

Enrollment Information

THRIVE HOME SCHOOL ACADEMY

2024-25





General Information

ABOUT US

What is Thrive Home School Academy?

Thrive HSA is home schooling enrichment in Harrison School District 2. Established in 2009, our teachers are individually credentialed through the State of Colorado in their area of expertise and range of grade levels. Thrive HSA offers a classroom experience for K-12th grade home schooled students.

How does Thrive Home School Academy differ from other schools?

Students attend Thrive HSA one day per week for a full day of enrichment courses. We are not online and do not provide curriculum for our families. Rather, we offer an in-class experience supplementary to what is already being taught in the home. Families are the primary educators and maintain their autonomy as we come alongside to support and enrich their students' educational experiences.

PROGRAM DETAILS

The school day which your student attends is dependent on grade level. The days of the week are as follows:

Elementary School (K-6): Tuesdays or Wednesdays 8:15am-3:15pm

Jr. High School (7-9): Thursdays 8:15am-3:15pm

Sr. High School (10-12): Fridays 8:15am-3:15pm

K-2 students receive instruction in one primary classroom, led by one teacher per grade. The day includes a variety of age-appropriate instruction, hands-on activities, art, music, breakfast, lunch, recess and rest.

Grades 3-12 rotate through six classes on their day of instruction. Classes include Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Technology, Music, and Art. Students have access to breakfast, lunch and several breaks and/or recess throughout the day.

School Year: Late August-Mid May

Scheduled Breaks: Winter Break (mid Dec-early Jan), Spring Break (late March), Summer Break (mid-May-late August), and district observed Federal holidays

All students receive their primary education at home and retain their home-schooling status. Thrive HSA is financially supported through Harrison District 2 and the State of Colorado; therefore, funding is received on the condition that students are not dually enrolled in another publicly funded program in Colorado (i.e. K-12 Online, Connections Academy or another homeschool enrichment program).

Registration

PROCESS

Registration is a multi-step process. All steps must be completed to finalize registration. Please keep in mind that placement in a class is dependent upon eligibility and availability.

Interview

To initiate the process, families submit a Pre-Registration form and schedule a family interview. At least one parent/guardian and all students must be present for the interview. The intention of the interview is to establish expectations, address any special needs or behavioral concerns, and ensure students will feel welcome and comfortable in the Thrive HSA setting. All interviews are conducted virtually via Zoom.

The following documents are due at the time of pre-registration:

- Copy of student's birth certificate
- Immunization records or exemption per Colorado statute: [Colorado Vaccine Exemption Information](#).
- Any other documentation requested for further review

Review

The internal review process begins once we have received all enrollment paperwork as listed above. A delay in receiving any required documents will delay the review and impact the ability to register. Certain circumstances may warrant additional documentation and/or a second interview.

Registration

When/if we have established eligibility, we will email confirmation along with an invitation to register qualified students. Registration forms not received within five days of the invite will result in a forfeit of eligibility.

After School Activities

CLUBS

Thrive HSA offers a variety of after school activities each semester. The purpose of clubs is to offer a fun, non-competitive experience for students with differing interests. Clubs are inclusive of all students and typically scheduled by age group. Students can sign up for clubs regardless of the day they attend and are not limited to the number of clubs they choose. Sign-ups occur each semester with second semester priority given to students waitlisted during first semester. Clubs may be offered only one semester or changed due to the availability of instructors.

- Art Club
- Yearbook Club
- Lego Club
- Martial Arts
- Fencing
- Archery
- Colorado Springs Conservatory
- Millibo Art Theatre



MUSIC

Music and the Arts are our specialty! Outside of regular scheduled music class during the day, students can join after-school programs. While some music programs are dependent on personal ability or experience, we do have options for beginning instrumentalists as well. Many of our music program students also participate in competitions and field trips throughout the year.

- Elementary Chorus
- Choir
- Beginning Band
- Jazz Band
- Concert Band
- Orchestra

Concurrent Enrollment

WHAT IS CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT?

Thrive Home School Academy partners with Pikes Peak State College to offer 10TH-12TH graders the opportunity to take college courses before graduation. This program is intended for students interested in pursuing a college degree or certificate.

Eligibility Details

Thrive students must be in at least 10th grade, pass the Accuplacer college placement test, and demonstrate college readiness through an application, written essay, and interview process. Application and Approval Process Students interested in the Concurrent Enrollment program begin by attending an informational presentation with their parents. The presentation will address the core aspects of the program, eligibility, student expectations, and benefits. Following the meeting, interested students must complete the following steps to be considered for the Concurrent Enrollment program:

- Submit an online application.
- Take the Accuplacer test.
- Demonstrate written skills through a 5-paragraph essay.
- Interview in front of the CE Advisory Board.

Final selections will be based on a series of metrics including, but not limited to, academic performance, maturity, personal responsibility, and level of interest and investment.



Frequently Asked Questions

REGISTRATION

When will I know if my student has been accepted?

The internal review process is typically 2-4 weeks from the date of the interview. Once we have determined eligibility for your student(s), we will email a link to the registration page. Missing documentation or school records may delay this process.

Can I request my student attend on a specific day?

Returning families are awarded first choice for their student's grade and day of the week. New families will be asked to provide a preferred day of the week during registration. Class day selections are determined in the order received and subject to availability.

Will my students be able to attend the same day as their siblings?

We make a concerted effort to keep families on the same day. However, due to limited space in classrooms there is a possibility your students may need to attend on different days. We will inform families on an individual basis should there be an opening in the preferred class.

ELIGIBILITY

What are the deciding factors for eligibility?

