

Middle, Junior High and High Schools – General Clippings

These are newspaper articles about the middle, junior high and high schools in Douglas County, Colorado, after the creation of the Douglas County School District in 1958.

For Charter Schools, see the charter schools list.

For more information on pre-1958 Douglas County schools, see:
<http://douglascountyhistory.org/schools/index.htm>

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- [The Douglas County News-Press](#) website (for 1999-present)
- [Colorado's Historic Newspapers](#) (1881-1923)
- Colorado Newsstand (1989-present *Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*, *Boulder Daily Camera*, etc.) on the [Douglas County Libraries' website](#).

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[List of Douglas County 8th Graders \(1899-1964\)](#)

Middle / Junior High Schools

Castle Rock Middle School (no. 1) (aka Douglas County Junior High)

<http://www1.dcsdk12.org/secondary/crms/index.html>

“Open House.” *Douglas County News*, 1966.

“Jr. High Bicentennial Week A Success.” *Douglas County News*, February 19, 1976.

“Middle school yearbooks now on DVD.” *Douglas County News-Press*, May 21, 2003.

“Gun rumor results in suspension for student.” *Douglas County News-Press*, January 22, 2004.

<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2004/01/22/local%20news%20and%20features/10836158.txt>

“Pills raise questions at middle school.” *Douglas County News-Press*, February 19, 2004.

<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2004/02/19/local%20news%20and%20features/10985711.txt>

Cimmaron Middle School (no. 9)

<http://schools.dcsdk12.org/education/school/school.php?sectionid=9765>

“Legend in the making.” *Douglas County News-Press*, August 7, 2008.

<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2008/08/07/front%20page/19898541.txt>

Cresthill Middle School (no. 3) (aka Highlands Ranch Junior High)

<http://schools.dcsdk12.org/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectionid=17>

"State's only year-round middle schools located in county." *Douglas County News-Press*, July 9, 1994.

"WEB program helps students network in middle school." *Douglas County News-Press*, November 6, 1998.

"Cresthill recognized as Blue Ribbon School." *Douglas County News-Press*, June 1, 2000.

"Window on the World." *Douglas County News-Press*, June 1, 2000.

"Cresthill Middle School stands out among others." *Douglas County News-Press*, June 12, 2000.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2000/06/12/letters%20to%20the%20editor/524790.txt>

"Cresthill Middle School gets a sidewalk." *Douglas County News-Press*, February 22, 2001.

"Haute Couture." *Douglas County News-Press*, March 29, 2001.

"Cresthill strings to perform for educators." *Douglas County News-Press*, January 15, 2004.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2004/01/14/import/10809296.txt>

Mesa Middle School (no. 8)

<http://schools.dcsdk12.org/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectionid=8209>

Mountain Ridge Middle School (no. 6)

<http://schools.dcsdk12.org/education/school/school.php?sectionid=33>

Ranch View Middle School (no. 4)

<http://www1.dcsdk12.org/secondary/rvms/>

"Ranch View Middle School opens near capacity." *Douglas County News-Press*, January 14, 1999.

"Students step back in time on History Day." *Douglas County News-Press*, May 4, 2000.

Rocky Heights Middle School (no. 7)

<http://schools.dcsdk12.org/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectionid=49>

"Rocky Heights students to welcome Watch D.O.G.S." *Douglas County News-Press*, March 8, 2007.

Sagewood Middle School (no. 5)

<http://www1.dcsdk12.org/secondary/sgms/index.php>

"Rising from the prairie." *Douglas County Trail*, April 8, 1999.

Sierra Middle School (no. 2) (aka Parker Junior High, Parker Vista Middle School)

<http://www1.dcsdk12.org/secondary/sms/>

"New junior high far cry from old one-room school." *Douglas County News*, May 19, 1976.

"State's only year-round middle schools located in county." *Douglas County News-Press*, July 9, 1994.

"Montgomery to replace Seick as Parker Vista principal." *Douglas County Trail*, May 25, 1995.

"Middle school bomb seized." *Weekly News Chronicle*, March 11, 1998.

High Schools

Castle View High School (no. 8)

<http://castleviewhs.com/>

"Residents oppose site of school." *Douglas County News-Press*. February 12, 2004.

"Meadows residents protest new school." *Castle Rock Star*. February 18, 2004.

"Students anxious to attend classes at new high school" *YourHub.com*, September 22, 2005.

"District to give answers about High School No. 8." *Douglas County News-Press*, November 23, 2005.

<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2005/11/23/education/15634664.txt>

"No. 8 – forever more known as Castle View High School." *YourHub.com*, December 15, 2005.

