



School and District Awards Ceremony

Friday, May 16, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Banner Pick-up and Photos
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.



COLORADO
Department of Education

Presentation of Awards



Center of Excellence

Given to schools with large proportions of at-risk students that have demonstrated consistently high student academic growth. To be eligible for the award, at least 75% of a school's population must be designated as at-risk and median growth percentiles in English Language Arts, Math, and English Language Proficiency must all meet or exceed 55.

District Accredited with Distinction

Given to school districts that earn 80% or more of the points on the District Performance Framework. The District Performance Frameworks measure student performance in academic achievement, academic growth, academic growth gaps and post-secondary and workforce readiness.

Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Given to schools that demonstrate exceptional student growth over time. These schools received an Exceeds expectations rating on the Academic Growth indicator of the School Performance Frameworks, reflecting consistently high rates of student growth in English Language Arts, Math, and English Language Proficiency.

High School Growth Award

Recognizes high schools that demonstrate the highest levels of students' academic growth in Reading, Writing, and Math, within each classification used by the statewide association for high school activities for the sport of football. These schools have demonstrated the highest rate of student longitudinal growth.

John Irwin Award

Given to schools that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement over time. These schools received an Exceeds expectations rating on the Academic Achievement indicator of the School Performance Frameworks reflecting exceptional performance in Math, English Language Arts, and Science.

Award Winners

Academy School District 20

2023 District Accredited with Distinction

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Pioneer Elementary School

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Academy International Elementary School

Frontier Elementary School

Rockrimmon Elementary School

The Classical Academy High School

Village Middle School

Woodmen-Roberts Elementary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Antelope Trails Elementary School

Challenger Middle School

Foothills Elementary School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Antelope Trails Elementary School

Challenger Middle School

Chinook Trail Elementary School

Discovery Canyon Campus Elementary School

Discovery Canyon Campus Middle School

Foothills Elementary School

Rockrimmon Elementary School

TCA College Pathways

The Classical Academy Charter

The Classical Academy High School

The Classical Academy Middle School

Village Middle School

2023 John Irwin Award

Eagleview Middle School

Mountain View Elementary School

Pine Creek High School

Ranch Creek Elementary

Adams 12 Five Star Schools

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Arapahoe Ridge Elementary School

Coyote Ridge Elementary School

Hulstrom K-8

Silver Creek Elementary

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Coyote Ridge Elementary School

Hulstrom K-8

Meridian Elementary School

Stargate Charter School

Thunder Vista P-8

2023 John Irwin Award

Silver Creek Elementary

Adams-Arapahoe 28J (Aurora Public Schools)

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Aurora Quest K-8

2024 Center of Excellence Award

Clara Brown Entrepreneurial Academy

Alamosa RE-11J

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Alamosa Elementary School K-2

Aspen 1

2023 and 2024 District Accredited with Distinction

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Aspen Community Charter School

2023 John Irwin Award

Aspen Community Charter School

Bennett 29J

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Bennett Elementary School

Big Sandy 100J

2024 District Accredited with Distinction

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Simla Elementary School

Boulder Valley School District RE-2

2024 District Accredited with Distinction

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Bear Creek Elementary School

Fairview High School

High Peaks Elementary School

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Crest View Elementary School

Heatherwood Elementary School

Superior Elementary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies
Community Montessori School
Douglass Elementary School
Fireside Elementary School
Mesa Elementary School
Nederland Elementary School
Whittier Elementary School

2023 High School Growth Award

Centaurus High School
Fairview High School
Monarch High School

2024 High School Growth Award

Fairview High School
Monarch High School
Peak to Peak Charter School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Bear Creek Elementary School
Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies
Creekside Elementary School at Martin Park
Eisenhower Elementary School
Eldorado K-8 School
Fairview High School
Fireside Elementary School
Flatirons Elementary School
Foothill Elementary School
High Peaks Elementary School
Jamestown Elementary School
Kohl Elementary School
Mesa Elementary School
Southern Hills Middle School
Summit Middle Charter School
Superior Elementary School

2023 John Irwin Award

Boulder Universal
Horizons K-8 School
Monarch High School

2024 John Irwin Award

Centaurus High School
Douglass Elementary School
Heatherwood Elementary School
Louisville Middle School
Meadowlark School
Nederland Elementary School

Brush RE-2(J)

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Brush High School

Charter School Institute

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Academy of Arts and Knowledge Elementary

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Axis International Academy
Coperni 3
Steamboat Montessori

2024 High School Growth Award

Golden View Classical Academy

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Colorado Early Colleges Douglas County
Colorado Early Colleges Online Campus
Mountain Middle School
Steamboat Montessori

2024 John Irwin Award

Golden View Classical Academy

Cherry Creek School District 5

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Willow Creek Elementary School

