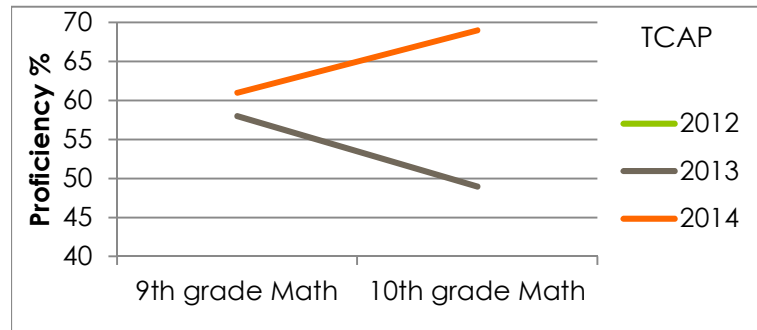


Essentials for School Accountability: Dakota Ridge High School 2015-2016



Aim higher. Stay focused.

~Brandon Adams



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Demographics

Total Number of Students: 1541

Minority: 23%

Free and Reduced Lunch: 17%

Estimated Percentage of ALP Students: 17%

Remediation Rate: 23%



School Wide Performance by Student Group

Dakota Ridge High School	MGP 2012	MGP 2013	MGP 2014	Rolling MGP	% P&A 2012	% P&A 2013	% P&A 2014	Rolling P&A
Math								
Free and Reduced Lunch ¹	51	56	54	54	17%	34%	35%	29%
General Education ²	55	58	64	59	23%	51%	55%	43%
Advanced Learning Plan ³	65	58	56	60	18%	45%	52%	38%
Reading								
Free and Reduced Lunch	36	49	48	44	68%	71%	73%	70%
General Education	48	46	46	47	85%	87%	85%	85%
Advanced Learning Plan	52	52	44	49	23%	31%	27%	27%
Writing								
Free and Reduced Lunch	40	48	41	43	42%	56%	53%	50%
General Education	55	52	51	53	66%	68%	70%	68%
Advanced Learning Plan	59	53	49	54	33%	37%	35%	35%

Legend	
MGP	Median Growth Percentile
%P&A	Percent Proficient and Advanced
F&R	Free and Reduced Lunch
GT	Gifted and Talented ~ General ALP
IEP	Individualized Education Program

* All student demographics align with the 2013 – 14 CDE data set.

¹ F&R/NotGT/NotIEP

² NotF&R/NotGT/NotIEP

³ NotF&R/GT/NotIEP - %P&A values reflect only percent advanced to align with expectations.

School Wide Performance by Grade and Subject

% Proficient and Advanced						
Year	9 th Grade			10 th Grade		
	Reading	Writing	Math	Reading	Writing	Math
2012	84%	67%	**	78%	61%	46%
2013	83%	71%	58%	84%	66%	49%
2014	82%	67%	61%	52%	82%	69%

**Data Not Available

Median Growth Percentile						
Year	9 th Grade			10 th Grade		
	Reading	Writing	Math	Reading	Writing	Math
2012	53	45	**	43	59	56
2013	49	49	58	44	53	49
2014	43	50	58	46	47	57

**Data Not Available

Average ACT Scores					
Dakota Ridge High School					
Year	Composite	English	Math	Reading	Science
2013	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.7	21.8
2014	22.7	22.4	21.9	22.6	23.0
2015	23.0	22.9	22.3	23.1	23.1

Focus on **Median Growth Percentile (MGP)** as a key measure of a school team's value added.

- The impact of different student demographics/socio-economic situations on MGP is minimal.
- A MGP above 60 indicates that students are learning at least a year's worth of information, a MGP below 40 shows that less than a year's worth of learning has occurred.

Focus on **Rolling MGP**, the three year average MGP for the school, as it controls for the impact of student and staff populations over time.

Focus on **Percent Proficient and Advanced (% P&A)** as a key measure of students' progress towards meeting the goal of being career and college ready.

District Goals: How will your achievement improvements contribute?

- **Every student will have completed Algebra 1 by the end of 9th grade (unless IEP requirement is different).**
- The percentage of proficient/advanced third grade students in reading on TCAP will increase from 80% to 85% by August of 2015.
- The percentage of proficient/advanced fourth grade students in math on TCAP will increase from 77% to 80% by August 2015.
- **Every student will achieve one year's growth, or more as needed to 'catch up,' in each year of school and be ready for the next level.**
- The growth measures for the median growth percentile (MGP) will reach 50th MGP or growth measures over 50th MGP will increase by:
 - For Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible students
 - in writing from 47 to 50
 - in reading from 48 to 50
 - in math from 49 to 51
 - For students with disabilities
 - in writing from 45 to 50
 - in reading from 48 to 50
 - in math from 50 to 52
 - For English learners
 - in writing from 52 to 54
 - in reading from 54 to 56
 - in math from 54 to 56
 - For Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) students
 - in writing from 54 to 56
 - in reading from 57 to 59
 - in math from 60 to 62
- **The college remediation rate for Jeffco graduates will decrease from 29.8% to 27.8% by Spring 2015.**

- Every student will graduate career and workforce and/or post-secondary ready.
- The Colorado ACT scores in every high school in every subgroup will meet/exceed the 'college readiness' benchmarks as defined by ACT below:

College Readiness Benchmark by Subject				
Subject	English	Mathematics	Reading	Science
Score	18	22	22	23

Average Freshman ACT Scores for Colleges in Colorado

All 11th graders in Colorado take the ACT, many colleges use this as an entrance indicator of college readiness. Below are the average freshmen composite ACT scores:

- Colorado School of Mines – 31
- Colorado State University – 24.7
- Colorado University at Boulder – 26.8
- Denver University – 28
- Red Rocks Community College – To be exempt from Accuplacer test
 - Reading – 17
 - English – 18
 - Math - 19

Important Questions for Accountability Committees

- How are you identifying best practices in your building and transferring those skills among your staff?
- Do you understand the root causes of achievement shortfalls at your school?
- Have you tracked implementation of major achievement improvement initiatives from previous years' Unified Improvement Plans?
- Which group of students is experiencing the most growth and why?
- Are all of your students experiencing at least a year's worth of achievement growth?
- What changes will you make to ensure all students are proficient at the end of every year?
- Have you looked at achievement scores from other schools to determine best practices from schools in Jeffco and beyond?
- In which subjects and grade levels are students experiencing the most growth at your school?
- How do we replicate success?

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