"Four schools in one." *Douglas County News-Press*, February 17, 2006.

<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2006/02/17/education/16149248.txt>

"Community officially welcomes Castle View." *Douglas County News-Press*, October 1, 2006.

<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2006/10/01/front%20page/17270224.txt>

"The Café Experience." *Douglas County News-Press*, March 8, 2007.

Chaparral High School (no. 5)

<http://schools.dcsdk12.org/education/school/school.php?sectionid=12>

"School sketch..." *Weekly News Chronicle*. March 5, 1996.

"Chaparral High School to open on schedule." *Douglas County News-Press*, May 21, 1997.

"Groundbreaking for college Mar. 19." *Weekly News Chronicle*, February 24, 1999.

"University Center set to break ground Friday." *Douglas County News-Press*, March 17, 1999.

"University Center at Chaparral breaks ground for new facility." *Douglas County News-Press*, March 25, 1999.

"Chaparral becomes a national test site." *Weekly News Chronicle*. November 10, 1999.

Daniel C. Oakes High School (alternative)

<http://schools.dcsdk12.org/education/school/schoolhistory.php?sectiondetailid=30070>

"D. C. Oakes High School grows to a second campus in Parker." *Douglas County News-Press*, October 1997.

"DC Oakes to update, move to former library." *Douglas County News-Press*, October 9, 2003.

<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2003/10/09/education/10281427.txt>

"Alternative schools busting at seams in Douglas County." *Douglas County News-Press*, April 15, 2004.

"D. C. Oakes to move to new campus by July." *Castle Rock Daily Star*, May 23, 2004.

Douglas County High School (no. 1)

<http://www1.dcsdk12.org/secondary/dchs/index.php>

"Douglas County's early high schools." Walk with our Pioneers. *Douglas County News*. May 29, 1969.

"Our Douglas County High School." Walk with our pioneers. *Douglas County News*. October 10, 1974.

"From the scrapbook of Lois Remley..." Unknown newspaper. no date.

"Then and now." *Littleton Independent*. July 2, 1970.

"Graduates of 1971." *Douglas County News*, June 3, 1971.

"Millers to offer 2 scholarships to '81 graduates." *Douglas County News-Press*, April 22, 1981.

"1926 Graduates." *Douglas County News-Press*, June 1981.

"Class of '39 gets names with faces." *Douglas County News-Press*. July 25, 1989.

"DCHS 35th class reunion: 'We did it again.'" *Douglas County News-Press*. September 13, 1995.

"Practice made perfect: Douglas County High School marching band named state champions." *Weekly News Chronicle*. November 1, 1995.

"Douglas County High starts centennial celebration today." *Rocky Mountain News*, September 6, 1997.

"Threats, hoaxes proliferate." *Douglas County News-Press*, April 28, 1999.

"Renovations to Douglas County Stadium will increase capacity." *Trail*. May 11, 2000.

"Grant used for programs for deaf, hard of hearing." *Douglas County News-Press*. December 6, 2000.

"District bans travel abroad by students." *Douglas County News-Press*, December 19, 2001.

<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2001/12/19/education/2803394.txt>

"Travel ban lifted for one group." *Douglas County News-Press*, December 26, 2001.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2001/12/26/education/2845728.txt>

"Council promises to alleviate parking woes." *Douglas County News-Press*, July 17, 2003.

"DCHS student arrested for bringing handgun to school." *Douglas County News-Press*, September 30, 2004.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2004/09/24/letters%20to%20the%20editor/13000652.txt>

"Students suspended in wake of gun incident." *Douglas County News-Press*, October 7, 2004.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2004/10/04/front%20page/13067280.txt>

"14-year-old could be expelled for threat." *Douglas County News-Press*, September 29, 2005.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2005/09/30/front%20page/15306364.txt>

"Delicate memorial." *Douglas County News-Press*, September 29, 2005.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2005/09/30/education/15306846.txt>

"DCHS troupe prepares for trip abroad." *Douglas County News-Press*, October 6, 2005.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2005/10/06/education/15342327.txt>

"Bus boosters." *Douglas County News-Press*, November 10, 2005.

"High tech meets the classroom." *Douglas County News-Press*, November 24, 2005.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2005/11/23/education/15634362.txt>

"Four schools in one." *Douglas County News-Press*, February 17, 2006.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2006/02/17/education/16149248.txt>

"Replace or remodel high school?" *The Denver Post*, February 21, 2006.

"Douglas County High School club registers 200 students to vote." *Douglas County News-Press*. February 14, 2008.

Eagle Academy (alternative)

http://www1.dcsdk12.org/alternative/eagle_academy/index.html

"Educational alternatives offered to high school students at Eagle Academy." *Douglas County News-Press*, October 26, 2000.

