



2015-2016



Community Report

Poudre School District At-A-Glance

PSD covers more than 1,800 square miles in northern Colorado with diverse school settings. The district offers a wide spectrum of educational programs including early childhood, International Baccalaureate, Core Knowledge, Bilingual/Dual Language Immersion, Hybrid/Online, Expeditionary Learning and STEM.

Our Schools

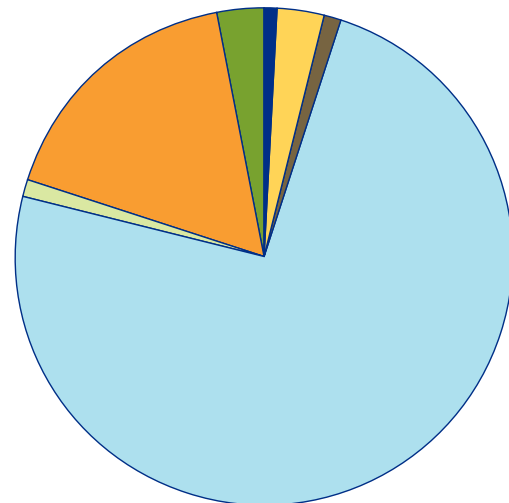
Total Number of Schools	51
Elementary Schools	30
Middle Schools	9
Comprehensive High Schools	4
Specialty Schools	2
K-12 Schools	2
Charter Schools	4

Our Employees

Licensed positions	2,007
Classified positions	1,645
Administrative positions	147
Average teaching experience in PSD	11.96
Highly qualified teachers	99.6%

PSD Student Profile*

Pre-K - 12 Enrollment: 29,527
K - 12 Enrollment: 28,723



- American Indian/Alaskan Native: >1%
- Asian Islander: 3%
- Black: 1%
- White: 74%
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: >1%
- Hispanic: 18%
- Other: 2%

Students served by the following programs

Free/Reduced Lunch Program	31%
Gifted and Talented Programs	11%
Special Education Programs	8%
English Language Learner Programs	7%

*Includes PSD's four charter schools.
 Visit www.schoolview.org for additional data.

District Ends

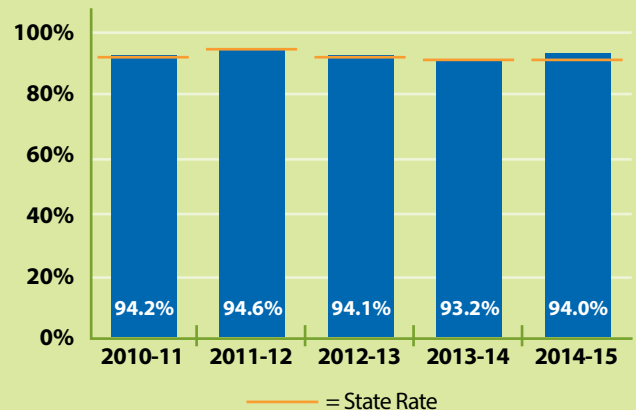


District Goal: PSD students attain milestones to ensure long-term academic success. PSD measures individual student progress against these milestones.

2016 Graduation Rates:



District Attendance Rates:



ACT Composite Scores:

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
PSD	22.3	22.6	22.2
State	20.3	20.0	20.1
National	21	21	20.8

Dropout Rates: 2015/16

PSD	1.7%
State	2.3%

International Baccalaureate:

The IB Program, offered through Poudre High School, had 97% of the 2015 class earning their full IB Diploma, compared to the international average of 79%, and the national average of 70%.



District Goal: PSD students feel academically and socially connected to their school community. PSD provides engaging opportunities to support students' individual pursuits and interests.

- All four comprehensive high schools **offer band, choir, orchestra, jazz band, theater/musical theater classes** and performing opportunities.
- Eight PSD ensembles were invited in 2015 to **perform at the prestigious Colorado Music Educators Association (CMEA) Clinic/Conference.**
- PSD students **participated in state and national competitions** including:
 - DECA, Future Business Leaders of America, Robotics and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Science Olympiad, Ocean Bowl and Knowledge Bowl



District Goal: PSD students are prepared for postsecondary success. PSD ensures access and encourages participation in a wide range of experiences that reflect expectations of a changing world.



Technology is a tool PSD uses to enhance student learning and deepen exposure to skills they will need to be successful in a global society. Through software programs like Google Classroom and Discovery Education that bring the outside world into the classroom, 1-to-1 device programs for all students, access to online resources and curriculum and digital innovation through projects like international study buddies, PSD students are able to refine their skills and knowledge to help them navigate the 21st century marketplace.

These experiences happen every day in classrooms around the district in a multitude of ways that are often unique to the subject matter, the teacher and his or her personal experiences.

PSD issued 21,208 new and existing student devices during the 2015-16 school year.

The effective use of technology in every PSD school enhances learning in the classroom, ensuring students are prepared for the challenges and opportunities of a changing world.

Postsecondary and Workforce Ready Internship Program Participation:

	Eligible Students	Applications	Percentage Applied	Interns Accepted
2014-15	692	123	18%	102
2015-16	604	138	23%	105
2016-17	712	133	18.7%	115



District Goal: PSD students are challenged, motivated and inspired to reach their personal level of excellence. PSD offers students a broad and diverse set of opportunities that cultivate their talents and offers multiple pathways to high levels of success.

PSD is proud to be a **top-performing district**, recognized at the state and national level in 2015-16 for student, staff and district excellence.

