

SAFETY AND SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Non-CSAP Course Offerings

Your School Offers	does	does not
• art.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• drama or theater.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• music.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• physical education.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• opportunity for civic or community engagement.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• internet safety program.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• International Baccalaureate.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• extracurricular activities.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• athletics.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• preschool program.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• full-day kindergarten program.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• before-and-after-school care program.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

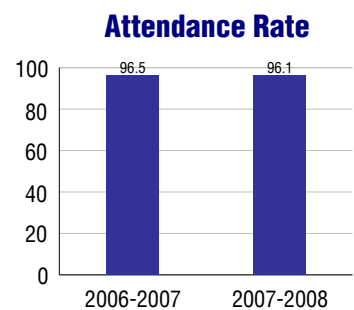
Safety and Discipline

Safe schools are a top priority for parents, teachers, and communities. Your school safety and discipline record for the 2007-2008 school year is:

Type of Incident	Number of Incidents Reported	Percent of Total Incidents
Substance Abuse - Drugs		
Substance Abuse - Alcohol		
Substance Abuse - Tobacco		
Felony Assaults		
Fights		
Possession of Dangerous Weapons		
Other Violations Code of Conduct	17	100.0%

Student Attendance and School Calendar

2007-2008	Your School
Enrollment	518
Average Daily Attendance	498
Student Dropouts	N/A



Student Information Over Time

	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Student Enrollment Stability	93.3%	94.1%	97.3%
Students Eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch	6.3 %	9.6 %	7.5 %

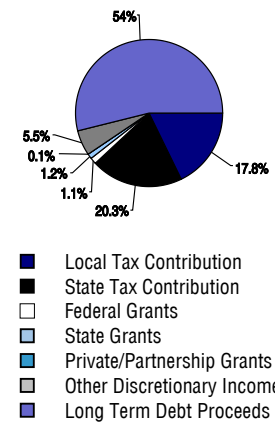
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DISTRICT TAXPAYER'S REPORT

Sources of School District Revenue 2007

Local Tax Contribution	\$21,891,897
State Tax Contribution	24,975,578
Federal Grants	1,403,601
State Grants	1,430,880
Private/Partnership Grants	151,725
Other Discretionary Income	6,744,329
Total District Operating Revenue	\$56,598,010
Long Term Debt Proceeds	66,160,537
Total District Revenue	\$122,758,547
Total District Operating Revenue Per Pupil =	\$9,907
Total District Revenue Per Pupil (Including Long Term Debt) =	\$21,488
District Per Pupil Operating Revenue =	\$5,746
State Average Per Pupil Operating Revenue =	\$6,080

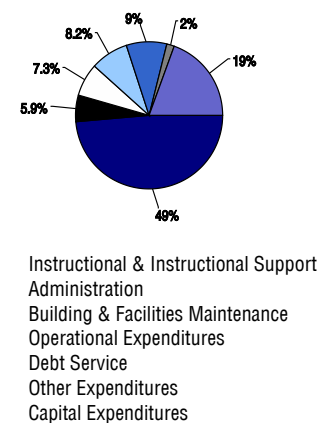
District Source of Funds 2007



District Use of Funds 2007

Instructional & Instructional Support	\$32,759,990
Administration	3,991,657
Building & Facilities Maintenance	4,914,767
Operational Expenditures	5,524,697
Debt Service	6,055,092
Other Expenditures	1,211,439
Total District Operating Expenditures	\$54,457,642
Capital Expenditures	13,084,389
Total District Use of Funds	\$67,542,031

District Use of Funds 2007



District Debt and Capital Construction & Equipment

Total Outstanding Bonded Debt	\$89,949,957
Average Annual Percentage Interest Rate on Debt	4.76%
Amount Raised from Most Recent Bond	\$56,999,977
Amount Spent on New Buildings During Last 2 Years	\$11,202,875

Accreditation

Accreditation is Colorado's primary accountability system, incorporating achievement levels, academic growth, achievement gaps, post-secondary readiness, improvement planning, and compliance. The state accredits districts and districts accredit individual schools.

District Accreditation Status for the 2007-2008 school year:

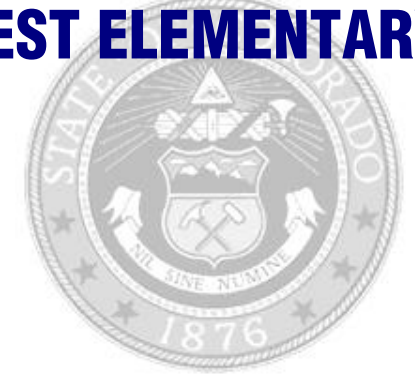
Voter Approved Funding Changes

Your community did /did not hold an election in November 2006

The following items have been approved by voters:

