

Lyons Senior

School Profile

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CSU Online Partnership

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ACCREDITATION

Rated at **Performance**, Colorado

Department of Education's highest level;

Accredited with Distinction

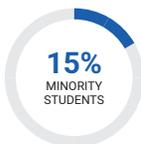


District Overview

St. Vrain Valley Schools is the educational home of more than 32,000 of Colorado's students. St. Vrain Valley is the seventh largest school district in the state and operates 57 schools and programs that are spread over 411 square miles serving 13 geographically diverse communities. All traditional schools in St. Vrain are accredited at the two highest levels with some of the most rigorous graduation requirements in Colorado. St. Vrain Valley Schools is preparing students for the future by giving them a strong competitive advantage that will empower their success in a complex, globalized economy. The district offers 70 Instructional Focus Programs including: Energy, STEM, Engineering and Aerospace, Medical and BioScience, International Baccalaureate, and Leadership.

School Overview

Lyons Senior High School is a small community high school within the St. Vrain Valley School District. Lyons offers rigorous coursework including Honors, AP and college classes offered through a Colorado State University Online partnership. Students also have concurrent enrollment options available with Front Range Community College. Lyons Senior High ranked in the top 5% of US Public High Schools and #1 in the St. Vrain Valley School District by US News & World Report based on performance of student achievement, graduation rate, and post-secondary readiness. Lyons is also a top ranked Middle/Senior High School in the State of Colorado based on achievement, growth, post-secondary, and workforce readiness. Students and staff take pride in Lyons' supportive community culture and school environment. Nearly 30 percent of students are open enrolled, coming from other attendance areas to take advantage of strong academic offerings and small school atmosphere.



Student Achievement

- Lyons' outstanding athletics, band, choir, and drama programs have received numerous state and district recognitions.
- Earned the Colorado John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award for 2023 and 2024.
- Over 85% of Lyons students participate in band, choir, athletics, drama, or other organized programs.
- Of those students, over 70% participate in multiple activities.
- The SAT composite score for the current Lyons class is 1070.
- On average, Lyons high school students earn over 150 college credits each year.
- While increasing the number of AP classes taken per student, Lyons carries a 100% graduation rate.
- 91% of students taking AP Exams in 2025 demonstrated college readiness by earning a score of 3 or higher.
- Lyons earned Gold Recognition for the 2023-24 AP School Honor Roll.
- Student honors include: Daniels Semi-Finalist, National Merit Finalists, Boettcher Scholars and appointments to the armed services academies.
- Lyons is home to All-State musicians, vocalists and an annual theatrical performance.
- Lyons continues to expand opportunities in computer science, CSU Online course offerings, and Science and Leadership.
- The Class of 2025 earned over \$3 million in scholarships.
- 15% of the Class of 2025 graduates earned the Seal of Biliiteracy.
- 7% of the students in the Class of 2026 were awarded the College Board's National Small Town and Rural Recognition and College Board's School Recognition.

Academic Programming and College Credit Options

Colorado State University: Online partnership offers transfer college credits

Front Range Community College: Concurrent enrollment college credit courses

Advanced Placement (AP): 8 weighted grade courses

Innovation Center and Career Development Center: Concurrent enrollment offerings through Front Range Community College, internship opportunities and certification programs are offered at these district learning centers.

Graduation Requirements

24.5 TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED
AMONG THE MOST RIGOROUS
IN COLORADO

English	4.0
Math	3.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.0
Fine Arts	0.5
Practical Arts	0.5
Physical Education	2.0
Health	0.5
Electives	7.5
Financial Literacy	0.5

Transcript Notations

- Includes both unweighted and weighted cumulative GPA
- Rank in class is determined by students' cumulative GPA, which includes classes taken at the college level. Every grade, except P and S, in grades 9-12 is used in calculating rank.
- A (TR) indicates credit transferred from another institution.
- A (PS) indicates a dual credit college course taken through concurrent enrollment with the University of Colorado-Denver, e.g. CU Gen. Psych or Front Range Community College, e.g. FRCC English 121.
- Weighted grades are earned in courses designated as Honors or Advanced Placement using the following grading scale:

UNWEIGHTED	HONORS	ADVANCED PLACEMENT
A 4.0	A 4.5	A 5.0
B 3.0	B 3.5	B 4.0
C 2.0	C 2.5	C 3.0
D 1.0	D 1.5	D 2.0
F 0.0	F 0.0	F 0.0

85% OF LYONS SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
ATTEND A 2 OR 4 YEAR
UNIVERSITY

Lyons Senior High School Alumni have graduated from:

- Dartmouth
- Colorado School of Mines
- Cornell University
- Denver University
- Berklee School of Music
- University of California Berkeley
- Auburn University
- California Polytechnic State University
- Oxford University
- Stanford Law School
- Air Force Academy

College Preparatory Curriculum

The following courses are offered at Lyons Senior High School. Specific College Preparatory (CP), Honors, and Advanced Placement (AP) classes are listed in separate columns. AP courses are considered the most difficult courses available for each subject area in which they are offered.

Traditional Offerings	College Prep & Honors	Advanced Placement
ENGLISH		
English 9 English 10 English 11 English 12	Honors English 9 Honors English 10	AP Language & Composition AP Literature & Composition
SOCIAL STUDIES		
World Geography/History U.S. History U.S. CO Government Psychology Sociology Economics Law in American Society Personal Financial Literacy		AP U.S. History AP U.S. Government
SCIENCE (ALL LAB BASED)		
Biology Chemistry Physics Environmental Science	Honors Biology Honors Chemistry	AP Biology AP Environmental Science
MATHEMATICS		
Algebra 1 Geometry Intermediate Algebra Algebra 2 Pre-Calculus with Trig		AP Calculus AB
WORLD LANGUAGES		
Spanish 1-4		AP Spanish
ARTS		
Band Jazz Band Choir Select Choir Guitar Painting	Ceramics Drawing Digital Photography History of Rock & Roll 2D Design 3D Design	
PRACTICAL ARTS		
Yearbook Technology Data Science Technology 2 Intro to Computer Programming	Computer Science Music Technology Stage Technology Community and Local Leadership	

Instructional Focus

- 8 Advanced Placement Classes
- World Languages classes in Spanish
- CSU Online focus College preparatory courses in English, mathematics, science and social studies
- Concurrent Enrollment is offered through Colorado State University Online and Front Range Community College for dual enrollment/college credit attainment.

Technology Focus

- All students use iPads to support learning.
- Courses offered with technology focus: Project-Based Technology and Introduction to Programming
- Students can attend classes at the district's Innovation Center and work on research and development projects that will prepare them for future careers in STEM.
- Students have access to a 3D printer, full tech lab outfitted with student workstations, industrial tech lab and Apple Certification classes at the Innovation Center.
- Student opportunities include Drone Club and participation in Up-A-Creek Robotics.