Established in 1962, The Colorado Springs School is a college-preparatory, day, and international school serving students from preschool through high school. We proudly serve students from across the Pikes Peak region, as well as international students. The school sits on 28 acres with eight buildings that include an innovation lab, a 300-seat performance theatre, art studios, a field house gym, and athletic fields.

**MISSION**
Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the challenges of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

**CAPTURING THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL**

**PHILOSOPHY**
The Colorado Springs School is a college-preparatory school based on the belief that the closer the link between learning and experience, the more meaningful the resulting knowledge will be. Our goal is to prepare students for college and for life by equipping them with thinking and problem-solving skills, self-confidence, compassion, and a love of learning. We prepare students to meet the challenges of a dynamic world.

**RELATIONSHIPS**
Small class sizes mean teachers and students connect one on one. Students are known by every teacher and receive extensive, individualized feedback. Each student has a faculty advisor who monitors academic progress, establishes a supportive relationship, and communicates as needed with parents. CSS incorporates the Yale RULER Program, where students cultivate social and emotional skills that help them develop into healthy adults.

**EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION**
At CSS, students learn by doing. Our programs immerse them in hands-on activities in the classroom and beyond. We explore through curriculum-based seminars and adventures, both locally and across the globe. Intentional challenges stimulate students' academic and social growth.

**CLASS OF 2021 FAST FACTS:**
- Average ACT Score: 27
  * National Average: 20.7
  * Colorado Average: 23.8
- Average SAT Score: 1328
- $3.8 million in merit scholarships received
- 84% reported AP Scores of 3 or better

**AFFILIATIONS**
Accredited by the Association of Colorado Independent Schools (ACIS)
Proud Member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)

**FAST FACTS**
Enrollment
PreK-Grade 12 300
Grades 9-12 88
Class of 2022 17
Full-Time Faculty in Upper School 13
With Advanced Degrees 70%

**2021-2022 UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE**

Tambi Tyler
Head of School
Alex Winnicker
Director of Admissions & Financial Aid
Tila Hidalgo
Upper School Director
Erik Playe
College & Career Counselor
Kelley Jefferson
Registrar

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

AP AND ADVANCED COURSES: CSS offers 18 AP Courses and Advanced Courses. Students are eligible to take AP courses as early as their sophomore year.

CALENDAR: Our academic schedule maximizes the number of courses we offer. A block system with periods lasting 45 or 90 minutes allows students to earn full-year credits in the first half of the year for certain classes. The longer periods enable in-depth discussions, field experiences, and lab work.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT: One hundred percent of all CSS graduates go on to initiate a post-secondary educational experience.

SIGNATURE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

EXPERIENCE-CENTERED SEMINARS (ECS)
Each March, students embark on a three-week intensive study known as Experience-Centered Seminars. The curriculum is anchored by essential questions that require a multi-disciplinary approach. Though each one explores a unique theme, geographic location, and variety of immersive experiences, all are unified by rigorous and academic inquiry. ECSs have included studying geothermal energy in Iceland, the local homeless challenges in Colorado Springs, and biodiversity in Madagascar.

SENIOR CAPSTONE
Seniors embark on an individualized, student-generated Capstone for three weeks at the end of their senior year. They identify their area of interest, envision their own project, conduct interviews with professionals outside of CSS, and secure a community mentor. The project culminates in a presentation to outside mentors, faculty, peers and parents. Capstones help students explore potential career goals.

DIGITAL PORTFOLIO
Students deepen their learning and strengthen their skills by reflecting on experiences in Digital Portfolio, an online digital collection of their best work. They select pieces as “artifacts” that capture their understanding of one of eight capacities such as leadership and teamwork and global perspective. Digital portfolios provide a longitudinal record of learning for students and prospective colleges that is more real and comprehensive than standardized testing.

CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Our AP courses, bolded below, are the most rigorous courses we offer in each discipline and students are prepared for the appropriate AP exam. A minimum of 31 credits are required for graduation.

### ENGLISH
- 4 Credits Required
- English World Literature & Composition
- English European Literature & Composition
- English American Literature & Composition
- English Senior Seminar
- AP Language & Composition
- AP Literature & Composition

### SCIENCE
- 3 Credits Required
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Introduction to Computer Science
- Environmental Science
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Advanced Chemistry
- AP Computer Science
- AP Biology
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics

### HISTORY
- 3 Credits Required
- Global Studies & World Geography
- World History
- US History
- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP US History
- AP Comparative Government & Politics
- AP Psychology

### MATHEMATICS
- 4 Credits Required
- Advanced Geometry
- Algebra II
- Algebra II with Trigonometry
- Function, Statistics, Trigonometry (FST)
- Statistics
- Discrete Math
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB/BC

### WORLD LANGUAGE
- 3 Credits Required
- French I, II, III, IV
- Spanish I, II, III, IV, V
- Spanish Literature
- AP Spanish
- AP French

### ARTS
- 2 Credits Required
- Art Foundations
- Band
- Vocal Ensemble
- Acting
- Woodworking
- Painting (water or oil base)
- Video Production
- Yearbook
- Glass
- Ceramics
- Digital Photography
- Jewelry
- Dark Room
- Printmaking
- Music Theory
- Bronze Casting
- Portfolio & Studio Art
- Advanced Art
- Advanced Ceramics

### EXPERIENCE-CENTERED SEMINAR (one each year)
- 4 Credits Required

### ATHLETICS / ACTIVITIES
- 4 Credits Required
- Competitive varsity sports include soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross-country, tennis, and mountain biking. One year of Model UN, Theatre, or 50 hours of Community Service (per semester).