- TABOR Override
- Bond \$57,000,000
- Mill Levy Increase

GRACE BEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



LEWIS-PALMER 38

<http://www.lewispalmer.org/>
School Accountability Report
2007-2008 School Year

School Performance Summary

Overall Academic Performance on State Assessments

High

Academic Growth of Students

Typical

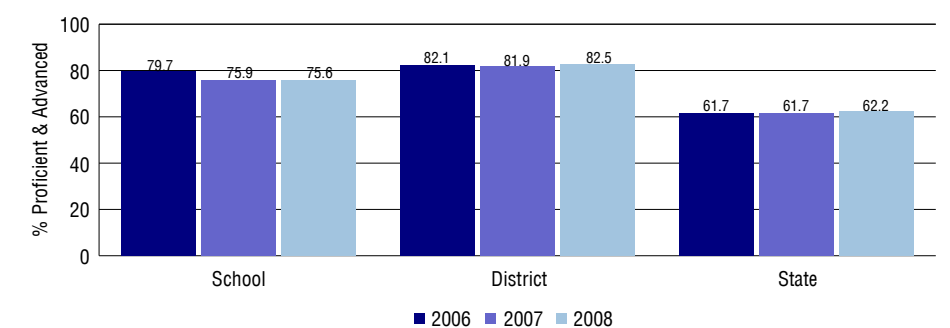
Overall Academic Performance on State Assessments

Each school in the State received a rating of "Excellent", "High", "Average", "Low", or "Unsatisfactory" for student academic performance based on 2007-2008 CSAP and COACT results. The rating is calculated using weighted percentages of each CSAP proficiency level for all content area and grade results for the school, as well as average COACT Reading, Writing, and Math Grade 11 results.

Academic Growth of Students

Each school in the State received a rating of "Low", "Typical", or "High" for student academic growth based on CSAP results. The calculation method is new for 2007-2008. The rating is calculated using student percentile scores matched over two years. More information about the Overall Academic Performance rating and Academic Growth of Students calculations can be found here: http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/SAR_Info.html.

Percent Proficient and Advanced for Elementary Grades for All Content Areas



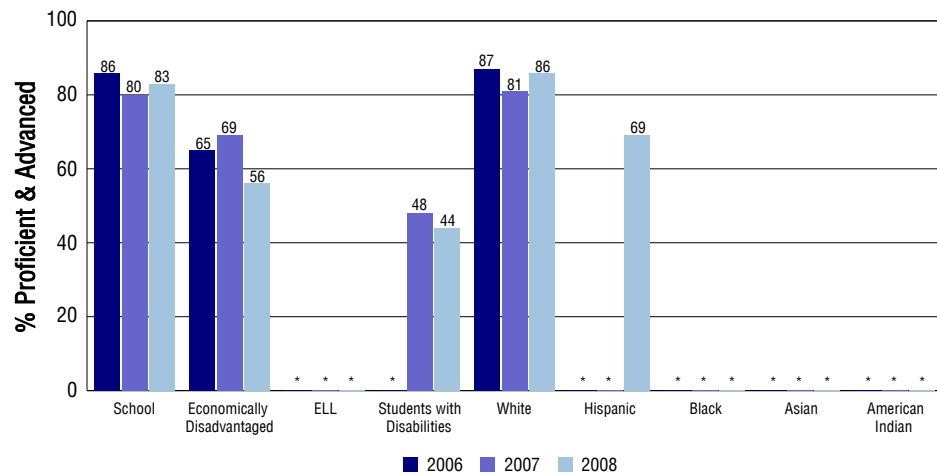
Student Test Scores Used For Calculating Overall Academic Performance

95.2%	Test Scores Counted
2.2%	Test Scores not used due to Language
2.6%	Test Scores not used due to New Student

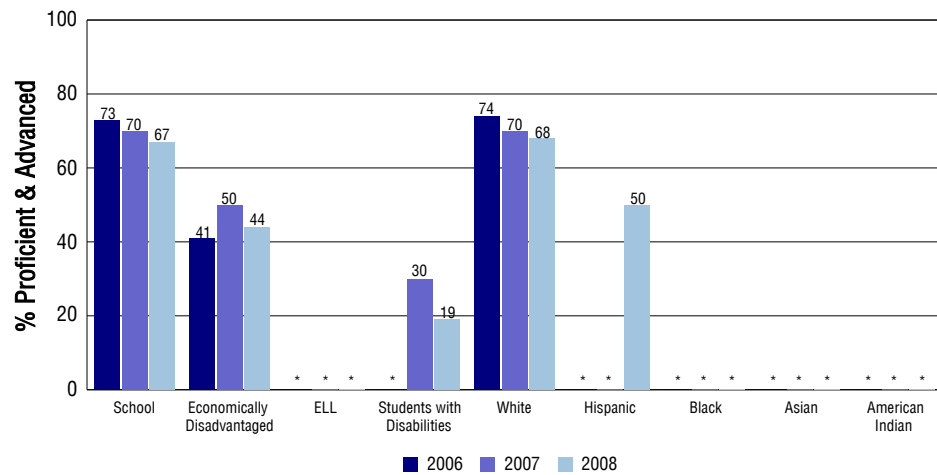
STUDENT PERFORMANCE

These graphs show the percent Proficient and Advanced trends over the past three years for Reading, Writing, and Math. Results are presented for the entire school for all reported grades as well as for different subgroups. Note: * indicates any group with less than 16 student results to be reported.