We do not discriminate based on race, color, religion (creed), gender, disability, or sexual orientation. It is important to discuss, during your interview, any pertinent special needs. We want to confirm Thrive HSA can reasonably support a student's needs within the school day, with current staffing.

Students having attended school (public, private, charter or the like) who have behavioral or disciplinary issues, may be subject to ineligibility at Thrive HSA. We will work with students on an individual basis; however, we prioritize maintaining a safe, educational space for students when making enrollment decisions. Enrollment is automatically declined for students with a previous suspension or expulsion from another school.


Are there any preferences given to military, district residents or siblings?

Because classes are filled on a first come, first served basis we want each family to have a fair and equal opportunity to register. We make every effort to admit all family members, however, are limited to space in some circumstances.

ATTENDANCE

How often does my student need to attend Thrive HSA?

To remain an active student at Thrive HSA your student must show regular attendance. We ask that all intended or unintended absences be reported to the school. Per Thrive HSA guidelines, if a student misses four subsequent weeks of school without communication we may exercise the right to revoke a student's enrollment.



Thrive HSA is funded by the State of Colorado on a per student basis. Funding is dependent on a show of active attendance during a 'count window' enforced by the State. Because of this, all students, new and returning, are required to attend weekly during September and October. Please contact Thrive HSA to discuss any circumstances that may inhibit your students' ability to attend during this period.

ACADEMICS/HOME SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Colorado positively supports home school students, however, there are certain state regulations for home schooling. As a home school parent or guardian, it is the primary guardian's responsibility to be aware of restrictions and laws in Colorado. Please visit the [Colorado Department of Education](#) website for detailed information. We also have information available on the [Thrive HSA website](#).

Do you grade the students and keep academic records?

Thrive HSA provides enriching, educational experiences for home school students. As the primary educator in your role as parent or guardian you are responsible for your students' primary education including, but not limited to, keeping attendance and academic records and providing yearly records to a Colorado school district. We do not grade or test students, beyond administering the ITBS standardized testing during the month of April. The ITBS is optional and free to registered students and satisfies required testing for home school students per the [Colorado Department of Education](#). It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to furnish test results to a Colorado school district.

As a courtesy, our teachers provide written feedback once per semester. The intention is to inform parents and guardians of student progress. Parent-teacher conferences can be requested.

Do you provide curriculum?

Thrive HSA's objective is to provide academic and social enrichment experiences to home schooled students. Thrive HSA does not provide curriculum, nor does it interfere with the chosen curriculum used in the privacy of your home. We do offer a per-student curriculum allotment at the beginning of the school year which can be used to supplement your at-home academic instruction. Please review the Curriculum Ordering Guide available on the [Thrive HSA website](#) for a more thorough explanation of limitations and ordering procedures. We do have a curriculum library which all enrolled families are encouraged to use before requesting curriculum purchases.

Can my student enroll in an online school or other enrichment program while attending Thrive HSA?

Students are unable to attend more than one publicly funded program (i.e. K-12 Online, Connections Academy or another district enrichment program) due to a conflict in available funding per school/per state. However, there are many private educational resources available that do not conflict.

What curriculum is used in the Thrive HSA classrooms?

Our teachers provide a supplemental educational experience for students using a variety of academic, STEM-based materials and activities. While there is no one curriculum used in the classroom, teachers work collectively to reinforce basic academic principals while focusing on the individual needs of students. Thrive HSA produces a monthly newsletter which includes expected topics and events in the classrooms. It is our practice that course content be of an uncontroversial and unbiased nature. We respect a family's choice to instruct their children in the home as they deem appropriate, aligned with their own family values and preferences, and would not teach anything contradictory.



CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

How old does my student have to be to participate in the College Concurrent Enrollment Program?

Students must be at least 15 years of age, in 10th grade, and must demonstrate a certain level of maturity to attend college classes.

How do I know my student is ready for college classes?

Students will be required to take the Accuplacer, a placement test used by PPSC, and pass into college-level English Composition I. Students must also demonstrate a mature attitude, including the ability to work independently, communicate effectively with teachers and administration, and articulate needs or concerns without the assistance of a parent. With that said, parents are expected to be an active participant of the concurrent enrollment process, including monitoring grades and communicating concerns with the student's counselor.

How many classes can my student take at PPSC?

First semester PPSC students are limited to one class. After a successful first semester, class-load will be evaluated on an individual basis, ranging from 1-4 classes.

Can new students participate in the Concurrent Enrollment program?

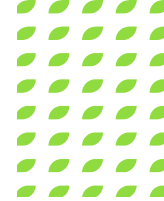
Students are not eligible to take classes in their first semester at Thrive HSA. We require one full semester with regular attendance prior to eligibility for the PPSC Concurrent Enrollment program.

Does my high school student need to attend Thrive HSA if they are in the PPSC Concurrent Enrollment program?

Students need to show regular attendance at Thrive HSA on their assigned day of the week in order to remain eligible for college classes.

Can my student take classes at a college or trade school other than PPSC?

We are currently partnered only with Pikes Peak State College. PPSC offers a variety of trade certification programs.



Additional Information

For more information please visit our website. There you can find the full parent handbook with dress code, attendance, and code of conduct information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

<https://www.thrivehsa.org/>

CONTACT US

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Registration Checklist

Student Name: _____

PRE-REGISTRATION: <https://www.thrivehsa.org/pre-registration>

- Submit Pre-Registration form for each student
- Schedule Interview
- Email* copy of student birth certificate
- Email* immunization records or [Colorado Vaccine Exemption](#)

REGISTRATION (by invite only)

- Submit Registration form (within 5 days of receipt)
- Submit Household Contact form
- Submit Medical Questionnaire (if applicable)

* Email documents listed above to: ecrutcher@hsd2.org

For questions, contact:

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