

Colorado Definitions of Public School Levels

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Preschool: A preschool generally serves children from birth to kindergarten eligibility age.

Elementary School: An elementary school will generally serve children in grades K -5, but may include preschool and extend as far as 8th grade.

Middle School: A middle (junior high) school will generally serve children in grades 6-8 but may extend beyond into typical elementary or high school grades.

High School: A high school will generally serve children in grades 9-12. Schools which generally serve children in grades 6-12 are termed “undivided high schools.”

***NOTES:** For accountability purposes, Colorado assigns each school to one or more levels- elementary, middle and/or high school. For other uses, such as Highly Qualified Teachers, Colorado attributes each school to one of two levels- elementary or secondary. Middle schools and high schools are considered to be secondary.*