

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's safety and discipline record for the 2003-2004 school year is:

Type of Incident	Number of Incidents Reported	Action Taken				
		In School Suspension	Out of School Suspension	Expulsion	Referred to Law Enforce.	Other
Substance Abuse - Drugs	3		3			
Substance Abuse - Alcohol	1		1			
Substance Abuse - Tobacco						
Assaults/Fights						
Habitually Disruptive Students						
Dangerous Weapons						
Other Violations of Code of Conduct	408	305	103			

Student Attendance and Time Spent in Classroom

2003-2004	Your School	Dropout Rate
Length of School Year	172 days	40 _____
Enrollment	663	30 _____
Average Daily Attendance	629	20 _____
Student Dropouts	0.0%	10 _____
Students Per Total Staff	10.3	0 _____
Annual Number of Teacher Days Scheduled without Student Contact	10	0.0 0.0 2001-2002 2002-2003

Student Information Over Time

	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Student Average Daily Attendance	95.3%	94.5%	94.9%
Student Dropouts	0.0%	0.0%	
Safety and Discipline Total Incidents Reported	198	184	412
Student Enrollment Stability	94.4%	93.4%	93.4%
Students Eligible for Free Lunch	55	62	86

OVERALL ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE RATINGS

- Excellent
- High
- Average
- Low
- Unsatisfactory

ACADEMIC GROWTH OF STUDENTS

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

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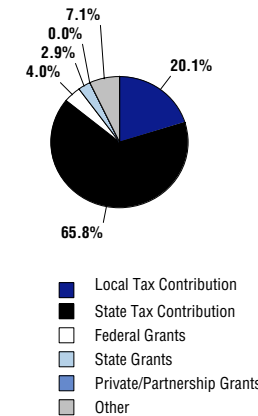
TAXPAYERS' REPORT

Sources of School District Revenue 2003

Local Tax Contribution	\$9,694,394
State Tax Contribution	31,679,618
Federal Grants	1,946,369
State Grants	1,393,535
Private/Partnership Grants	11,404
Other Discretionary Income	3,411,433
Total School Dist Revenue	\$48,136,753

Total 2003 District Revenue Per Pupil = \$6,408

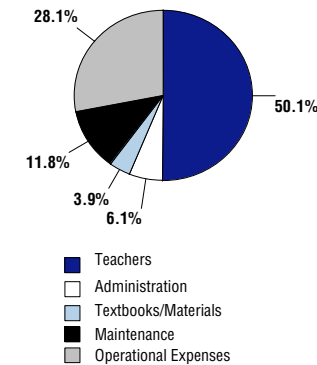
District Source of Funds 2003



District Use of Funds 2003

Teachers	\$23,030,480
Administration	2,780,418
Building & Facilities Maintenance	5,419,096
Operational Expenses	12,903,553
Textbooks/Materials	1,802,898
Total	\$45,936,445

District Use of Funds 2003



District Debt and Capital Construction & Equipment

Total Outstanding Bonded Debt	\$64,743,169
Average Annual Percentage Interest Rate on Debt	6.31%
Amount Raised from Most Recent Bond	\$28,000,000
Amount Spent on New Buildings During Last 2 Years	\$32,089,048

Voter Approved Funding Changes

Your community did / did not hold an election in November 2002.

The following items have been approved by voters:

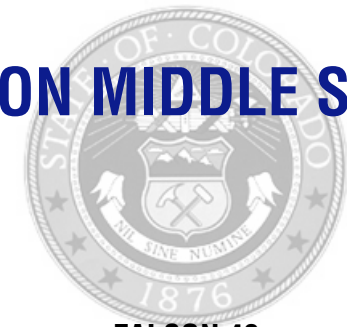
TABOR Override Bond Mill Levy Increase

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HORIZON MIDDLE SCHOOL



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School Accountability Report 2003-2004 School Year

School Performance Summary

Overall Academic Performance

Average

Academic Growth of Students:

Not Available

How Horizon Middle School Compares To Nearby Middle Schools

School	Academic Performance
Irving Middle School(1)	Average
Sabin Middle School(1)	Average
Emerson-Edison Junior Charter Academy(1)	Low
Skyview Middle School	High
Russell Middle School(1)	Average
Audubon Elementary School(1)	No Rating
James Irwin Charter Middle School(2)	Average
Jenkins Middle School(1)	High
Globe Charter School(1)	Low
Panorama Middle School(2)	Average

1 Located in Colorado Springs 11 School District.

2 Located in Harrison 2 School District.

Are these groups of students making adequate yearly progress on benchmarks to ensure that all students know and are able to complete grade-level work in reading and mathematics?