"Eagle Academy graduates triumph over adversity." *Douglas County News-Press*, January 24, 2003.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2003/01/24/front%20page/6811877.txt>

Highlands Ranch High School (no. 3)

<http://www1.dcsdk12.org/secondary/hrhs/index.html>

"Much more than a club." *Douglas County News-Press*, Undated.

"Jr. / Sr. High School Planned for HR." *Highlands Ranch Reporter*, September 1984.

"Jr. / Sr. High School Set For Highlands Ranch." *Highlands Ranch Reporter*, November 1984.

"New Schools Underway." *Highlands Ranch Reporter*, Spring 1985.

"New School Underway." *Highlands Ranch Reporter*, August 1985.

"Another First!" *Highlands Ranch Herald*, January 1987.

"Ready for Class." *Douglas County News-Press*, January 7, 1987.

"Much more than a club." *Douglas County News-Press*. Undated.

"9 HRHS students sing way to All-State Choir." *Douglas County News-Press*, January 8, 1993.

"Schools approach capacity: HRHS enrollment reaches 1,800." *Highlands Ranch Herald*. September 2, 1994.

"Exchange part two: Students spend time in Germany, school." *Douglas County News-Press*, August 28, 1996.

"After the shock: Highlands Ranch High confronts the racism within its walls and defends its name." *Douglas County News-Press*, November 15, 1996.

"Looking back on 10 years at HRH." *Douglas County News-Press*, January 17, 1997.

"Highlands Ranch anniversary celebrates arts, new traditions." *Douglas County News-Press*, January 22, 1997.

"10 years of tradition: HRHS celebrates 10th anniversary with variety of pomp, performances." *Highlands Ranch Herald*. January 24, 1997.

"Dublin beckons Falcons marching band: Students and parents will journey to Ireland for events and festivities of St. Patrick's Day." *Douglas County News-Press*, February 14, 1997.

"'Urban forest' gets grant." *Douglas County News-Press*, March 26, 1997.

"Growing Pains: Flood of new students creates hassles for Highlands Ranch High School." *Douglas County News-Press*, August 21, 1998.

"Time to get behind the high school stadium effort." *Douglas County News-Press*, August 28, 1998.

"Plans for HR stadium hinge on funding." *Douglas County News-Press*, December 11, 1998.

"Taking their case to Clinton: Ranch students got to D.C. to speak their minds about violence, gun control." *Highlands Ranch Herald*. July 29, 1999.

"New prom program will be boon for Highlands Ranch." *Douglas County News-Press*, February 24, 2000.

"Drum line raises \$5,000 to buy 4.3-octave rosewood instrument." *Douglas County News-Press*, April 6, 2000.

"\$40,000 ropes course will be disassembled to appease neighbors." *Douglas County News-Press*, September 7, 2000.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2000/09/06/front%20page/821744.txt>

"Highlands Ranch band spends New Year's in Austria." *Douglas County News-Press*, January 18, 2001.

"High school students learn aspects of business through job shadowing." *Douglas County News-Press*, February 8, 2001.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2001/02/09/education/1394220.txt>

"Highlands Ranch High School to undergo renovation and addition." *Douglas County News-Press*, January 17, 2002.

"Highlands Ranch High School getting \$14.7 million face lift." *Douglas County News-Press*, February 7, 2002.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2002/02/08/import/3219030.txt>

"Renovations to Highlands Ranch High School complete." *Douglas County News-Press*, August 28, 2003.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2003/08/15/import/10015959.txt>

"Dinner theater format planned for Southern family play." *Douglas County News-Press*, April 29, 2004.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2004/04/29/import/11413872.txt>

"Tale of Helen Keller onstage at HRHS." *Douglas County News-Press*, January 13, 2005.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2005/01/17/import/13766081.txt>

Legend High School (no. 9)

<http://www.legendtitans.org/>

"New high school will have career tech education." *Parker Chronicle*. January 19, 2006.

"New high school on track for August." *Douglas County News-Press*. January 17, 2008.

"Construction begins on High School No. 9." *Douglas County News-Press*, December 23, 2006.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2006/12/23/education/17628622.txt>

"Legend in the making." *Douglas County News-Press*, August 7, 2008.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2008/08/07/front%20page/19898541.txt>

Legend High School Annual Report. Douglas County School District, 2009.

Mountain Vista High School (no. 6)

<http://schools.dcsdk12.org/education/school/school.php?sectionid=35>

"New school prepares to open doors to students." *The Denver Post*, August 12, 2001.

"First Day at Mountain Vista." *Douglas County News-Press*, August 16, 2001.

