# ABOUT

**Mesa County Valley School District 51** 

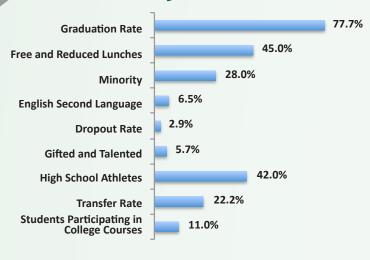
Mesa County Valley School District 51 is located in Grand Junction, CO. With a population of 147,848 people and growing, the "Grand Valley" promotes excellent quality of life, cultural facilities, high quality healthcare and a great public school system.

School District 51 is the 12th largest of 178 School Districts in Colorado, serving over 21,000 students.

## Providing Pathways To Graduation To Ensure Student Success

- 25 elementary schools, 8 middle schools, 1 middle/ high, 4 high schools, 1 K-12 School
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)-focused elementary school
- Dual-language elementary and middle schools
- Two K-8 charter schools
- K-12 online school
- K-12 vision school
- Two schools with vocational opportunities
- · Alternative high school
- Programs within schools include:
   Challenge Program for middle school students,
   International Baccalaureate (IB) for high school students, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program
- Unique partnership with Colorado Mesa University and Western Colorado Community College to provide a P-20 experience

#### **About District 51 Students**





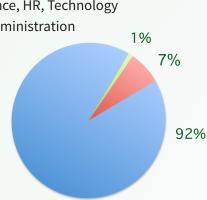
## Current Funding and Resources

District 51 graduation rates have increased by 4% in recent years. The district is amongst the lowest funded districts in the state and has seen a 20% reduction in funding.

- \$6,311 per pupil revenue in 2013-2014
- 33.35% of all funds come from local sources

#### Percent of Dollars Spent

- Teachers, Counselors, Supplies, Staff
- Maintenance, HR, Technology
- District Administration



# School District 51 is the largest employer on the Western Slope

- Teachers and staff: 2,594
- Students enrolled: 21,827
- 44 schools
- 11 Title 1 schools

District 51 is proud of its staff, students and parent organizations who have contributed to the excellent education provided in our schools.

#### Awards & Distinctions

- National Blue Ribbon Schools Orchard Avenue and Pear Park Elementary
- Highest reading growth in Colorado Scenic Elementary
- Centers of Excellence Awards Nisley Elementary
- Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award New Emerson and Scenic Elementary, Palisade and Gateway High School
- Model Turnaround School Clifton Elementary

www.d51schools.org