

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

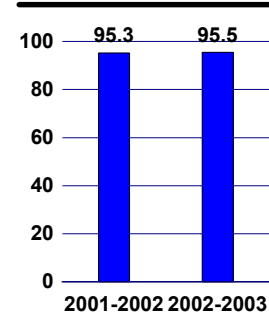
Safe schools are a top priority for parents, teachers, and communities. Your school's safety and discipline record for the 2002-2003 school year is:

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						
Substance Abuse - Alcohol						
Substance Abuse - Tobacco						
Assaults/Fights						
Habitually Disruptive Students						
Dangerous Weapons						
Other Violations of Code of Conduct	10		10			

Student Attendance and Time Spent in Classroom

2002-2003	Your School
Length of School Year	173 days
Enrollment	535
Average Daily Attendance	511
Student Dropouts	N/A
Students Per Total Staff	8.8
Annual Number of Teacher Days Scheduled without Student Contact	12

Attendance Rate



Student Information Over Time

	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Student Average Daily Attendance	95.5%	95.3%	95.5%
Student Dropouts	N/A	N/A	
Safety and Discipline Total Incidents Reported	6	5	10
Student Enrollment Stability		94.3%	94.6%
Students Eligible for Free Lunch		70	83

OVERALL ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE RATINGS

- Excellent
- High
- Average
- Low
- Unsatisfactory

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT RATINGS

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

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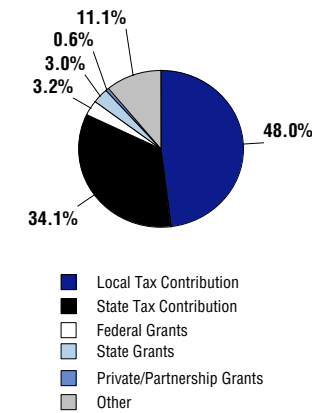
TAXPAYERS' REPORT

Sources of School District Revenue 2002

Local Tax Contribution	\$153,776,471
State Tax Contribution	109,144,313
Federal Grants	10,131,287
State Grants	9,661,114
Private/Partnership Grants	1,909,852
Other Discretionary Income	35,527,189
Total School Dist Revenue	\$320,150,226

Total 2002 District Revenue Per Pupil = \$7,597

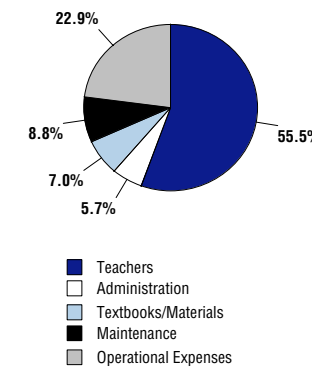
District Source of Funds 2002



District Use of Funds 2002

Teachers	\$177,754,029
Administration	18,303,732
Building & Facilities Maintenance	28,290,979
Operational Expenses	73,437,920
Textbooks/Materials	22,258,449
Total	\$320,045,109

District Use of Funds 2002



District Debt and Capital Construction & Equipment

Total Outstanding Bonded Debt	\$353,435,000
Average Annual Percentage Interest Rate on Debt	5.36%
Amount Raised from Most Recent Bond	\$172,000,000
Amount Spent on New Buildings During Last 2 Years	\$91,284,115

Voter Approved Funding Changes

Your community did / did not hold an election in November 2001.

The following items have been approved by voters:

- TABOR Override
- Bond
- Mill Levy Increase

Independence Elementary School

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INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



CHERRY CREEK 5

School Accountability Report 2002-2003 School Year

School Performance Summary

Overall Academic Performance

Average

Academic Improvement:

Stable

How Independence Elementary School Compares To Nearby Elementary Schools

School	Academic Performance
Indian Ridge Elementary School	High
Sagebrush Elementary School	High
Mission Viejo Elementary School	High
Meadow Point Elementary School	Average
Canyon Creek Elementary School	Average
Summit Elementary School	Average
Trails West Elementary School	High
Cimarron Elementary School	High
Dalton Elementary School(1)	Average
Peakview Elementary School	High

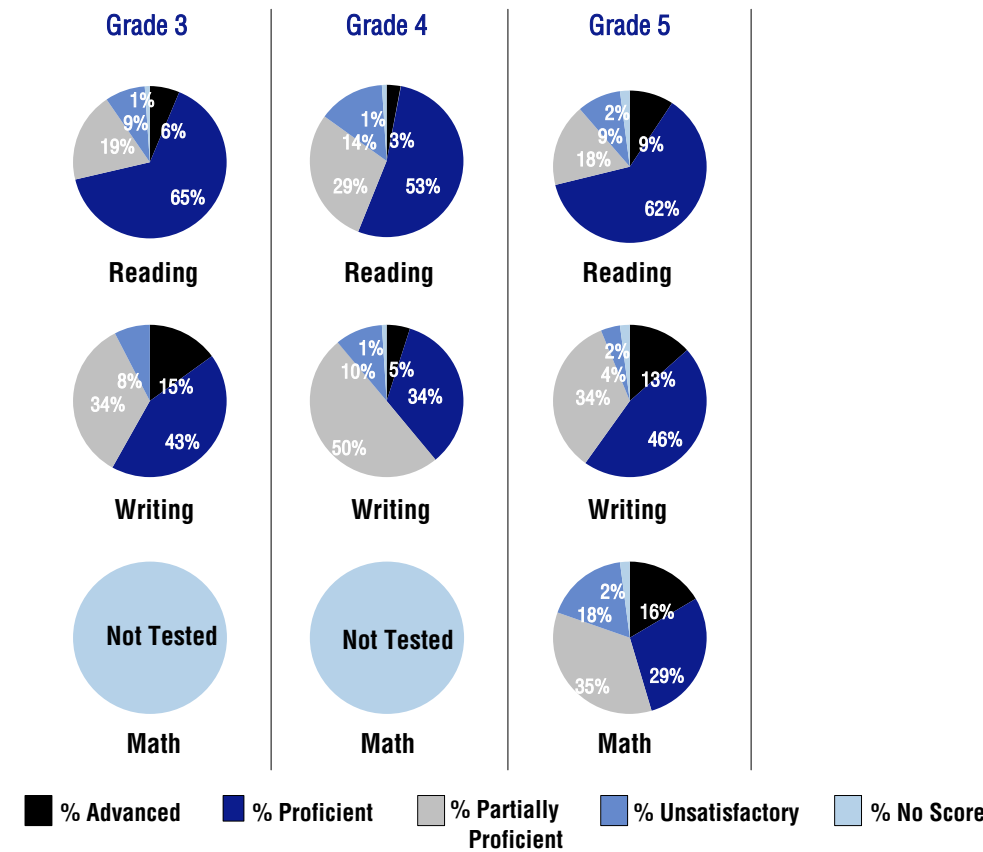
1 Located in Adams-Arapahoe 28J School District.