### GENERAL ELECTIVES
- 4 Credits Required
- Activities/Athletics

### COLLEGE OVERVIEW
- 0.25 credit

### PUBLIC SPEAKING
- 0.25 credit

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS
- 0.5 credit

GRADING SCALE

| UNWEIGHTED GPA | A+ | 4.333 | A | 4.000 | A- | 3.667 | B+ | 3.333 | B | 3.000 | B- | 2.667 | C+ | 2.333 | C | 2.000 | C- | 1.667 | D+ | 1.333 | D | 1.000 | D- | 0.667 | F | 0.000 | P | PASSING |
|----------------|----|--------|---|--------|---|--------|----|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|
| WEIGHTED GPA   | A+ | 5.333 | A | 5.000 | A- | 4.667 | B+ | 4.333 | B | 4.000 | B- | 3.667 | C+ | 3.333 | C | 3.000 | C- | 2.667 | D+ | 2.333 | D | 2.000 | D- | 1.667 | F | 1.000 | P | PASSING |
| CREDITS BY DEPARTMENT |
| ENGLISH | 4.00 |
| SCIENCE | 3.00 |
| HISTORY | 3.00 |
| MATH | 4.00 |
| WORLD LANGUAGE | 3.00 |
| THE ARTS | 2.00 |
| ECS | 4.00 |
| ATHLETICS / ACTIVITIES | 4.00 |
| GENERAL ELECTIVES | 4.00 |
| P | PASSING |
COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2017-2021
Institutions currently attended by CSS alumni are in bold.

American University
Arizona State University
Arts University Bournemouth
Auburn University Montgomery
Austin College
Belmont University
Beloit College
Berklee College of Music
(B)Performance)
Boise State University
Boston University
Boston University (College of General Studies)
Brown University
California State University, Chico
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon College
Chapman University
Clemson University (Engineering and Science)
Coe College
Colgate University
College for Creative Studies
Colorado Christian University
Colorado College
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Colorado State University (College of Business, College of Engineering, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences)
Colorado State University Pueblo
Concordia University - Seward
Cornell University (College of Arts & Sciences)
Cornell University (College of Engineering)
Creighton University (College of Business Administration)
Duquesne University
Eckerd College
Eindhoven University of Technology
Emory University
Flagler College
Florida State University
Fort Hays State University
Fort Lewis College
Gonzaga University
Gordon State College
Grand Canyon University
Grinnell College
Guilford College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Ithaca College
John & Wales University
(Ju)niata College
Kansas City Art Institute
Kansas State University
Kenyon College
Knox College
Lafayette College
Lake Forest College
Lawrence University
(Conservatory of Music)
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield College
Loyola Marymount University
(Honors Program)
Loyola University Maryland
Macalester College
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miami University, Oxford
Middle Tennessee State University
Middlebury College
Montana State University, Bozeman
Montana State University, Bozeman (University Honors)
Morningside College
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
New York University
New York University (Tisch School of the Arts)
Newman University
North Carolina State University (Engineering)
Northwestern University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University (College of Engineering)
Northern Arizona University
Northern Arizona University
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences (Arts & Sciences)
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University
Olds College
Oxford College of Emory University
Pace University, New York City
Pennsylvania State University
Pennsylvania State University - Harrisburg
Pikes Peak Community College
Pima Community College
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Purdue University (College of Engineering)
Purdue University (Honors College)
Reed College
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rockhurst University
Rollins College
Saint Louis University
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University (College of Arts & Sciences)
Santa Clara University (Leavey School of Business)
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Seoul National University
Sewanee: The University of the South
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Southern Methodist University
(School of Business)
Stanford University
State College of Florida
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Tech University
The College of Wooster
The Culinary Institute of America-NY (Main Campus)
The George Washington University
The King’s College
The University of Arizona
The University of Arizona (Engineering)
The University of Oklahoma
Trinity University
Tufts University
Tulane University (Newcomb College of Liberal Arts & Sciences)
United States Air Force Academy
University of Arizona
University College London
University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Boulder (Aerospace Engineering)
University of Denver (College of Engineering & Applied Science)
University of Colorado at Boulder (Kittredge Honors Program)
University of Colorado at Boulder (School of Business)
University of Colorado at Denver
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of La Verne
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
University of Miami
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina
University of Wilmington
University of Northern Colorado
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Redlands
University of Rhode Island
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of Toronto
University of Tulsa
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin - Madison
University of Wyoming
University of York
Utah Valley University
Virginia Tech (Engineering)
Washington State University
Webster University
West Texas A&M University
Western Colorado University
Western Washington University
Whitman College
Whittier College
Wichita State University
Yale University
Yonsei University