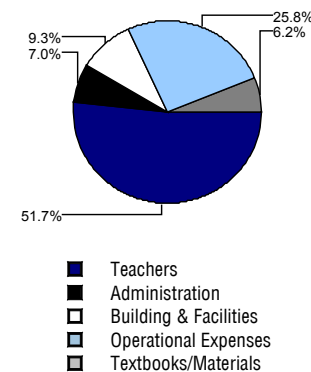
Wheat Ridge Middle School

1420/9506
7101 West 38th Avenue . Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 . 303-982-2779
10/28/2005

District Source of Funds 2004



District Use of Funds 2004



WHEAT RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL



JEFFERSON COUNTY R-1

School Accountability Report 2004-2005 School Year

School Performance Summary

Overall Academic Performance on State Assessments

Low

Academic Growth of Students

Significant Decline

How Wheat Ridge Middle School Compares To Middle Schools Within A 75-Mile Radius

School	Academic Performance
Denver Arts & Technology Academy(1)	Low
Everitt Middle School	Average
Centennial Elementary School(1)	Low
Arvada Middle School	Average
Skinner Middle School(1)	Low
Jefferson County Open Junior High School	Average
Lake Middle School(1)	Low
Escuela Tlatelolco Charter School(1)	Unsatisfactory
D'Evelyn Junior High School	Excellent
Horace Mann Middle School(1)	Low

¹ Located in Denver County 1 School District.

The federal No Child Left Behind Act requires states to track whether schools are making "Adequate Yearly Progress"(AYP) toward the goal of ensuring that all students know and are able to do grade-level work in reading and mathematics.

¹Did your school make AYP in reading? No

Did your school make AYP in math? Yes

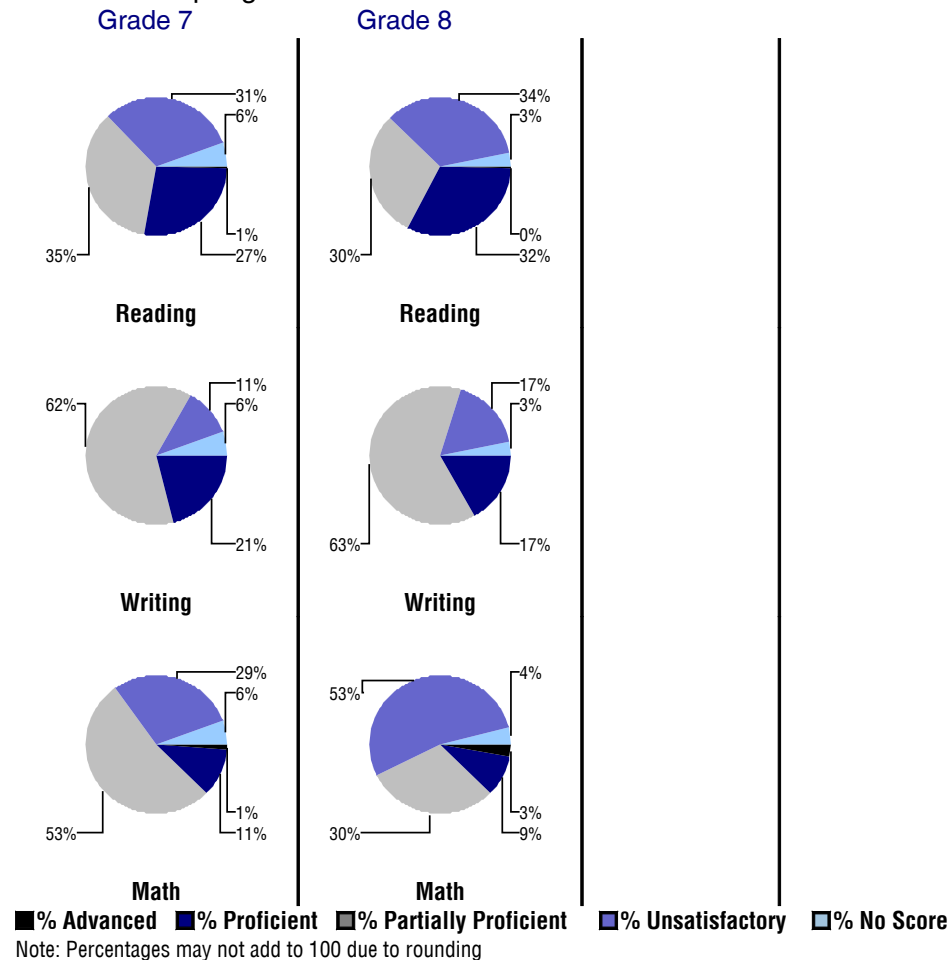
¹How many targets does your school have? How many were met?

¹Adequate Yearly Progress is met when all sub-groups including 30 or more students by ethnicity, economic status, disabilities and limited English proficiency meet 100% of academic targets on CSAP and CSAPA set by federal law.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Colorado students are assessed once a year in order to measure their performance on state academic content standards, using the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP). The chart below shows the results for grades 7 - 8 in the subject areas for reading, writing and math for all students tested.

