

# Mythbusters



- Myth:** Columbine is an ESL magnet school
- Truth:** Columbine is a neighborhood school with 78% of our students coming from our attendance area (above the district average of 76%).
- Myth:** Classes are taught in Spanish at Columbine.
- Truth:** Columbine offers Spanish Literacy for native-Spanish speakers who choose that program but for native English speakers, and some second-language learners, all instruction is in English.
- Myth:** Kids are bussed in from everywhere to Columbine.
- Truth:** Kids arriving on the bus are children who live in our attendance area but are eligible to ride the bus because they live beyond 1.5 miles from the school.
- Myth:** Columbine doesn't want more "neighborhood" kids.
- Truth:** Our principal and staff have been working hard at outreach and we welcome and embrace our neighborhood community.
- Myth:** Native English speakers are bored.
- Truth:** Our small class sizes, differentiated instruction and advanced learning opportunities ensure each child is challenged.
- Myth:** Discipline is a problem at Columbine.
- Truth:** Behavior incidents and conduct violations are on par with other elementary schools.
- Myth:** Students aren't happy at Columbine.
- Truth:** As in previous years, our 2008 Climate Survey indicated that a higher percentage of our students look forward to coming to school than students across the district.
- Myth:** Columbine's test scores prove kids aren't learning.
- Truth:** There's a difference between achievement and performance. Columbine's CSAP scores, when analyzed for performance (gains over time) are some of the highest in the district. Additionally, our Anglo students achieve at or above the district level.


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