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Altitude Elementary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Trails West Elementary School
Walnut Hills Community Elementary School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Altitude Elementary School
Campus Middle School
Challenge School
Cherry Creek Charter Academy
Cherry Hills Village Elementary School
Cottonwood Creek Elementary School
Dry Creek Elementary School
Homestead Elementary School
Willow Creek Elementary School

2023 John Irwin Award

Black Forest Hills Elementary School
Heritage Elementary School
Walnut Hills Community Elementary School

2024 John Irwin Award

Cherry Creek High School
Creekside Elementary School
Greenwood Elementary School

Cheyenne Mountain School District 12

2023 & 2024 District Accredited with Distinction

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Broadmoor Elementary School
Cheyenne Mountain Elementary School
Cheyenne Mountain High School
Cheyenne Mountain Junior High School
Gold Camp Elementary School
Pinon Valley Elementary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Broadmoor Elementary School

Clear Creek RE-1

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

King-Murphy Elementary School

Colorado Springs School District 11

2024 Center of Excellence Award

Jackson Elementary School
Queen Palmer Elementary School

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Madison Elementary School
Scott Elementary School

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Howbert Elementary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

King Elementary School
Steele Elementary School
Taylor Elementary School

2024 John Irwin Award

Chipeta Elementary School
Odyssey Early College and Career Options
Steele Elementary School

Creede School District

2023 & 2024 District Accredited with Distinction

Delta County School District 50J

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

North Fork School of Integrated Studies

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

North Fork Montessori @ Crawford

2023 John Irwin Award

Delta Academy of Applied Learning

2024 John Irwin Award

North Fork Montessori @ Crawford
North Fork School of Integrated Studies

Denver Public Schools

2023 Center of Excellence Award

DSST: Cole Middle School
DSST: College View High School
DSST: Green Valley Ranch High School
Holm Elementary School
Lowry Elementary School
Rocky Mountain Prep Federal

2024 Center of Excellence Award

Colfax Elementary School
Gust Elementary School
Rocky Mountain Prep Federal
Rocky Mountain Prep Westwood

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Bromwell Elementary School
Creativity Challenge Community
Denver Green School Northfield
Polaris Elementary School
Steck Elementary School
University Park Elementary School
Valdez Elementary School

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Bradley International School
McAuliffe International School
Morey Middle School
Palmer Elementary School
Sabin World School
Slavens K-8 School
Steele Elementary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

French American School of Denver
Swigert International School

2024 High School Growth Award

DSST: Cedar High School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Asbury Elementary School
Bradley International School
Cory Elementary School
Denver School of the Arts
Edison Elementary School
Lincoln Elementary School
Morey Middle School
Park Hill School
Polaris Elementary School
Slavens K-8 School
Steck Elementary School
Steele Elementary School
Swigert International School
Teller Elementary School
University Park Elementary School
Valdez Elementary School
Westerly Creek Elementary

William (Bill) Roberts ECE-8 School
Willow Elementary School

2023 John Irwin Award

Bradley International School
DSST: Cedar Middle School
Southmoor Elementary School

2024 John Irwin Award

Edison Elementary School
Isabella Bird Community School
McAuliffe International School

District 49

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Pikes Peak Early College

Douglas County School District RE-1

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Heritage Elementary School
Lone Tree Elementary

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

American Academy
Coyote Creek Elementary School
Flagstone Elementary School
Redstone Elementary School
Saddle Ranch Elementary School
Sage Canyon Elementary
Sand Creek Elementary School
Stone Mountain Elementary

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Cherry Valley Elementary School
Copper Mesa Elementary School
Larkspur Elementary School
Northeast Elementary School
Soaring Hawk Elementary School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Academy Charter School
American Academy
Bear Canyon Elementary School
Ben Franklin Academy
Buffalo Ridge Elementary School
Challenge to Excellence Charter School
Cherry Valley Elementary School
Copper Mesa Elementary School
Coyote Creek Elementary School
Eldorado Elementary School
Franktown Elementary School
Gold Rush Elementary
Heritage Elementary School
Lone Tree Elementary
North Star Academy
Northeast Elementary School
Northridge Elementary School

Platte River Charter Academy
Ranch View Middle School
Redstone Elementary School
Rock Canyon High School
Rocky Heights Middle School
Saddle Ranch Elementary School
STEM School Highlands Ranch
Stone Mountain Elementary
Summit View Elementary School
Timber Trail Elementary School
Wildcat Mountain Elementary School

2023 John Irwin Award

Eagle Ridge Elementary School
Flagstone Elementary School
Mountain Ridge Middle School
Parker Core Knowledge Charter School
Renaissance Secondary School
Sand Creek Elementary School
2024 John Irwin Award

