



Montrose County RE-1J School District

Accreditation Report
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Superintendent: Dr. George Voorhis
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Accreditation Status: Accredited
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*This report reflects how the district would have done, as indicated by the asterisk, under the new accreditation system. This report does not reflect an official change to the district's accreditation category during this transition year. The district's actual accreditation status remains the same as last year and is reflected above as the status without an asterisk.

District Demographics

Total District Students		6,374
Free/Reduced		51.14%
Ethnicity:		
	White	66.7%
	Asian	1.1%
	Hispanic	30.5%
	Black	.9%
	Native American	.6%
Schools:		
	Elementary	6
	Middle Schools	3
	High Schools	3
	Alternative	0
	Charters	1
	Total	13

Upon review of the evidence for the accreditation indicators, the Colorado Department of Education determines that the Montrose County RE-1J School District is meeting the intent of the requirements, as set forth in Colorado State Board of Education Rules 2202-R-0.00 through 5.02 (1), and will continue to be accredited.

Commendations

- The district high schools' median student growth percentiles exceeded the state median growth percentile in writing and math for three years in a row.
- The district middle schools' median student growth percentiles met or exceeded the state median growth percentiles in reading for three years in a row. The middle schools' median student growth exceeded the state in writing and math in 2007 and 2008.
- The elementary schools' median student growth percentiles met or exceeded the state median growth percentiles in reading for 2007 and 2008.
- The district routinely practices emergency situations. In an actual emergency situation in the high school, the school was quickly placed in lockdown, the situation was secured, and then students were dismissed in an orderly manner once the all-clear was given. A teacher quickly came to the aid of a seriously wounded student and saved the her life.

Actions to Be Taken 2008-2009

Accreditation Element 1 – Achievement Growth and Status

- Increase Montrose elementary schools' students' median growth percentile in math from 46 in 2008 to meet or exceed the state median growth percentile of 50 in 2009.

- Maintain efforts to keep the district's math score growth percentiles at or above current levels of performance for the middle school and high school levels.

Accreditation Element 2 – Achievement Gaps for Minority/Income

- Only 11% of low income students and 10.8% of minority students are on track to catch up in math performance. Establish goals and implement strategies to improve the percentage of low income and minority students on track to catch up in math CSAP performance.

Accreditation Element 3 – Post-Secondary Readiness

- Continue efforts to improve the district's high graduation rate.
- Assess district strategies to improve the district's ACT performance as the district's current performance is of 18.1 below the state average of 19.4.

Accreditation Element 4 – Finance and School Safety

- Finance - continue success in meeting budgeting, accounting, and reporting requirements.
- School safety – continue to put into practice procedures to have a safe learning environment for Montrose County students.

Accreditation Element 5 – Education Improvement Plan Quality

- The district may use the Colorado Department of Education rubric to improve the quality and focus of its current education improvement plan. The quality of the improvement plan can affect the accreditation rating of the district.