

Clear Creek High School
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School Profile 2016-2017

The Community

Clear Creek School District serves the educational needs of Evergreen, Idaho Springs, Georgetown, and Empire, Colorado. Currently, the district consists of one high school, one middle school, and three elementary schools. The district is committed to inspiring, challenging, and empowering every student to achieve the highest levels of success in education and in life. The student body is 83% white, 11% Hispanic, and 6% other.

The School

Clear Creek High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school enrolling 232 students grades 9-12. It is located in a peaceful mountain setting in the Colorado foothills. The high school is named after the creek that is famous for the beginning of the Colorado Gold Rush in 1859. The school mascot, Golddigger Gus, pays homage to the history of the creek and county. The school sits on a 33 acre campus and boasts a beautiful library with a cozy stone fireplace, a gorgeous auditorium theater, state-of-the-art athletic facilities, spacious music and art rooms, computer labs, and a large greenhouse. **We are proud to have an attendance rate of 93.3% and graduation rate of 87%. Of our faculty, 74% hold advanced degrees with 7% of those being doctorates. CCHS has a 1:18 teacher to student ratio.**

CCHS is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is a member of the College Board.
CEEB code: 060785

Curriculum

CCHS offers a challenging curriculum that includes Honors level and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. The Honors diploma requires that students have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA within the rigorous Honors course schedule. The CCHS academic program is organized on semester and modified block schedules.

AP Courses are offered in: *Biology, Calculus AB, Government, Studio Art, United States History, World History, English Language, English Literature, and Environmental Science*

Honors Courses are offered in: *World Literature I & II, Economics, Algebra II, Earth Science, Geometry, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology*

CCHS requires 26 academic credits in order to graduate. In order to encourage engagement with the community and increase experiential knowledge in our graduates, students are also required to complete 40 hours of community service prior to graduating.

General Graduation Requirements (26 credits):

English 4	PE/Health 1.5
Math 3	Arts 1
Science 3	Electives 8
Social Sciences 3.5	Foreign Language 2

Grading System:

Traditional- unweighted	A = 4.0
Honors- additional .5 weight	A = 4.5
AP- additional 1.0 weight	A = 5.0

Grading Scale:

A - Excellent	90-100
B - Above Average	80-89
C - Average	70-79
D - Below Average	65-69
F - Failing	0-64

Student Achievement

Class of 2016 statistics: Of those who reported their plans, 47% went to four-year colleges/universities, 22% went to two-year colleges, and 31% selected work, military service, or travel experience.

CCHS Points of Pride

- In 2016, **20% of CCHS graduates received an Honors Diploma**
- The class of 2016 was offered over **\$900,000 in scholarships** and served **3,057 hours of community service**
- CCHS offers **concurrent enrollment** in state institutions of higher education
- **Foreign Exchange Program** through CIEE, ASSE, YFU, and AYUSA
- **ACCESS** is an integral part of the academic program. Students utilize this time to gain additional academic help and complete make-up assignments. Teachers are available for tutoring and mentoring
- **Academic All State** recognition for teams maintaining GPAs of 3.5 or higher was achieved by: Girls and Boys Cross Country, Volleyball, Boys and Girls Skiing, and Boys and Girls Basketball
- Clear Creek Booster Club sponsors **the award-winning Georgetown to Idaho Springs Half Marathon**. The funds raised directly benefit CCHS students. Over 1,200 runners participated in the 39th year of the race and over \$75,000 was raised for the schools

Standardized Test Scores

The SAT will be administered as a mandated test for Colorado juniors in 2016-17. We are proud to report that CCHS juniors outperformed the Colorado state test score average on the ACT for the past 5 years and the national average for the past 3 years.

	ACT Scores					
Year	Math	English	Reading	Science	Composite	State Avg
2016	20.2	21.4	22.1	21.0	21.3	20.4
2015	20.0	22.3	23.2	21.8	21.9	20.7
2014	20.7	20.8	22.2	20.8	21.2	20.6
2013	19.5	20.6	21.1	20.8	20.7	20.4
2012	21.1	20.8	21.2	21.1	21.2	20.6

Electives

Art History	Digital Photography	Madrigal Singers	Psychology
Band	Guitar	Marine Biology	Warren Tech
Choir	Human Anatomy	Musical Theater	Women's Fitness
Commercial Art	Independent Study	Outdoor Seminar	Work Study
2 D Design	Internships	Philosophy	Woodworking
3 D Design	Journalism	Piano	World Cinema

Activities

Gold Milers	Recycling Club	Science Olympiad	Theater and Drama
Interact	River Watch	Student Gov't	USA Boxing
Key Club	Robotics Club	Talent/Variety Show	Yearbook
National Honor Society			

Athletics

Baseball	Football	Ski Team	Volleyball
Basketball	Lacrosse	Soccer	Wrestling
Cross Country	Poms/Spirit	Track	

Recent CCHS Graduates Have Been Accepted at the Following Schools:

Adams State College	CU Denver	Rochester Institute of Technology
Arizona State	Embry Riddle Aeronautical	University of California
Art Institute of Colorado	Grand Canyon University	University of Denver
Boston College	Hofstra University	University of Hawaii
Bucknell University	Michigan State	University of Maine
Baylor University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Montana
Cal Polytech	Notre Dame	University of N. Carolina
Colorado Christian	Ohio Wesleyan	University of Notre Dame
Colorado College	Oregon State	University of Rochester
Colorado School of Mines	Purdue University	University of Wyoming
Colorado State University	Regis University	Western State University
CU Boulder		