"Mountain Vista principal and staff lend a hand at Ground Zero." *Douglas County News-Press*, November 15, 2001.

"Once Upon a Mattress' the first musical at Mountain Vista." *Douglas County News-Press*, March 7, 2002.

"Four rounds of vandalism add up to \$21,000 damage for new high school." *Douglas County News-Press*, July 11, 2002.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2002/07/12/front%20page/4725499.txt>

"From the ridge to the mountain: ThunderRidge assistant principal takes helm at Mountain Vista." *Douglas County News-Press*. August 14, 2002.

"Mountain Vista resolution in the works." *Douglas County News-Press*, April 6, 2006.
<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2006/04/06/local%20news%20and%20features/16441283.txt>

Parker High School / Parker Consolidated School (1936-1958)

Parker High School Commencement Program. May 16, 1950.

"County School Board Cuts Parker Out of High School Work." *Record Journal of Douglas County*. 1958.

"From the past: Parker News, May 26, 1932." Unknown Newspaper. November 21, 1975.

Everest, Christine. "Plum Creek." *Douglas County Schools Paper. Mary Cornish Papers*. December 16, 1987.

"Class of 1947 celebrates 50th reunion." *Douglas County Trail*. August 21, 1997.

Ponderosa High School (no. 2)

<http://www1.dcsdk12.org/secondary/phs/>

"Highway 83 setback creates problem at new school site." *Douglas County News-Press*, February 19, 1981.

"Balloon launchingrk+r*I

rk, talk soothe 1st-day jitters at Ponderosa." *Douglas County News-Press*, January 27, 1983.

"Ponderosa Marching Band to compete in St. Petersburg, FL." *Douglas County Trail*, March 23, 1995.

"The March to the National Championship." *Weekly News Chronicle*, April 12, 1995.

"Ponderosa students honor 20 of their favorite teachers." *Douglas County News-Press*, June 2, 1999.

"Crash claims four." *Douglas County News-Press*, June 27, 2004.

"10% have carried a weapon." *Douglas County News-Press*, November 18, 2004.

<http://coloradocommunitynewspapers.com/articles/2004/11/18/education/13373349.txt>

"Ponderosa band marches way to Disney's Magic Music Days." *Douglas County News-Press*, November 9, 2006.

Rock Canyon High School (no. 7)

<http://www1.dcsdk12.org/secondary/rchs/redesign/index.php>

"Rock Canyon principal challenges students to set their standards high." *Douglas County News-Press*, March 4, 2004.

"Budding RCHS newshounds net awards." *Douglas County News-Press*, April 28, 2005.

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"We will always be the first at RCHS." *YourHub.com*, May 31, 2007.

ThunderRidge High School (no. 4)

<http://www1.dcsdk12.org/secondary/trhs/index.htm>

"New high school will impact calendar of middle school." *Douglas County News-Press*, 1995.

"The ThunderRidge Grizzlies ... It's all in the name." *Douglas County News-Press*, February 9, 1996.

"County's new high school is ThunderRidge." *Douglas County News-Press*, February 10, 1996.

"ThunderRidge High School opening 'up in the air,' principal says." *Douglas County News-Press*, August 7, 1996.

"Ranch's second high school opens its doors." *Douglas County News-Press*, August 23, 1996.

"A new tradition." *Douglas County News-Press*, September 30, 1999.

"ThunderRidge: Real life suburban high school." *Rocky Mountain News*, November 7, 1999.

"ThunderRidge music students perform in Ireland." *Douglas County News-Press*, March 30, 2000.

"Band, choir dazzle Ireland." *The Grizzly Growl*, April 10, 2000.

"The hills are alive: ThunderRidge High presents 'Sound of Music.'" *Douglas County News-Press*, May 4, 2000.

"ThunderRidge seniors take their place in school history." *Douglas County News-Press*, June 1, 2000.

"Industrial arts class gets 21 st century twist." *Douglas County News-Press*, November 9, 2000.

"Students get lesson in realities of car accidents." *Douglas County News-Press*, December 7, 2000.

"Ready for the runway." *Douglas County News-Press*, March 1, 2001.

"Medieval England comes to ThunderRidge." *Douglas County News-Press*, May 3, 2001.

"Senior projects at ThunderRidge required for graduation, prepare students for life." *Douglas County News-Press*, May 24, 2001.

"ThunderRidge students present 'Bye Bye Birdie'." *Douglas County News-Press*, April 25, 2002.

"3 ThunderRidge players charged for harassment." *Douglas County News-Press*, February 5, 2004.

"Students support soldiers in Iraq." *Douglas County News-Press*, November 11, 2004.
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