CSAP 2005 Spring



	Percent of Students Scoring Proficient and Advanced			Student Test Scores Used For Calculating Overall Academic Performance
	Your School	District	State	
Grade 7-8 Reading	30%	72%	64%	
Grade 7-8 Writing	19%	61%	54%	
Grade 7-8 Math	12%	55%	45%	

Each school in the State received a rating of "Excellent", "High", "Average", "Low", or "Unsatisfactory" for student academic performance in school year 2004-2005 using the CSAP results printed above. Every student in this school who took these tests was included in the calculation used to assign a rating, except for students who do not speak English, or who are eligible for the state alternate assessment for students with disabilities, or who enrolled in the public school after October 1 of this school year. The percentages of students whose scores were included in the calculation or were not included in each of the three categories is shown on the above chart. Your school's rating was determined by the percentage of students performing in each of the Advanced, Proficient, Partially Proficient, and Unsatisfactory levels. These percentages were weighted and combined across grade levels and academic areas. These weights reward performance at the Advanced and Proficient levels over performance at the Partially Proficient and Unsatisfactory levels. The ratings were assigned after calculating the weighted total for each academic area and grade level for each school and comparing this school to all other middle schools for the 2004-2005 school year.

Overall Academic Performance for the 2004-2005 school year Low

QUESTIONS PARENTS SHOULD ASK

Based on your child's school's Overall Academic Performance of **Low**, here are some questions you may want to ask your school about student achievement.

What is the school doing to improve my child's overall grades in reading, writing, and math?

You may want to request information from your child's teacher to find out what curriculum is being taught and if the material follows standards set in these subjects. Ask how phonics - and research-based testing is being used to identify your child's strengths and weaknesses.

What can I do as a parent to help my child do his or her best in school?

Parental involvement is important in making sure your child does well in school - talk to your child's teacher to find out how you can help. Ask your child's teacher about giving your child supplemental reading and math assignments or for additional homework that you may help your child with at home.

How does my child's teacher plan to help my child do his or her best in school?

You're child's teacher should have a good idea of what your child does well and what areas might need improvement. Ask your child's teacher how he or she is being diagnostically assessed and what strategy his or her teacher has in place to address your child's needs.

How does the school use tests (i.e. CSAP, etc.) to make sure my child is, or will be, ready for high school?

Ask your child's counselor about selecting classes your child should be taking in order to boost his or her scores and those that will help prepare them for college prep courses in high school.

What other schools and options may be available to provide the best match for my child's school needs?

Ask your child's counselor about other options that may be available for your child such as charter schools, magnet schools, before - and after - school programs, summer school, etc. Also, you should ask your school if it provides professional development to its teachers and performs diagnostic evaluations that can help the school target what needs to be improved.

What plan does the school have in place to make sure its students do not fall behind other schools in the state?

Ask for a copy of the school's plan that ensures all students are learning as much as, or more than, other students in the state. Also, make sure your child is being taught by a qualified teacher; all teachers should be experts in what they teach. Teachers are required to have passed an approved teacher education program and have a degree in the subject they teach, e.g. primary education, literacy, science, math, etc.

Based on this school's academic performance, your child may be eligible for one or more of the following; ask your school if your child qualifies for:

- After-school and summer-school classes
- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Other extra help outside of regular school hours
- The right to go to another school in the district that may help him/her learn better
- If Title 1 funds are available, the right to supplementary services paid for by the district
- If Title 1 funds are available, District transportation should he/she go to another school

ABOUT OUR STAFF

School Employment

Each year, your district reports to the Colorado Department of Education on the number of adults who work in your school, as well as the type of work they do. Last year, your school employed:

	Your School		District	
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time
Teachers	29	3	4,443	364
Paraprofessionals	0	4	649	1,560
Administrators	2	0	360	12
Other Professionals*	5	0	852	87
School Support	3	0	1,515	851
Total Staff	46		10,688	

*School counselors and librarians are included in the Other Professionals category. Your school employed 2/0 FT/PT counselor(s) and 1/0 FT/PT librarian(s) last year.

Students per Teacher Ratio

	Student Enrollment	Students per Teacher
Grade 7	207	13.2
Grade 8	228	15.1

Professional Experience of Teachers

	Your School	District
Average years of teaching experience	7	11
Percent of teachers teaching in the subject in which they received their degree	66%	73%
Teachers' average days absent	7.5%	6.9%
Number of teachers who left school/district last year	6	622
Teachers with tenure	19	3223
Teachers without tenure	13	1584
Number of professional development days	5	7

Salaries

	Your School	District	State
Average Teacher Salary	\$42,703	\$47,986	\$43,949
Average Administrator Salary	\$78,879	\$78,410	\$75,136

Principal: Bj Pell
 Number of years as Principal at this school: 5
 Number of years as Principal at any school: 10