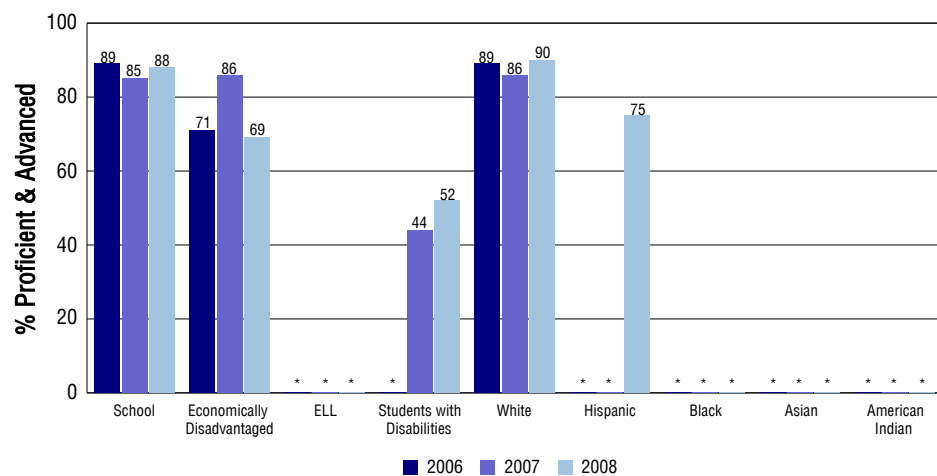
Reading



Writing



Math



SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Pride (as submitted by your district)

- Title 1 assistance and reading tutors provide individualized help to students with academic needs. Parents are supported through conferences and Literacy Night.
- Whether fundraising, volunteering, hosting a holiday shop, or sponsoring a science fair, our parent community is an integral component of our school community.
- In addition to raising money to support numerous charities such as Juvenile Diabetes, our Student Council collected food and gifts for needy families and pets.
- Our students participate in a variety of extracurricular opportunities including Science Matters, Choir, 3 on 3 Basketball, Yearbook Committee and others.

School Goals (as submitted by your district)

By the year 2010, Grace Best Elementary School third, fourth, and fifth grade students will have increased their reading proficiency level to 85% as measured by a body of evidence. By the year 2010, the percentage of IEP students scoring below proficient in reading will decrease by 13%.

No Child Left Behind - Adequate Yearly Progress

Did your school make AYP in reading? Yes Math? Yes
 How many targets does your school have? 12 Met? 12

Based on this school's academic performance, your child may be eligible for one or more of the following; ask your school if your child qualifies for:

Extra academic instruction either before or after-school, or in the summer
 Mentoring

For additional information regarding Adequate Yearly Progress please visit
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/ayp/index.asp>

How Grace Best Elementary School Compares To Elementary Schools Within A 75-Mile Radius

School	Program Type	Academic Performance	Academic Growth
Lewis-Palmer Elementary School		Excellent	High
Monument Charter Academy	Charter	Excellent	Typical
Palmer Lake Elementary School		High	High
Antelope Trails Elementary School(1)		Excellent	Typical
Prairie Winds Elementary School		Excellent	High
The Classical Academy Charter(1)	Charter	High	Typical
Discovery Canyon Campus School(1)		High	Typical
The Da Vinci Academy School(1)	Magnet	High	Typical
Douglass Valley Elementary School(1)		High	Typical
Ray E Kilmer Elementary School		Excellent	Typical

1 Located in Academy 20 School District.

ABOUT OUR STAFF

School Employment

Each year, your district reports to the Colorado Department of Education on the number of adults who work in your school, as well as the type of work they do. Last year, your school employed:

	Your School		District	
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time
Teachers	32	1	396	26
Paraprofessionals	3	1	63	13
Administrators	1	0	26	1
Other Professionals	1	5	37	25
School Support	3	2	144	51
School Counselors	1	0	17	0
School Librarians	0	0	5	0
Total Staff	50		802	

Students per Teacher Ratio

	Student Enrollment	Students per Teacher
Grade 1	91	16.1
Grade 2	87	15.4
Grade 3	84	14.9
Grade 4	91	16.1
Grade 5	95	16.8

Professional Experience of Teachers

	Your School	District
Average years of teaching experience	10	10
Percent of teachers teaching in the subject in which they received their degree	N/A	N/A
Number of teachers with Masters or Doctoral degrees	17	209
Teachers with 3 years or more of teaching experience	25	332
Teachers with less than 3 years of teaching experience	8	90
Number of professional development days	9	7

Salaries

	Your School	District	State
Average Teacher Salary	\$43,470	\$43,113	\$47,494
Average Administrator Salary	\$82,000	\$89,675	\$80,444

Principal: Margaret Parsley

Number of years as Principal at this school: 1 (New Hire 2007/2008)

Number of years as Principal at any school: 1