



Thrive Parent Guide

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 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.

Homeschool Status

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).

Colorado Homeschool Law

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](https://www.colorado.gov/education) website for detailed information. We also have information available on the [Thrive HSA website](https://www.thrivehsa.org/).

State Funded School Restrictions

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.

Contact Information

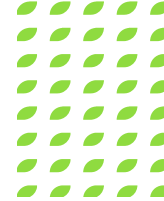
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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US AT:

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thrivehomeschoolacademy>



Schedule

GENERAL SCHEDULE

School Year: August 27-May 16

Scheduled Breaks: Thanksgiving (Nov. 25-29), Winter Break (Dec. 19- Jan. 8), Spring Break (Mar. 24-28), Summer Break (May 19-late August), and district observed Federal holidays.

School Calendar: <https://www.thrivehsa.org/academic-calendar>

Bell Schedules: <https://www.thrivehsa.org/bell-schedules>

School hours are 8:15am-3:15pm

Grades	Attendance Day
K-6	Tuesday (or) Wednesday
7-9 (Jr. High)	Thursday
10-12 (Sr. High)	Friday

Communication

OFFICE AVAILABILITY, PHONE AND EMAIL RESPONSES

The Thrive Home School Academy office is open from 7:45-4:00 Monday-Friday, unless otherwise indicated.

Thrive HSA policy and professional courtesy requires staff respond to phone calls and emails within 48 workday hours, however, resolutions may require a longer response time. Email is the preferred and most efficient method of communication with the Thrive HSA staff.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

The website and Facebook are consistently updated with recent events, newsletters, and information regarding activities at the school.

EMAILS

The Thrive Home School Academy office sends email notifications with important notices and events to any parent that has an email on file, unless otherwise specified. As email is the main form of communication, please check your email regularly. Many emails are time sensitive; we ask parents to please adhere to deadlines.

HANDOUTS

Occasionally, in addition to email, the office will send home paper handouts to your student(s). Please check with your student(s) on a weekly basis to ensure you are receiving the communication in a timely manner.



School Closings and Delays

Student safety is the district's priority in determining whether to close schools for inclement weather. When Harrison School District 2 (HSD2) announces closure, it will be broadcast on local radio, TV stations 5:30-6:30am. We will also notify families via email as soon as possible. Please do not report to Thrive Home School Academy when HSD2 has announced closure.

In the event of a delay, do not feel obligated to bring your child to school if you feel the weather conditions are not safe for driving. Please notify the school and those absences or late arrivals will be excused.

If a two-hour delayed start is announced, the following will occur:

- No breakfast will be served at school.
- Classes will begin two hours later and end at the regularly scheduled time.

Attendance

Thrive Home School Academy exists to support and supplement the education of students being taught in a home-based environment. As the school continues to expand each year, attendance is a critical component of activities, events, and funding. Therefore, we ask that the following attendance guidelines are observed throughout the academic year.

FALL SEMESTER – September through December

CDE Count Window

Students need to attend as many days as possible during the Colorado Department of Education Count Window. The attendance data from September-October is submitted to the state of Colorado to establish funding of the school. Students deemed ineligible to fund because of insufficient attendance may become ineligible for continued enrollment at Thrive Home School Academy. It is imperative students attend consistently during these months.

SPRING SEMESTER – January through May

Students need to attend Thrive Home School Academy 75% of the time during the return from Winter Break to Spring Break (about 13 days). 75% of scheduled class time amounts to missing (4) school days during this period.

Students not meeting the attendance criteria may become ineligible for participation in activities such as field trips, standardized testing, PPCC concurrent enrollment, and other events.

Overall Attendance Expectations

Upon enrolling, students are expected to attend the entire day, exceptions made for appointments and other events. Students are unable to select classes to attend in an "a la carte" manner.

Notification from a parent or guardian is appreciated when the student is absent for a day. Prior notice is expected when the student will not be attending the school for an extended period.

If at any time a student is absent four (4) consecutive weeks, without notification from a parent or guardian, they will be disenrolled.



Drop-off / Pick-up Procedures

GENERAL INFORMATION

Thrive uses a carpool system to coordinate safe and organized drop-off and pick-up processes. We ask that parents are patient in the first few weeks while new families adjust to the routine.

The carpool lane winds from Cheyenne Meadow Rd, left on Florence, left on Slater to the front of the building. Pick-up is along Slater Avenue, just past the school building at the fenced gate (a staff member is always present to dismiss students).