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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 3 - 5 in the subject areas for reading, writing and math for all students tested.

CSAP 2003 Spring

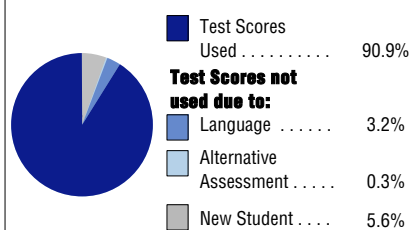


Note: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding

Percent of Students Scoring Proficient and Advanced

	Your School	District	State
Grade 3-5 Reading	66%	80%	67%
Grade 3-5 Writing	52%	69%	54%
Grade 3-5 Math	45%	73%	56%

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 2002-2003 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, whose special needs require that they spend less than 45% of their time in a regular classroom, or who enrolled in the public school after February 1 of this school year. 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 elementary schools for the 2002-2003 school year.

Overall Academic Performance for the 2002-2003 school year

Average

SCHOOL HISTORY

	2002-2003	2001-2002	2000-2001
Overall Academic Performance	Average	Average	Average
School Improvement	Stable	Stable	



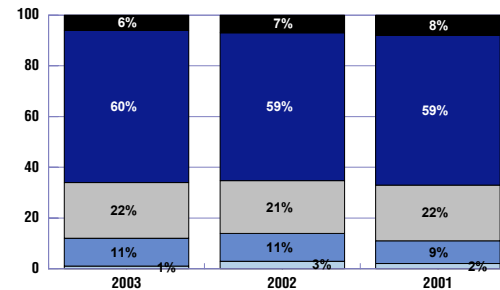
Each school receives a school improvement rating of Significant Improvement, Improvement, Stable, Decline, or Significant Decline. This rating is based upon the change in student academic performance from the previous year. Each school can improve its rating next year by improving student performance on the 2003-2004 CSAP.

Reading Proficiency Levels

Grades 3-5

Percent Proficient and Advanced

2003	66%
2002	66%
2001	67%

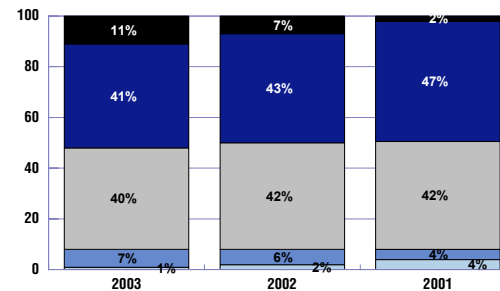


Writing Proficiency Levels

Grades 3-5

Percent Proficient and Advanced

2003	52%
2002	50%
2001	49%

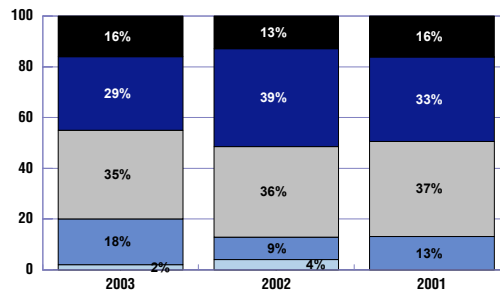


Math Proficiency Levels

Grades 3-5

Percent Proficient and Advanced

2003	45%
2002	52%
2001	49%



Legend: % Advanced (black), % Proficient (dark blue), % Partially Proficient (light blue), % Unsatisfactory (medium blue), % No Score (white)

Note: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding

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	33	2	2,543	279
Paraprofessionals	13	6	684	537
Administrators	1	0	131	0
Other Professionals*	5	1	403	84
School Support	3	1	819	297
Total Staff	65		5,763	

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

Students per Teacher Ratio

	Student Enrollment	Students per Teacher
Grade 1	75	10.2
Grade 2	100	15.8
Grade 3	96	18.9
Grade 4	97	16.0
Grade 5	92	16.5

Professional Experience of Teachers

	Your School	District
Average years of teaching experience	11	12
Percent of teachers teaching the subject in which they received their degree(s)	N/A	N/A
Teachers' average days absent	4.9%	3.8%
Number of teachers who left school/district last year	8	304
Teachers with tenure	16	1,829
Teachers without tenure	19	993
Number of professional development days	6	6

Salaries

	Your School	District	State
Average Teacher Salary	\$45,267	\$49,440	\$42,680
Average Administrator Salary	\$77,069	\$81,230	\$72,481

Principal: **Shenelle Martin**

Number of years as Principal at this school: **0 (New Hire 2003/2004)**

Number of years as Principal at any school: **5**

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