

Denver Metro schools: a buyer's resource guide

Where to research a school before you fall for a house, and which district serves every city in the metro.

Here are the resources I send buyers who want to look at schools before they commit to a neighborhood, plus a lookup of which district serves each city in the metro. Colorado's School of Choice law lets a family apply to any public school with open seats, so district lines are a starting point, not a hard boundary.

Where to research schools

greatschools.org

Covers more than 200,000 public and private schools nationwide, with over 800,000 parent ratings and reviews attached.

niche.com

Scores schools and neighborhoods using data pulled from more than 100 million reviews and survey responses, along with Department of Education data. Enter the area you are considering and see how it stacks up.

schooldigger.com

Breaks down test scores, rankings, student-to-teacher ratios and attendance boundaries for more than 120,000 elementary, middle and high schools.

usnews.com/education/best-high-schools

Ranks over 20,500 public high schools by curriculum strength, math and reading proficiency, and graduation rate. You can filter by public, charter, magnet or STEM.

cde.state.co.us/schoolview

The Colorado Department of Education's tool for comparing school and district performance across the state.

coloradoleague.org

Background on Colorado's charter schools: tuition-free public schools with more flexibility in curriculum than a standard district school, while still being held accountable for performance.

acischools.org

The Association of Colorado Independent Schools lists more than 30 private schools across the state, each with its own mission and academic approach, generally with low student-to-teacher ratios.

emergingconsulting.com

Independent educational consulting for families navigating school choice, from preschool through college applications.

Before you write an offer

If a specific school matters to your decision, tell me before we tour. I will confirm the exact boundary for that address before you make an offer, since district lines can split a single street.

City-to-district lookup

City	School district(s)
Arvada	Westminster Public Schools, Jeffco Public Schools
Aurora	Aurora Public Schools, Cherry Creek Schools
Boulder	Boulder Valley School District
Brighton	Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Brighton School District
Broomfield	Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Boulder Valley School District, Jeffco Public Schools
Castle Rock	Douglas County School District
Centennial	Cherry Creek Schools
Cherry Hills Village	Cherry Creek Schools
Commerce City	Adams 14 School District, Brighton School District
Conifer	Jeffco Public Schools
Denver	Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Adams 14 School District, Aurora Public Schools, Cherry Creek Schools, Denver Public Schools, Jeffco Public Schools, Mapleton Public Schools, Sheridan School District, Westminster Public Schools
Edgewater	Jeffco Public Schools
Elizabeth	Elizabeth School District
Englewood	Cherry Creek Schools, Englewood Schools, Sheridan School District
Erie	St. Vrain Valley Schools
Evergreen	Clear Creek School District, Jeffco Public Schools
Golden	Jeffco Public Schools
Greenwood Village	Cherry Creek Schools
Highlands Ranch	Douglas County School District
Lafayette	Boulder Valley School District
Lakewood	Jeffco Public Schools
Littleton	Douglas County School District, Jeffco Public Schools, Littleton Public Schools
Lone Tree	Douglas County School District
Longmont	St. Vrain Valley Schools
Louisville	Boulder Valley School District
Morrison	Jeffco Public Schools
Northglenn	Adams 12 Five Star Schools

City	School district(s)
Parker	Douglas County School District, Elizabeth School District
Superior	Boulder Valley School District
Thornton	Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Brighton School District, Mapleton Public Schools
Westminster	Westminster Public Schools
Wheat Ridge	Jeffco Public Schools

Weld County is split across several districts, including Weld County School District, Weld RE-8 and Weld RE-9. For the complete list, see bit.ly/coloradoschooldistricts.

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