2024 John Irwin Award

Cougar Run Elementary School
Mountain Vista High School
Parker Core Knowledge

Durango School District 9-R

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Animas Valley Elementary School
Park Elementary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary School
Needham Elementary School

2024 John Irwin Award

Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary School

Eads School District RE-1

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Eads Middle School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Eads Elementary School
Eads Middle School

Eagle County School District RE-50

2024 Center of Excellence Award

Berry Creek Middle School

2023 Center of Excellence Award

Eagle County Charter Academy

East Grand 2

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Fraser Valley Elementary School

2024 John Irwin Award
Fraser Valley Elementary School

Eaton RE-2
2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
2024 John Irwin Award
Galeton Elementary School

2023 John Irwin Award
Benjamin Eaton Elementary School

Edison 54 JT
2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Edison Elementary School

Education reEnvisioned BOCES
2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
2024 High School Growth Award
2024 John Irwin Award
Ascend College Prep

Elbert 200
2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Elbert Elementary School

Englewood School District 1
2023 Center of Excellence Award
Wm E Bishop Elementary School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award
Englewood Leadership Academy

Expeditionary BOCES
2023 & 2024 District Accredited with Distinction

Fountain 8
2024 Center of Excellence Award
Aragon Elementary School

Frenchman RE-3
2023 & 2024 District Accredited with Distinction

Garfield 16
2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Grand Valley Center for Family Learning

Greeley 6
2023 Center of Excellence Award
Centennial Elementary School
Martinez Elementary School
Prairie Heights Middle School

2024 Center of Excellence Award
Brentwood Middle School

Gunnison Watershed School District RE-1J
2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Crested Butte Elementary School

2023 High School Growth Award
2023 John Irwin Award
Crested Butte Secondary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Marble Charter School

Harrison School District 2
2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Aspire Online Academy
The Vanguard School (High)

2023 High School Growth Award
The Vanguard School (High)

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award
The Vanguard School (High)
The Vanguard School (Middle)

2023 John Irwin Award
James Irwin Elementary School - Astrozon

Hinsdale County RE 1
2023 & 2024 District Accredited with Distinction

Idalia RJ-3
2023 & 2024 District Accredited with Distinction

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
2023 John Irwin Award
Idalia Elementary School

Jefferson County Public School District R-1
2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Dennison Elementary School
Meiklejohn Elementary
Parmalee Elementary School
Ralston Elementary School
Stober Elementary School

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Fairmount Elementary School
Governor's Ranch Elementary School
Marshdale Elementary School
Mitchell Elementary School
Sierra Elementary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Red Rocks Elementary School
Slater Elementary School
Weber Elementary School

2023 High School Growth Award

Evergreen High School

2024 High School Growth Award

D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Bradford K8 South
Dennison Elementary School
D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School
Devinny Elementary School
Evergreen High School
Evergreen Middle School
Fairmount Elementary School
Kyffin Elementary School
Manning Options School
Maple Grove Elementary School
Marshdale Elementary School
Meiklejohn Elementary
Mitchell Elementary School
Parmalee Elementary School
Ralston Elementary School
Rooney Ranch Elementary School
Shaffer Elementary School
Sierra Elementary School
Ute Meadows Elementary School
West Jefferson Elementary School
West Woods Elementary School
Westridge Elementary School
Wilmot Elementary School

2023 John Irwin Award

Bergen Valley Intermediate School
Bradford K8 North
Coal Creek Canyon K-8 Elementary School
Conifer Senior High School
Hackberry Hill Elementary School
Jefferson Academy High School
Red Rocks Elementary School

2024 John Irwin Award

Bergen Elementary School
Jefferson Academy Secondary
Normandy Elementary School

Karval RE-23

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Karval Junior-Senior High School

Lewis-Palmer School District 38

2023 & 2024 District Accredited with Distinction

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Ray E Kilmer Elementary School

2023 John Irwin Award

Bear Creek Elementary School
Lewis-Palmer Elementary School
Prairie Winds Elementary School

2024 John Irwin Award

Palmer Ridge High School

Limon RE-4J

2024 District Accredited with Distinction

Littleton School District 6

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Wilder Elementary School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

John Wesley Powell Middle School
Littleton Academy
Lois Lenski Elementary School
Newton Middle School
Runyon Elementary School
Wilder Elementary School

2023 John Irwin Award

Heritage High School
Sandburg Elementary School

2024 John Irwin Award

Arapahoe High School
Gudy Gaskill Elementary

McClave RE-2

2023 & 2024 District Accredited with Distinction

2024 John Irwin Award

McClave Elementary School

Meeker School District RE-1

2024 District Accredited with Distinction

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

2024 John Irwin Award

Meeker High School

Mesa County Valley School District 51

2024 Center of Excellence Award

Chipeta Elementary School

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Broadway Elementary School
Scenic Elementary School

