

EAST GRAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Grand County is located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains to the immediate west of Rocky Mountain National Park, approximately 85 miles from Denver and in the middle of a spectacular recreation area. If you are looking for a charming rural community atmosphere in which to raise your family and where you can enjoy the beauty of nature at its best, this is the place.

A variety of winter and summer activities are available to residents and visitors alike. These activities include, but are not limited to: fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, mountain biking, rafting, sailing, skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing. The area's economic base relies on tourism, recreational resorts, ranching, and private business. Covering an area of 712 square miles, EGSD serves six rural communities: Fraser, Granby, Grand Lake, Hot Sulphur Springs, Tabernash, and Winter Park.

DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is steadily increasing, up about 30% over the last ten years. Student enrollment for 2008-09 is approximately 1,410, K-12. Children who are five years old on or before September 30, may enter kindergarten. A birth certificate and immunization records or transfer records are required of all new students entering kindergarten or first grade. Kindergarten is not mandatory in Colorado.

CALENDAR INFORMATION

The District is one of a few districts in the State of Colorado that is on a successful four-day school week. It was established in 1982 as an economic and energy-saving measure. The calendar currently has 146 student-teacher contact days and exceeds the contact requirements set by the Colorado Department of Education. The school year generally commences about Labor Day and concludes the first week in June. School is held Monday through Thursday. Hours are approximately 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with individual school schedules varying.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

The District has 100 certified staff members with a support staff of 75. Forty-five percent of the certified staff have advanced graduate degrees. One of the many benefits of a small district is that the staff is involved with many extracurricular programs and activities. Our school staff stands ready to help with concerns related to your child. The student/teacher ratio averages 1:17 at the elementary level and 1:20 at the secondary level.

EAST GRAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

East Grand Middle School and Middle Park High School serve the secondary students in the District. These schools are located in Granby and serve all six rural communities. East Grand Middle School's enrollment averages 320, grades 6-8. Middle Park High School includes grades 9-12, with enrollment averaging 435.

Beyond the basic core content classes, East Grand Middle School offers accelerated classes to meet the needs of high achieving students. Students can choose elective courses, some of which are leadership, art, music, and technology. Interscholastic activities, which include all major sports, involve grades 7 and 8 competing in the Gore-Yampa League (Northwest Colorado).

Middle Park High School provides courses to meet the needs of students seeking college preparatory instruction, as well as those who desire entry skills into the world of work. Students must demonstrate mathematics and language arts competency prior to graduation. Advanced placement and college credit courses are available for students with exceptional ability and self-discipline. A wide variety of electives are offered to our students. Extracurricular activities are offered, including interscholastic competition in the Denver Metro League (AA).

EAST GRAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The three elementary schools serve students K-5. Fraser Valley Elementary serves students living in Fraser, Tabernash and Winter Park and is located in Fraser. The enrollment averages 260 pupils. Granby Elementary serves students living in Granby and Hot Sulphur Springs. This school is located in Granby, with enrollment averaging 260 students. Grand Lake Elementary serves as the elementary attendance center in Grand Lake and its enrollment averages 75 pupils. Our District has open enrollment.

The elementary curriculum stresses the basics of reading, writing and mathematics, with social studies and science completing the content areas. The elementary schools pride themselves on a variety of programs they are able to offer their students, such as computer education, library-media skills, drug and alcohol education, and career and health education programs. Art, music, and physical education instruction is provided by teachers certified in those areas. Student activities occur throughout the year, including student recognition programs, D.A.R.E., Jump Rope for Heart, and winter and spring programs to name a few.

CHARTER SCHOOL

Indian Peaks Charter School opened in September 2000 as a K-8 alternative, operating on a five-day week and with a Core Knowledge curriculum, including instruction in French for all students. Enrollment is approximately 55 students.

CHILDREN WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS

Children who experience learning difficulties as a result of physical, social, emotional or learning disabilities, or who demonstrate excellent abilities in the academic areas may be eligible for special programming. Parents, teachers, administrators or support personnel may refer children for special programming. The District provides special education resource teachers for meeting the needs of learning disabled children. Services for able, bright and creative students are provided by the classroom teachers through extended enrichment activities or through accelerated programming and extracurricular activities.

FOOD SERVICES

East Grand Schools offers a K-12 hot lunch program. An ala carte program is also available to middle and high school students. The students are permitted to purchase meals at their school or bring their own lunch. Also, breakfast is available at the three elementary schools, East Grand Middle School, and Middle Park High School.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided to all six rural communities, with pickup points on the main highways. Districtwide, 43% of the student population is transported.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents have a variety of opportunities to become involved in their children's education. Avenues for involvement include individual school's Parent-Teacher Associations/Parent Advisory Committees, District Accountability Committee, High School Booster Club, volunteer time in classrooms, attendance at school programs, musicals, and sport activities.

