

# Mountain Middle School

is a leader in progressive education.

To succeed in the 21st century, today's students need to become creative, critical thinkers who can work in teams to solve complex problems.

**As a public school** we offer a free education to students chosen via a random lottery – enrollment is non-selective.

**As a charter school** our teachers enjoy the freedom and flexibility to design compelling lessons in small classes where they can personalize instruction.

**As a project-based learning school** our students engage in relevant, hands-on learning that they call *interactive, fun, hard-working* and *exciting*.

EDUCATION IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION.

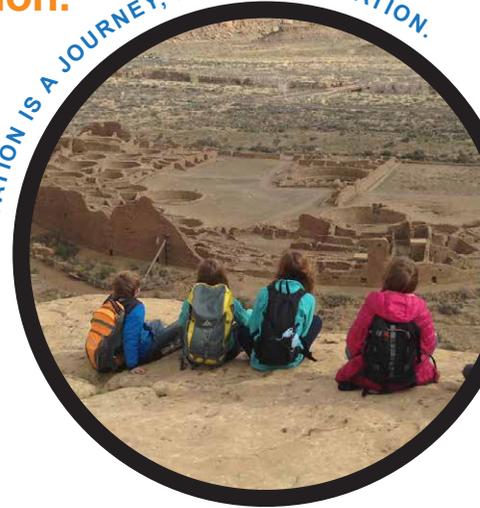
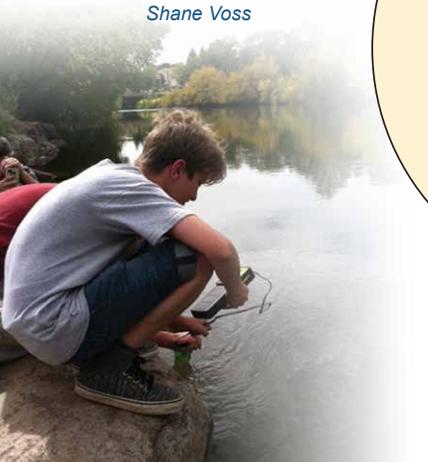


Photo: Steve Lewis, Durango Herald

**EXAMPLE:  
Bridge Project**

Students design, build and test original bridge designs in teams to understand physics and math in an exciting competition.

*"To reach their academic potential, students must also realize their social potential."*  
– Head of School Shane Voss



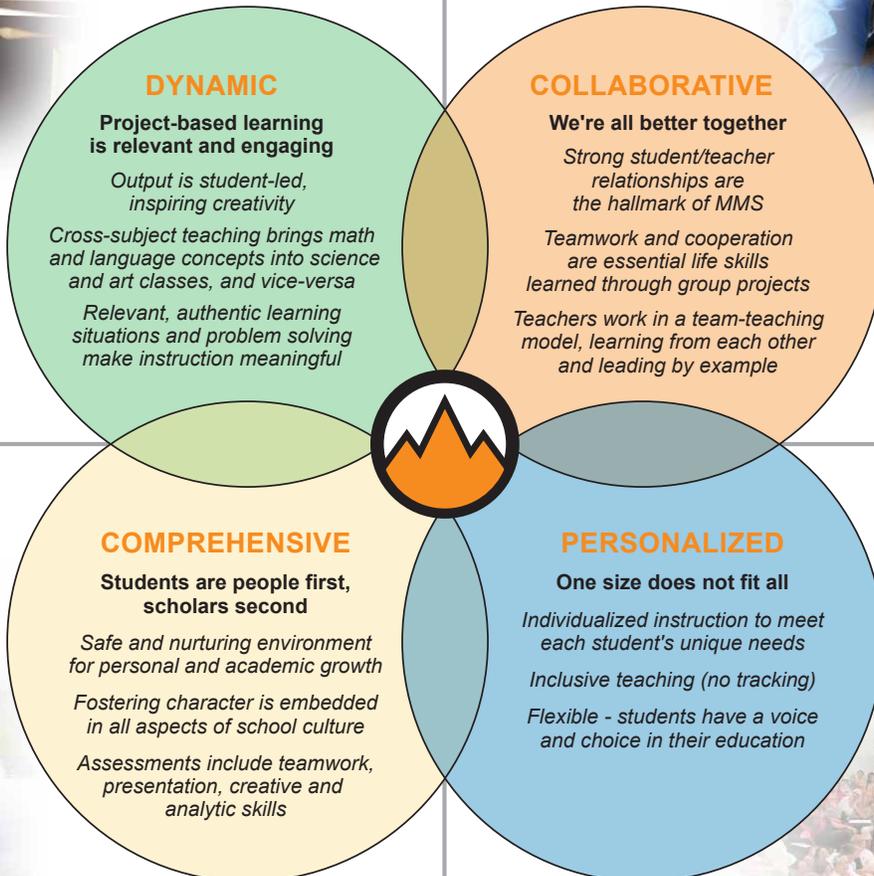
*MMS is ... "hands-on activities."  
"The teachers let us make projects to learn the concepts that other schools teach on paper."  
– current MMS students*

**EXAMPLE:  
Advisory Group**

Close interpersonal relationships are forged within a small group of students and their teacher advisor who meet daily during their 3-year journey.



*MMS is ... "a place where individual effort raises everybody's well being."  
– School Counselor Mike Madden*



**EXAMPLE:  
Habits of Heart & Mind**

Respect, Integrity, Effort and Refinement are continuously reinforced and celebrated.

*"At Mountain, everyone is a someone."  
– MMS 2014 graduate, comparing her years at MMS to the bullying she experienced in another middle school.*



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We celebrate innovative ideas, the drive to expand the limits of each student's academic and social potential, the joy of learning, and the friendship and personal growth that come from challenging endeavors.

## Mountain Middle School is accredited "Performance with Distinction"

"Performance with Distinction" is the highest attainable rating based on academic, fiscal and operational performance.

Ranked in the top 12% of all public schools in Colorado based on academic performance

Surpassed state expectations for academic growth and outperformed nearby schools and similar schools statewide

MMS is one of Charter School Institute's highest-performing schools.



## Learn more at [MountainMiddleSchool.org](http://MountainMiddleSchool.org)

or call to arrange a visit or a "shadow" day for your student.

**TEDx**

Mountain Middle School

x = independently organized TED event



### Mission Statement

Within a supportive and safe culture, Mountain Middle School integrates technology and project-based learning into a rigorous liberal arts curriculum that prepares students to succeed in the 21st century as self-motivated, innovative thinkers who seek to resolve challenges collaboratively.

### Vision Statement

Mountain Middle School will work with each student to achieve their highest academic and social potential in an educational framework of problem-solving, cross-subject application, and teamwork.

