



District Profile

Current 10/2010

Overview

The Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) is a public school district in the Denver Metro area with 55 pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade schools. BVSD occupies a 500 square mile region along the foothills of the Rocky Mountains that includes urban, suburban and remote mountain areas. Communities served include the cities of Boulder, Broomfield, Louisville, Lafayette, and Superior; and the mountain towns of Nederland, Gold Hill, Jamestown and Ward. BVSD is the sixth largest school district in Colorado.

29,364 Enrollment

The district's schools are diverse, including many traditional neighborhood schools as well as focus schools with special programs ranging from Bilingual, Montessori, Core Knowledge, and Arts Intensive to Pre-Engineering and International Baccalaureate. Schools tend to be smaller than those in many other cities, and class-size is limited at each level. In compliance with state law, BVSD has an open enrollment policy, allowing students from any neighborhood to enroll in any district school if space is available. These options provide parents with free public school choices that easily rival any private education available in the region.

Mission and Vision

The Boulder Valley School District's mission is "to challenge students to achieve their academic, creative and physical potential in order to become responsible, contributing citizens". Our vision is: "to graduate students in the New Century who have the knowledge, skills and personal characteristics that will make this world a safer, more thoughtful and more inclusive place in which to live."

Leadership

BVSD is governed by an elected, seven-member Board of Education which holds public meetings twice a month. The current Board President is Kenneth J. Roberge. The Superintendent, Dr. Christopher King, was appointed in 2007.

History

Boulder's first tax-supported school was established by pioneers in 1860, prior to the creation of the Colorado Territory and only nine years after the first permanent settlement was founded in Colorado. Boulder High School, originally associated with the University of Colorado, was chartered in 1877. A century later, a proliferation of one-room schoolhouses and neighborhood schools in Boulder and the outlying county townships formed a formal association creating the Boulder Valley School District RE-2 (BVSD).

Diversity

BVSD strives for integrated classrooms and schools that reflect the ethnic and economic diversity of the community itself, and that provide an academically and culturally rich, relevant, and successful educational experience for *all* students. The district's students are 15% Hispanic, 7% Asian, 2% African-American, 1% American-Indian, and 75% Caucasian. Nine percent of students are English Language learners; 9% have disabilities; 17% are low income.

Annual Per Pupil Spending 2007-2008

Colorado Average	\$ 9,079
BVSD	\$ 9,136
US Average	\$10,250
Denver Public Schools	\$15,757

Colorado currently ranks 42nd among the states in public K-12 funding, 12th highest in personal income, and 47th in per capita taxation. (Sources: US Census; National Center for Education Statistics; CO School Finance Project; EPE Research Center, 2010; eiaonline.com)

Teachers & Staff - Fall, 2009

BVSD is the third largest employer in Boulder County with 4,399 teachers and staff.

Licensed Teachers	1,924	44%
Instructional Support (eg Counselors, Librarians)	214	5%
Paraprofessionals (Teachers' Aides, Tutors)	1,016	23%
Clerical	349	8%
Service Workers (Bus, Cafeteria, Maintenance)	602	14%
Professional-Technical (eg Accounting, Computer)	145	3%
Principals & APs	97	2%
Central Administrators	52	1%

16.9: 1 Mean Student:Teacher Ratio

Mean Teacher Experience: 12.4 yrs (10.0 CO Avg)

Teacher Education: 66% hold M.A or higher (52% CO Avg)

Teacher Mean Pay: \$56,800/yr (\$49,183 CO Avg)

Academic Excellence

BVSD is consistently ranked among the highest-performing public school districts in Colorado.

CSAP - % Students Making Adequate Yearly Progress 08-09

Subject	BVSD	CO Avg
Elementary Reading	95%	89%
Advanced Performers	18%	8%
Elementary Math	96%	91%
Advanced Performers	44%	28%
Middle Reading	96%	89%
Advanced Performers	20%	9%
Middle Math	93%	85%
Advanced Performers	39%	23%
High School Reading	96%	92%
Advanced Performers	13%	6%
High School Math	85%	66%
Advanced Performers	19%	9%

CSAP - Annual Growth in Learning - Percentile 09-10

Median Growth - Reading	53	50
Median Growth - Writing	53	50
Median Growth - Math	53	50

Postsecondary Outlooks and Outcomes

Graduation Rate - 2009	89.2%	73.9%
Dropout Rate -2009	1.5%	3.6%
Composite ACT Score -2010	22.6	19.4
Adv Placement Participation Rate	44%	23%
National Merit Semifinalists 2011	56	212

Source of teacher & student data: www.cde.state.co.us

Budget and Funding

BVSD's annual per-pupil state funding in 10-11 is expected to be \$6,721, a number that has increased by less than \$100 in the last three years. Local school levies previously approved by voters will bring total tax funding to \$7,899. Additional revenue is provided by grants, donations, fees, income-producing programs, and reserves.

BVSD schools will operate on a total budget of \$234 million in the 2010-2011 school year, with funds used as shown at left.

The district has a history of stability and strong financial management, with no deficits. The annual budget and comprehensive financial statement, including the independent auditor's report, are available at the district website:

6% Administration
7% Classroom Support
17% School Operations
17% Special Instruction
54% Instruction