



Denver Jewish Day School
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Mission Statement

To educate Jewish students through an integrated secular and Jewish studies program, to thrive in college and beyond and act ethically and purposefully in the world.

Denver Jewish Day School (Denver JDS) serves students, regardless of race, color, national origin, gender or physical abilities, and without regard to the financial abilities of families insofar as the physical and financial resources of the school allow.

School History

Denver Jewish Day School (formerly Herzl/RMHA) was formed in 1999 when Theodor Herzl Jewish Day School (grades K-6) and Rocky Mountain Hebrew Academy (grades 7-12, established 1979) merged. Denver Jewish Day School is currently the largest Jewish day school in the Rocky Mountain region with close to 400 students in kindergarten through grade 12. The school provides a high quality college preparatory and Judaic education, and **98% of its graduates have pursued college educations.**

Enrollment

Grades K-5	215
Grades 6-8	76
Grades 9-12	75
Total Student Body	366
Class of 2012	21

Faculty

Lower Division Faculty Members – 40
 Upper Division Faculty Members – 32
 (15 to 1 student/teacher ratio)
 50% of faculty hold advanced degrees

Accreditation

Association of Colorado Independent Schools (ACIS)

Memberships

NAIS, NACAC, CHSAA (Colorado High School Activities Association), Colorado Council of High School and College Relations and RAVSAK (Jewish Community Day School Network)

SAT Summary

Class	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
2007	567	614	613
2008	627	622	638
2009	631	615	625
2010	616	600	600
2011	600	570	640

National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

Class	Finalists	Commended	Total Students
2004	1	1	21
2005	-	1	15
2006	-	1	14
2007	1	1	17
2008	1	4	30
2009	-	-	20
2010	2	-	21
2011	-	-	15
2012	1 anticipated	1	21

Advanced Placement courses available to the Class of 2012

Calculus, United States History, European History, Macro Economics, English Literature and Composition.

Academic Focus (AF)

Academic Focus (AF) designates courses in the Judaic Studies Program, which focus on mastery of objectives, knowledge and/or skills necessary to read Judaic texts in their original languages, Hebrew and Aramaic. Students who achieve an A- or better in 9 semesters of AF courses graduate with "Distinction in Judaic Studies."

Grade Point Average

The GPA is cumulative and calculated from the beginning of the 9th grade. A separate GPA is given for courses in the general studies and Judaic studies departments. GPA is based on a 4.0 scale with no additional weight given to Honors or Advanced Placement classes. Class rank is not computed because of small class size. A traditional A-F grading scale is used.

GPA Distribution Class of 2012



GPA Scale

A+, A	4.0	C	2.0
A-	3.7	C-	1.7
B+	3.3	D+	1.3
B	3.0	D	1.0
B-	2.7	D-	.7
C+	2.3	F	0

Experiential Learning

Grade	Purpose	Length	Place
Grade 6	Outdoor Learning	3 Days	Rocky Mt. Nat'l Park, Colo.
Grade 7	Urban Service	2 Days	Denver, Colorado
Grade 8	American Studies/Southwest Cultural Experience	5 Days	Santa Fe, New Mexico
Grade 9	Jewish Cultural Experience	5 Days	Los Angeles, California
Grade 10	Hebrew Immersion Program	6 Weeks	Israel
Grade 11	Panim Program (Civics and Jewish Leadership Training)	1 Week	Washington, DC
Grade 12	Internships/Life Lessons	4-6 Weeks	Denver, Colorado
Grades 6-12	Color War: Leadership training through athletic, artistic performance and academic competitions	1 Week	Denver, Colorado

In addition over 70% of students participate in team sports (volleyball, soccer, basketball or baseball). A strong community service program is in place.

Academic Course Sequence

Sequences for the Class of 2012's dual curriculum are listed below. Many classes are taught at an advanced level, but this is not indicated on transcript. Students can supplement the graduation requirements with electives. It is possible to study Spanish as an elective for two years. Most classes meet for 210 minutes weekly. The majority of required classes are two semesters. Students are required to enroll in seven academic classes each semester. All science classes are lab based.

Department & Graduation Requirements	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English 8 Semesters	English 9	American Literature and Composition	World Literature and Composition AP Option	English Literature and Composition AP Option
Social Studies 8 Semesters	World History	US History AP Option	European History AP Option	Macro Economics AP Option
Math 8 Semesters	Algebra 1 Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra 2	Pre Calculus Geometry	Calculus AP Option College Algebra
Science 8 Semesters (Lab Based)	Biology	Chemistry	Conceptual Physics Physics	Honors Chemistry Forensic Science
Hebrew 8 Semesters	Basic Intermediate Advanced	Lit Level 2 Basic Intermediate Advanced (Sem. II)	Lit Level 3 Basic Intermediate Advanced	Lit Level 4 Basic Intermediate Advanced
Judaic Studies 16 Semesters	Various Judaic electives	Various Judaic electives	Various Judaic electives	Various Judaic electives
Phy. Education 4 Semesters	Physical Education	Physical Education		

College Placement

The goal of the school is to facilitate a good match between the interests and talents of the students with the colleges they will attend. Approximately 10-20% of students attend a GAP year program in Israel including Nativ, Young Judea and yeshiva study at Shalavim, Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim, Machon Maayan and Lev Ha Torah.

College Matriculation Classes of 2000-2011

American Jewish University	Swarthmore College
American University	Syracuse University
Berklee College of Music	Trinity College
Boston University	Tufts University
Bowdoin College	Tulane University
Brandeis University	University of Arizona
Bucknell University	University of California – Los Angeles
Colorado State University	University of Chicago
Columbia/Jewish Theological Seminary	University of Colorado, Boulder
Cornell University	University of Colorado, Denver
Dartmouth College	University of Denver
Eckerd College	University of Hartford
Embrey Riddle Aeronautical University	University of Kansas
Emory University	University of Maryland
Fort Lewis College	University of Massachusetts
George Washington University	University of Michigan
Goucher College	University of Northern Colorado
Hebrew University	University of Pennsylvania
Hofstra University	University of Rochester
Indiana University	University of Southern California
Lewis and Clark College	University of Texas
Metropolitan State College	University of Wisconsin
Muhlenberg College	Vassar College
New York University	Washington University
Ohio State University	Whittier College
Saint John's College	Yeshiva University
Stanford University	
Stern College	