#PSDPROUD

- Recognized by U.S. Department of Education as **national leader in sustainability**
- PSD music groups featured at **state CMEA concert**
- PSD named one of **Colorado's healthiest places to work**
- Kinard Middle School named **National Blue Ribbon School**
- Fossil Ridge named **2015 Project Unify School of the year** by the Colorado Special Olympics
- Polaris and Preston selected as **Trailblazer Schools to Watch**

Student Success and Achievement

- District juniors earned **highest ACT scores** in seven years
- PSD teams won middle and high school **Colorado Science Bowl**
- Leshar students placed at the state **Technology Student Association competition**
- Fort Collins High School graduate named one of two **Colorado "State AP Scholars"**

High Quality Teachers and Staff

- Zach Elementary Assistant Principal named **Colorado AP of the Year**
- Wellington Middle School Science teacher named **National Science Teacher Association Distinguished Teaching** award winner
- Leshar's principal named **Colorado Principal of the Year** and National Secondary Principal of the Year

Mill Levy Overview

In November 2016, PSD's voters approved a bond and mill levy override to implement the district's long range plan, which is designed to accommodate projected growth for the next 5-10 years. The \$375 million bond will pay for planned construction of three new schools as well as improvements to all existing campuses. The \$8 million mill levy override will be phased in over four years and will pay for operating costs of the new buildings and expenses associated with continued growth.

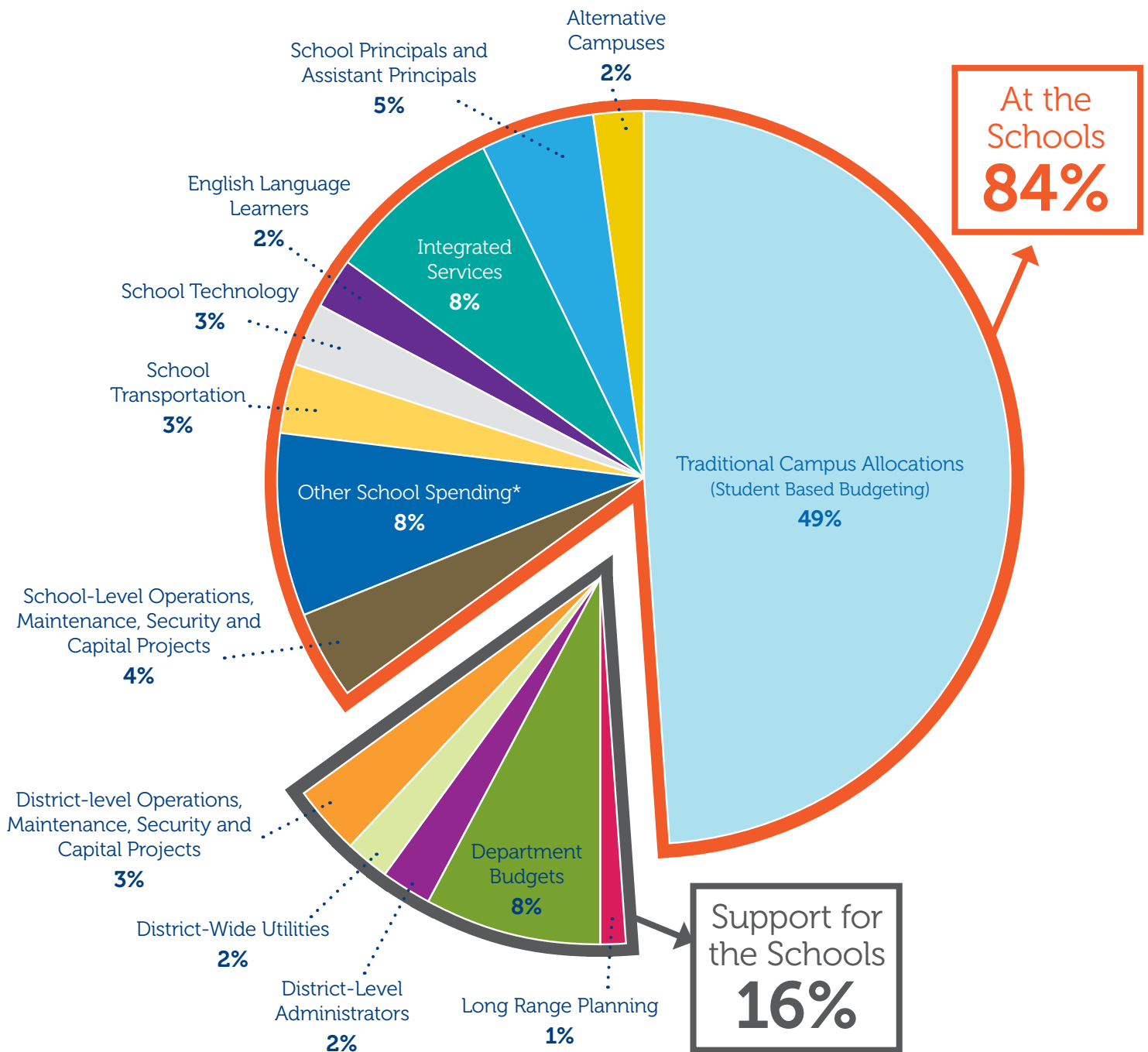
PSD delayed implementation of the long range plan for one year as it was engaged in litigation to verify the validity of the ballot questions and its ability to sell bonds.

The revised timeline for new construction and improvements is as follows:

- New Southeast Elementary School: *Opens fall 2019*
- Addition to Zach Elementary School: *Opens fall 2019*
- New middle school/high school on Prospect Avenue (east of I-25): *Opens fall 2021*
- New middle school/high school in the Wellington area: *Opens fall 2021*
- Ongoing facilities improvements to all 50 schools: *Begins fall 2018*

Fiscal Transparency

2015-16 Actual Expenditures: \$237,674,676



* Extra duty, required staff development, substitutes, textbooks, directed Mill Levy, etc.



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