



MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

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MSSD14 recognized for environmental leadership!

Manitou Springs School District 14 is proud to announce that we were selected to be a Gold Leader in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Environmental Leadership Program for the fourth year in a row.

The program is dedicated to creating partnerships among businesses, governments and organizations. The goal is to foster good relationships, reward environmental performance, and create a healthier, cleaner and more sustainable Colorado.

The District accepted the award from Governor Polis in Denver on Tuesday, Oct. 1.



D14 Director of Technology Cathrine "Cat" Olimb, right, accepts the District's award from Lynnette Myers, director of the Colorado Environmental Leadership Program.

Explore the Manitou Abound Program!

The Manitou Abound Program, or MAP, is beginning its fourth year at Manitou Springs High School. MAP is a back-to-back English and elective class that uses experiential and outdoor-education techniques to connect academic, in-classroom learning with meaningful experiences outside of the classroom. The researched benefits of being outside are innumerable: it helps physical health, mental health, intellectual health and emotional health. Therefore, MAP students spend a lot of time outdoors, whether it's hiking, taking photographs, rafting, rock climbing, mountain biking, or just sitting outside writing poems. This year, MAP's educational theme is "exploration" and students will explore the Royal Gorge (via whitewater rafts), our local national parks, charitable organizations, art exhibits and many more of our local treasures. Ultimately, its goal is to engage students into becoming more passionate, informed and capable citizens. If you have any questions about MAP, please feel welcome to contact Ben Gilliam at bgilliam@mssd14.org.



Career and College Readiness Corner

As a continuation of last week's explanation of the alphabet soup regarding post-secondary readiness, this week we will discuss Concurrent Enrollment.

Concurrent Enrollment allows students still in high school to take classes through a local college for both high school and college credit.

The biggest bonus for families is that the tuition for these classes is paid for by the school district.

The classes students can take are regulated by state statute and school district policy. It is important for families to know what will transfer to a four year college, in-state and out-of-state.

In Colorado, there are some classes that are referred to as GT or Guaranteed Transfer at state universities, but private and out-of-state colleges may have different rules. At Manitou Springs High School, we have been approved for the following GT classes: College Algebra, College Trigonometry, College Pre-Calculus, Introduction to Theatre, Biology 104 and Biology 105.

We offer these classes based upon student demand and if students qualify for courses based on college and district criteria. Regardless, these opportunities offer students deep learning experiences along with college credit here on campus.

Important date

Oct. 18: Colorado State Fall Student Council Conference — no school for students

Employment Opportunity

The District is looking to hire an HVAC technician. Visit https://www.mssd14.org/district_information/employment_opportunities/B__G_HVAC_Technician__District and come be a part of the Herd!

Artists of the Week



Artists: MSES celebrates the International Day of Peace