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Mesa View Elementary School

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Loma Elementary School
New Emerson School at Columbus
Tope Elementary School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award
Broadway Elementary School
New Emerson School at Columbus
Scenic Elementary School
Wingate Elementary School

2024 John Irwin Award
Gateway School

Moffat School District 1

2024 John Irwin Award
Maybell School

Montezuma-Cortez RE-1

2024 Center of Excellence
Mesa Elementary School

Norwood R-2J

2023 & 2024 District Accredited with Distinction

Park County RE-2

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Edith Teter Elementary School
South Park Middle School

Plateau RE-5

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Peetz Elementary School

Plateau Valley 50

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Plateau Valley Elementary School

2023 John Irwin Award
Plateau Valley Junior High School

Platte Canyon 1

2024 John Irwin Award
Fitzsimmons Middle School

Poudre School District R-1

2024 Center of Excellence Award
Putnam Elementary School

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

McGraw Elementary School
Traut Core Elementary School

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Zach Elementary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Bauder Elementary School
Beattie Elementary School
Bethke Elementary School
Fort Collins Montessori School

2023 High School Growth Award
Compass Community Collaborative School
Liberty Common Charter School

2024 High School Growth Award
Compass Community Collaborative School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award
Bethke Elementary School
Compass Community Collaborative School
Dunn Elementary School
Fort Collins Montessori School
Fossil Ridge High School
Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School
Liberty Common Charter School
McGraw Elementary School
Traut Core Elementary School
Werner Elementary School
Zach Elementary School

2023 John Irwin Award
Cache La Poudre Middle School
Riffenburgh Elementary School
Shepardson Elementary School

Pueblo City Schools District 60

2024 Center of Excellence Award
Irving Elementary School
Minnequa Elementary School
Sunset Park Elementary School

Pueblo County School District 70

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
Beulah Middle School
Sierra Vista Elementary School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award
The Connect Charter School

Ridgway R-2

2024 District Accredited with Distinction

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award
2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Ridgway Middle School

2023 John Irwin Award

Ridgway High School

2024 John Irwin Award

Ridgway Elementary School

Salida School District R-32

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Longfellow Elementary School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Crest Academy

San Juan BOCES

2024 John Irwin Award

Southwest Colorado eSchool

Sangre De Cristo Re-22J

2024 District Accredited with Distinction

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Sangre de Cristo Elementary School

South Routt RE 3

2023 & 2024 District Accredited with Distinction

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

2024 John Irwin Award

Soroco Middle School

St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J

2023 & 2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Altona Middle School

Black Rock Elementary

Erie Elementary School

Grand View Elementary

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Hygiene Elementary School

Lyons Elementary School

Mountain View Elementary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Longmont Estates Elementary School

Mead Elementary School

Niwot Elementary School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Altona Middle School

Black Rock Elementary

Blue Mountain Elementary

Central Elementary School

Erie Elementary School

Highlands Elementary School

Hygiene Elementary School

Lyons Elementary School

Lyons Middle/Senior High School

Niwot Elementary School

2023 John Irwin Award

Fall River Elementary School

Red Hawk Elementary

St. Vrain Virtual High School

2024 John Irwin Award

Soaring Heights PK-8

Steamboat Springs School District RE-2

2023 District Accredited with Distinction

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

North Routt Community Charter School

2024 John Irwin Award

Strawberry Park Elementary School

Summit RE-1

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Frisco Elementary School

2023 High School Growth Award

Snowy Peaks Junior/Senior High School

Telluride School District R-1

2023 & 2024 District Accredited with Distinction

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Telluride Elementary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Telluride Middle School

Thompson School District R2-J

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Truscott Elementary School

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Carrie Martin Elementary School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Berthoud Elementary School

2024 John Irwin Award

Coyote Ridge Elementary School

Weld RE-4

2024 High School Growth Award

Windsor Charter Academy Early College High School

2023 & 2024 John Irwin Award

Windsor Charter Academy Early College High School

Windsor Charter Academy Elementary School

Windsor Charter Academy Middle School

Weld RE-8

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Kenneth Homyak PK-8

West End RE-2

2023 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Nucla Middle School

Westminster Public Schools

2024 Center of Excellence Award

Mesa Elementary School

Wiggins RE-50(J)

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Wiggins Primary School

Woodland Park Re-2

2024 Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

Columbine Elementary School

Summit Elementary School

Woodland Park Middle School



On behalf of the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado State Board of Education, thank you for attending the 2025 School and District Performance Awards Ceremony! Congratulations!

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