** Please be mindful of “No Parking” signs in front of and across the street from the school. Some neighbors park cars in their back yards and need access to exit their property. Additionally, we ask all parents NOT to park on Richards Avenue.

DROP-OFF

Doors open at 8:00am; students’ first class begins at 8:15am. Students brought to school earlier than 8:00am must remain in their cars until the school doors open. Please use the carpool lane in front of the school to drop off your students. Please always remain in your car and move forward as space becomes available. Students who arrive late must be accompanied to the front office to sign in.

PICK-UP

Dismissal is at 3:15pm. Please use the carpool lane in front of the school to pick up your students. Please always remain in your car and move forward as space becomes available. If you are picking up a student early, please park in the adjacent parking lot or on side streets. Proceed to the front office where you can request your students and sign them out.

Meals

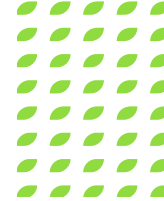
Breakfast and lunch are served daily in the school cafeteria. Students also have the option to bring their own lunches if they choose.-The district is recognized for their strides made to ensure meals are nutritious and healthy. All recipes contain whole grain, no trans fats, lower sodium, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Prices

Breakfast and lunch are offered at no cost to students.

Food cautions

We have a large group of students with a variety of dietary needs. Please advise your students to be cautious of sharing food items as some students have severe allergies and /or diet restrictions. If your students have food allergies, please contact the office so we are aware and can get you any relevant forms.



Recess

Students should bring weather appropriate clothing as most recesses and breaks are outside. Occasionally, due to inclement weather or outside temperatures below 25 degrees, students will have recess in the gymnasium. Students will have access to games, balls, and other appropriate activities.

Students are asked to abide by simple, easy to follow rules:

- Hands, feet, and body to oneself.
- Be respectful of others.

Medications

Medications must be authorized by a primary care physician for a staff member to dispense them to any student. Medication must be delivered to Thrive Home School Academy in the original, unopened container with physician instructions listed on the medication.

Students may not carry their own medication on campus, nor may they self-medicate unless expressly approved by district nurse. In exceptional circumstances, arrangements can be made for student medication to remain in the Thrive Home School Academy office for the duration of the school year. Please speak with the principal for more information.

All staff members are First Aid, CPR and medication-administration trained. These certifications are updated bi-annually.

Dress Code

D2 - Harrison Schools are committed to a learning environment that is safe, conducive to high student achievement and free from unnecessary disruption. The district's dress code helps to establish a minimum standard of dress for all schools.

It is expected that students will follow the uniform guidelines for their school. Individual school principals may, on occasion or for personal consideration, use discretion to modify the guidelines.

The Following Clothing is Appropriate for School

- Clothing that is worn as designed and covers all private parts of the body, to include midriffs and backs.
- Clothing that fits properly and does not expose undergarments.
- Clothing with appropriate length with hemlines no shorter than mid-thigh for shorts and skirts.
- Clothing that is free of excessive holes, rips, and tears that expose private areas of the body or undergarments.
- Clothing that is part of an extra-curricular activity that has been approved by the building principal.
- Clothing that has been approved by the building principal for specific school events.

- Clothing, paraphernalia, and jewelry that contain appropriate messages, free of references to sexually suggestive activity, drugs, and alcohol, gangs, or are obscene and profane, hateful, or disruptive to the learning environment.

Cell Phone Use

Cell phone use during the school day is prohibited except in the front office. Students are permitted to use a cell phone after school only. Another option is to have your student come to the front office and use the school landline. To avoid distractions, it is recommended students leave cell phones at the front office at the start of school. We reserve the right to take a phone being used improperly during the school day. The phone will be returned to the student at the end of the school day.

Leaving School Grounds

Grades K-9

Parents must come into the school building and sign out their students in the front office prior to picking them up.

Grades 10-12

- Student drivers may leave campus on their own accord at dismissal time.
- Students leaving school early for appointments, sports, etc. must obtain written or oral permission (phone call to the front office) before leaving.
- Students are permitted to leave campus for lunchtime with written permission from a parent prior to the school day.

Safety & Security

Each year we practice drills with all grade levels, Tuesday through Friday, to prepare for emergency situations. All students are trained in Colorado state and federal emergency preparedness procedures.

Staff are trained thoroughly by Harrison School District 2 Security. Questions can be directed to the Principal of Thrive Home School Academy.

[District Security Information](#)



Code of Conduct

COMMITMENT TO A BULLY-FREE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO A SAFE AND POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FREE OF CRIME, VIOLENCE, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING AND HARASSMENT.

