

# Launch to Middle School

## Jeffco Public Schools

### Golden, CO

The “Launch to Middle School” event was an effort that addressed Arvada families with students entering middle school for the 24-25 school year. The goal of this event was to provide training for families on how to use the Infinite Campus platform, to monitor their student’s performance in middle school, and introduce Google Classroom as an additional tool for grade check-ins and communication with teachers.

“Launch to Middle School” was planned by the Family Engagement Liaisons from Swanson, Secret, Lawrence, Hackberry Hill elementary schools, Arvada K-8, and North Arvada Middle School. Leaders from Jeffco Public School’s Department of Federal Programs and staff from North Arvada Middle School also contributed. The Family Engagement Liaisons leveraged their connections and relationships with their elementary school families to communicate the importance of the event and encourage them to attend. District leaders created the Infinite Campus Training slide deck to demonstrate an overview of Infinite Campus and Google Classroom. Interpreters provided services to ELL and ASL families, so they had access to the information.



“Launch to Middle School” took place at North Arvada Middle school on the same day that all Arvada 5th graders visited the building. The presentation illustrated the process of logging into Infinite Campus and showed step-by-step instructions of how to view the many facets of the platform. The school counselor and registrar outlined the grading policies and academic expectations at North Arvada Middle School. This, paired with the tools to access real-time information, demystified school systems and gave families the ability to address why students may be missing assignments. Additionally, families were taught how to watch for trends in grades, attendance, and communicate with teachers and administrators about where their students may need extra support.

One of the challenges was not having the slide presentation available in Spanish, but it has since been translated for future presentations to meet the needs of all attendees. Evaluation of the presentation was conducted through an exit ticket and was provided in both English and Spanish. Families answered these questions: Did this workshop increase your understanding of the tools needed to support your student home? Did you feel this workshop was helpful for you? What would make this workshop better? Which part was most useful - Q&A, tour of the school, or accessing the online tools?

One attendee was not new to Infinite Campus, Google Classroom, or middle school policies, but still stated, “it was very informative, and as someone who already uses it, it cleared up some things.” Another response was satisfied with their new ability to access “online tools and what is expected next year.” One evaluator shared they were “impressed with the inclusivity of the workshop.” This event was highly rated by attendees and was successful in achieving the initial goal.