



Aurora West College Preparatory Academy

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Background

A talented team of teachers and administrative staff have developed a plan to ensure that we continue to meet the current and future academic needs of West's students. This exciting change will involve restructuring West Middle School from a 6th-8th grade middle school to a 6th-12th grade school over the next five years. This plan was approved by the Colorado Department of Education, Aurora Public Schools' superintendent, John Barry, and members of the APS Board of Education.

2009 and Beyond

In fall 2009, West Middle School will become Aurora West College Preparatory Academy (AWCP). Our new College Preparatory Academy will continue to serve as a neighborhood school for students grades 6th - 8th. Students may choose to attend the school for grades 9th – 12th, with the first graduating class planned in the 2013-14 academic year.

Vision

Every student will graduate with the skills to pursue college and careers. Our school will offer students in northwest Aurora a rigorous curriculum designed to prepare them to attend colleges and universities.

Key Elements of Curriculum and Student Success

- By holding high academic standards, AWCP will have the expectation that EVERY student will graduate and be successful.
- Students will complete a rigorous curriculum aligned with the *Colorado Commission of Higher Education* to meet requirements for admission to colleges and universities in Colorado.
- Students will select electives in music, art, and physical education for a balanced curriculum.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What makes this school unique?

- AWCP will provide unique learning opportunities to middle and high school students in a small school setting. Students will not be lost in large hallways.
- Small academic teams of highly-qualified certified teachers will provide instruction to meet the **individual** needs of each student.

Who will attend the Aurora West College Preparatory Academy?

Students in grades 6th – 8th will come from the neighborhood attendance area. Students in grades 9th – 12th will apply to open enroll at AWCP. The school will add a 9th grade class in the 2010-11 school year, and add another grade each year until 2013-14. The first class to graduate from AWCP will receive diplomas in May 2014.

What are the expectations for an AWCP high school student? Students will...

- Succeed academically with a full schedule of college preparatory classes
- Complete homework assignments
- Volunteer in projects to help our school and community
- Follow the school's discipline and dress-code guidelines

What type of support does AWCP expect from high school parents? Parents will...

- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Provide a quiet area and time to work at home for completion of academic assignments
- Attend parent support workshops that will be designed to help students achieve their collegiate and future goals
- Volunteer time to support AWCP annual goals

Are there any tuition costs to attend AWCP as a high school student? NO