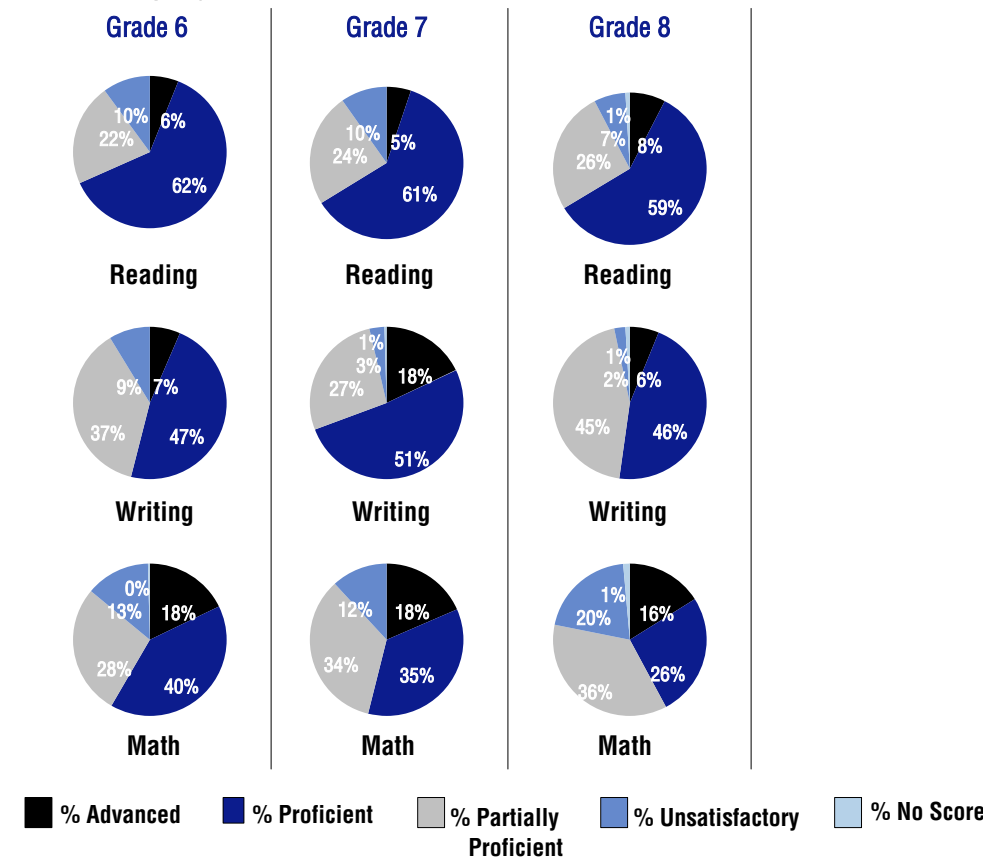
Group	Reading	Mathematics
White	Yes	Yes
Hispanic	Yes	Yes
Black	Yes	Yes
Native American/Alaska Native	Unreportable	Unreportable
Asian/Pacific Islander	Unreportable	Unreportable
Economically Disadvantaged	Yes	Yes
Students with Disabilities	Yes	Yes
English Language Learners	Unreportable	Unreportable

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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 6 - 8 in the subject areas for reading, writing and math for all students tested.

CSAP 2004 Spring

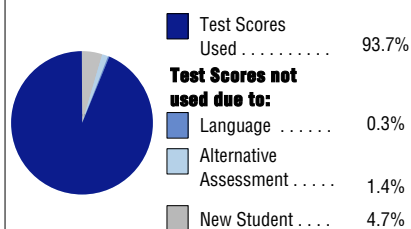


Note: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding

Percent of Students Scoring Proficient and Advanced

	Your School	District	State
Grade 6-8 Reading	67%	69%	64%
Grade 6-8 Writing	58%	56%	52%
Grade 6-8 Math	51%	50%	45%

Student Test Scores Used For Calculating Overall Academic Performance



Each school in the State received a rating of "Excellent", "High", "Average", "Low", or "Unsatisfactory" for student academic performance in school year 2003-2004 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 February 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 2003-2004 school year.

Overall Academic Performance for the 2003-2004 school year **Average**

QUESTIONS PARENTS SHOULD ASK

Based on your child's school's Overall Academic Performance Rating of Average, 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 key 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?

Your 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 specifically is the school doing to improve its overall academic rating?

Your child's school should have a plan to improve how well it is teaching its students. You should ask your school if it provides professional development for its teachers and performs diagnostic evaluations that can help the school target what needs to be improved.

What is the school doing to make sure its students are doing the best they can do?

If your child needs extra help, the school should be able to provide it. Ask about how it plans to make sure all students are learning what needs to be learned, which areas still need improvement and what is being done about it.

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

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	40	3	482	30
Paraprofessionals	8	0	86	52
Administrators	2	0	44	2
Other Professionals*	3	0	79	2
School Support	6	6	156	96
Total Staff	68		1,025	

* 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 6	235	16.9
Grade 7	204	15.3
Grade 8	224	15.5

Professional Experience of Teachers

	Your School	District
Average years of teaching experience	10	8
Percent of teachers teaching the subject in which they received their degree(s)	41%	62%
Teachers' average days absent	5.4%	6.2%
Number of teachers who left school/district last year	7	70
Teachers with tenure	18	208
Teachers without tenure	25	304
Number of professional development days	4	4

Salaries

	Your School	District	State
Average Teacher Salary	\$38,606	\$37,453	\$43,319
Average Administrator Salary	\$72,723	\$72,253	\$73,500

Principal: Michelle Mastrini-Mcateer
Number of years as Principal at this school: 1 (New Hire 2003/2004)
Number of years as Principal at any school: 1

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