Thrive Home School Academy is committed to protecting students and staff from discrimination, bullying and harassing behaviors. Bullying is verbal or physical behavior that is intentional and targeted towards an individual or group. Bullying is ongoing and not an isolated incident. Bullying, hazing, intimidation, and harassment of any kind will not be tolerated at Thrive HSA, regardless of whether they occur verbally, on social media, off school property or after school hours. Any student committing an act of harassment or bullying is subject to disciplinary action. Students should report bullying behavior immediately to a school staff member, the school principal, or call Safe2Tell at 1-877-542-SAFE.

Student Responsibilities

This code of conduct was developed to help students, parents/guardians and school personnel understand the guidelines for maintaining a safe learning and working environment. It is intended to provide guidance for all students in grades K-12.

District policies make it clear that behavior which takes place off school grounds may properly be the subject of suspension or expulsion where the behavior is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students or school personnel. Not all off-campus behavior will have adverse effects at school, but behavior which does subjects a student to potential discipline, including suspension and expulsion. Furthermore, students who are disciplined for infractions according to the provision of this Code may also be subject to additional consequences by law enforcement for acts that violate local, state, and federal law.

EACH STUDENT ATTENDING THRIVE HOME SCHOOL ACADEMY IS EXPECTED TO OBEY SCHOOL RULES

while on school grounds and in the school buildings; on district grounds or in district buildings; in school or district vehicles; during school sponsored activities, field trips and sporting events.

GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

Students shall accept responsibility for their own behavior; develop and use problem-solving skills to resolve conflicts; follow established school and classroom rules; refrain from interfering with learning and teaching; maintain appropriate dress and hygiene; respect others and treat them with kindness; respect the rights and property of others; refrain from harming themselves or others; not use threats or intimidation against others; not engage in unlawful activities. Additionally, at Thrive we strive to create an environment in which all students and staff are appreciated and respected and expect that any religious, social, or political issues are not discussed at school, to include personal and romantic relationships with other students. At Thrive, we do not openly recognize those relationships while at school and restrict any public displays of affection on school property. Personal space is to be always respected with students and staff keeping their hands, feet, bodies, and objects to themselves during the school day.



After School Activities

EXTRA-CURRICULARS

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. 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. Here is a sampling of clubs that may be offered:

- Art
- Yearbook
- Fencing
- Martial Arts
- Archery
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Football
- Theater
- Dance

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.

Sign-Ups

An online sign up for after school activities is sent out at the beginning of each semester. Space is limited and students placed on a first come-first served basis. We will notify parents via email if their student(s) has a spot or is on the wait list for the club before the club schedule begins.

Dismissal Procedures

Unless otherwise indicated by a staff member, students participating in after school activities will be dismissed to the appropriate classroom or area at 3:25.

To maintain a safe environment after school, students are expected to remain with their club for the duration of the session (i.e., Fencing 3:30-4:30, Band 3:30-5:30).

Students not participating in after school activities are expected to be picked up or leave campus immediately after school. Please make appropriate arrangements for your students if they have alternate plans.

Volunteers Opportunities

Volunteering is not required but we do appreciate parents who would like to help during and after school functions, such as the Carnival. We will post opportunities on an as-needed basis. Additionally, we have a program to support our high school students in earning community service credit.



College and Career

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT (COLLEGE)

Pikes Peak State College

This program is intended for students interested in pursuing a college degree or certificate. Classes are offered in-person or online.

- Offered to 10th-12th grade students.
- Students must demonstrate academic readiness and maturity.
- Students may take multiple classes at a time.

Arizona State University: Universal Learning Program

This program is intended for students who are interested in testing out college or satisfying high school credits through college courses. All classes are online.

- Offered to 9th-12th grade students.
- Students must demonstrate academic readiness and maturity.
- Students may only take one class at a time.

Eligibility Details

Students interested in the Concurrent Enrollment programs begin by attending an informational presentation with their parents. The presentation will address the core aspects of the program, eligibility, student expectations, and benefits. Only students who have attended a presentation will be invited to apply.

During the application process, students will undergo placement testing, submit a sample essay, and sit for an interview. must demonstrate college readiness through a placement test, application, written essay, and interview process.

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.

CAREER TRAINING (TRADES & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES)

TBD

We are currently collaborating with additional vendors to offer courses/programs outside of the academic norm. Please stay tuned for more information during the school year.



Academics/Curriculum

GRADING, TESTING, AND SCHOOL 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.

CURRICULUM

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.

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 principles 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.