



Jeffco Public Schools offers several options for students who are interested in learning in an alternative or experiential environment. Jeffco Public Schools is committed to students and families. Knowing that everyone is different, we offer many options for students who are looking to complete their education. Are you off track? Have you failed courses? Are you at-risk of not graduating or dropping out? See the options below to find the right track for you to graduate and receive your diploma, or earn your GED.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK - GRADUATE & RECEIVE DIPLOMA

Completing high school will give you the boost to succeed. It will help you earn more money, discover more opportunities, and live a better life. Many of our high schools have credit recovery options for their students. Some options available are computer-based curriculum, night school, and a variety of other interventions.

Jeffco Virtual Academy offers online credit recovery summer school courses for grades 9-12 for students throughout Colorado. This online school can help students recover credits for high school graduation. They offer some middle school courses but not for credit, courses are designed for students who would benefit from retaking the course.



HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA COMPLETION/GED

Deciding to come back to school is a difficult decision, but it can change your life. It will be easier for you to find work, you'll be more likely to enjoy the work that you do, and you will earn more money. Jeffco Public Schools offer multiple alternative programs for students who have decided to finish their education. There's no need to return to your home high school unless you want to. Options range from adult high school to post-secondary programs.

McLain Community High School's Adult Program (formerly known as the Competency-Based Program, or CB) offers a fully accredited diploma that is equal to any other high school diploma from Jeffco Public Schools. Students can choose a full-time program of structured classes during the day or a self-paced, part-time program at night. All programs are seat-based and require your attendance.

The GED (General Educational Development) diploma is obtained by passing a series of tests that measure the skills and concepts associated with four years of high school. There are four tests corresponding to the following subject areas: Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Mathematical Reasoning. The GED provides an alternative for students 17 years of age and older who have dropped out of high school and would otherwise not obtain a diploma.



ALTERNATIVE/OPTION - GRADUATE & RECEIVE DIPLOMA

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Brady Exploration School offers whole person development for 10-12 students. It features a low student/teacher ratio and multi-age classrooms with a goal of developing self-directed learners. The program focuses on relationships, rigor, relevance, and readiness to go to the next level or into the workplace. The curriculum stresses hands-on, experiential learning. The school promotes a collaborative school, family and community partnership.

The **Jeffco Open School** high school program focuses on growth in three domains: personal identity, social interaction, and intellectual inquiry. This holistic curriculum is reflected in the twenty-four graduation expectations and the incorporation of personal goals in an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) which is carried out in mutually agreeable programs worked out between each student and advisor.

McLain Community High School is the premier provider of alternative education for Jeffco Public Schools. Whether in a classroom setting, online distance learning, or a combination of methods, they work with students to help them achieve academic success. Smaller class sizes and innovative curricula better serve the needs of those students who have experienced difficulties in a traditional high school setting.

Long View High School is a unique educational option. As its name implies, it emphasizes commitment and taking the long view on helping its students achieve success. Long View is designed to serve those high school students whose needs are not being met by traditional, comprehensive high schools. The school-to-work transition is Long View's hallmark stressing basic academic, vocational, and personal skills.

Jeffco Virtual Academy (JVA) offers online courses for students grades 6-12 throughout Colorado. JVA offers unique enrollment options to fit the busy lifestyle of any student. Students can choose from a variety of courses and participate in group activities and events.

The **New America School** provides new immigrants, English Language Learners, and the academically under-served with the educational tools and support they need to maximize their potential, succeed, and live the American dream. Teachers use instructional techniques including sheltered instruction, differentiation, experiential education, integrated technology, and interdisciplinary connections. Quarterly enrollment, flexible scheduling, credit recovery, summer school, and child care also help many of our students succeed. Perhaps most important, the school believes strongly in the underlying assumption that practice and preparation help to build confidence and courage.



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT OFFICE

The Jeffco Public Schools' Student Engagement Office wants to help you complete high school. Our mission is to reengage students who are at-risk of dropping out or who have dropped out of school. Our goal is to connect students to the education, social, and community supports that prepare them for a successful future.

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