



Learner Goals

As a result of the education program of the district, students will:

1. Develop proficiency in the fundamental tools of learning,
2. Develop intellectual curiosity, good study habits, self-discipline, effective communication skills and critical thinking skills,
3. Develop social responsibility as a citizen within the community,
4. Be prepared to seek further training or education and be employable,
5. Recognize the value of physical fitness, practice good health habits and develop an interest in a variety of leisure-time physical activities,
6. Establish and maintain a personal value system compatible with society,
7. Respect and understand individual and cultural differences,
8. Develop an ability to adapt to change, a value for lifelong learning and
9. Develop appreciation of and expression in the creative arts.

"The teachers are so good at teaching. Everyday you can learn something new."

—Taylor Moran, UPE 4th Grade

"At Manitou Springs Middle School each student and teacher is unique. It's a privilege to be able to go to this school with its amazing staff and students."

—Katy Henderson, MSMS 8th Grade

"I love being in a small high school. We get a lot of individual attention from teachers and they get to know us as individuals. We also have unlimited opportunities to be involved in school activities. I wouldn't want to be any place else!"

—Scott Fooks, MSHS Class of 2006

"The Manitou Springs Schools are a wonderful place to be a student or work as a staff member. I knew the Manitou community would be a wonderful place to begin my career as a teacher. My hope is that I might impact the lives of the children here just as much as the teachers I had throughout my school years impacted me."

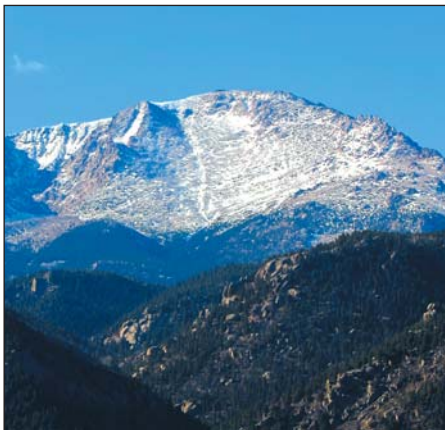
—Natalie Penman, Class of 1999, MSES Kindergarten Teacher

Football Coach George Rykovich "...was a truly good person who taught me the lessons of life, exactly how to live my life right and to be decent and kind and compassionate."

—George Stults, Class of 1993

"Attending Manitou Springs High School was an incredible learning experience. In fact, I entered the field of education as a direct result of the positive influence of a few specific coaches and teachers. Much of the success I enjoy today can be attributed to the values I learned from them."

—Glenn Hard Class of 1986, MSHS Activities Director



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Manitou Springs School

Home of the Mustangs



District 14

"Dedicated to providing a safe and caring learning environment, encouraging all students to reach their potential and preparing responsible citizens."



Ute Pass Elementary School (K-5)
Manitou Springs Elementary School (Pre K-5)
Manitou Springs Middle School (6-8)
Manitou Springs High School (9-12)

Our Schools

Manitou Springs School District 14 is located along Route 24 west of Colorado Springs, and includes the communities of Manitou Springs, Cedar Heights, Cascade, Chipita Park, and Green Mountain Falls. District 14 serves approximately 1300 children preschool to grade 12. Children in grades k-5 who reside in Chipita Park, Cascade, and Green Mountain Falls attend Ute Pass Elementary School, which has an October 2003 enrollment of 121. Children in grades preschool-5 who reside in Manitou Springs and Cedar Heights attend Manitou Springs Elementary School, which has an October 2003 enrollment of 390. Children from all of our communities attend Manitou Springs Middle School and Manitou Springs High School, which have October 2003 enrollments of 329 and 464 respectively.



Our Community

Nestled at the foot of Pikes Peak and blessed with the spectacular views of Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, and Ute Pass, our schools thrive in the richness of small town community life. Our citizens have shown their



support for our schools by passing a construction bond initiative and by supporting a mill levy dedicated specifically to enhancing our technology capabilities, our gifted education programs, and our employee salaries. In the fall of 2002, we occupied a new state of the art shared Middle and High School building dedicated to art, music, and computer technology education.

(Shared Intergrated Learning Center: see cover photo)

Parents are an integral and welcomed part of their child's education, and parents who have come to District 14 from other schools consistently report that they have many meaningful opportunities to be engaged in the life of the school. They feel connected and valued. In addition many of our children stay in District 14 for their entire public school experience. Some children are third or fourth generation Manitou Springs District 14 students. Many of our staff also attended school in District 14. **The result is an "old fashioned" sense of community pride, ownership, and commitment to our schools.**

Our Program

In Manitou Springs District 14 we are proud of our success in meeting the needs of every student. **In addition to a challenging academic curriculum, all of our schools offer comprehensive art, physical education, music, computer technology, special education, and gifted and talented instruction.** Students may choose from many enriching after school programs, particularly at the middle and high schools. Our schools have consistently received a "High" rating on the Colorado State Accountability Report and in December, 2003, the Manitou Springs Elementary School received a rating of "Excellent", the highest rating awarded. The class sizes in our elementary schools typically range from 18 to 25 students. Average Middle School size is 24 students, and average High School class size is 22 students.



Our Graduates

Members of our last four graduating classes at Manitou High School have been awarded close to \$6,000,000 in scholarships and have been accepted to prestigious schools such as the University of Colorado, Cornell, Wheaton, Mount Holyoke, and



the Air Force Academy. Over 70% of our graduates go on to further their educations at the college level. In 2002-2003, the high school girls soccer and volleyball teams and the boys soccer team were all recognized as State Academic Team Champions for having the highest combined grade point averages in Class 3A schools in all of Colorado. Our Symphonic Band and Jazz Bands consistently receive state and national recognition, and the artwork produced by our students is exemplary.

In validation of our commitment to our Mission Statement (see cover), one parent recently stated,

"From the time my child gets on the bus in the morning until she gets home at night, I know she is safe and well cared for. I live in Manitou Springs because I know the school will keep her safe and provide her with a great education!"

Nonresident Students



Many families from communities surrounding District 14 have chosen our schools for their children. **In fact, during the 2003-2004 school year, one of every four of our students was from outside of the district.**

Our ability to accept nonresident students varies from year to year and from grade level to grade level depending upon enrollment and the needs of our students. If you are interested in applying for admission, please visit any of the four school buildings or the district office for an application packet. You can also visit our website and view the drop down menu "Nonresident Students" under "Home". There you will find an application and admissions guidelines.

Our Website: mssd14.k12.co.us

Please visit our website for more detailed information about our school. There you can find school Calendars, Accountability reports including test scores, individual School information, School Board information, Professional Development activities, and links to our Partners. We hope you will find it informative. Please direct any additional questions to (719) 685-2024.