# **Skyline High** School Profile

# ST. VRA N VALLEY SCHOOLS academic excellence by design

#### FOCUS

Visual Performing Arts Academy P-TECH, STEM Academy

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#### ACCREDITATION

Rated at **Improvement** by the Colorado Department of Education





### **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**

Skyline High School educates students in a safe and empowering environment. **Our mission is to challenge students to achieve the highest levels of academic success so they may thrive in an increasingly diverse and complex world. Skyline was named as a 2021 Best High School by the US News and World Report.** We have a strong emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) within our curriculum where students are introduced to advanced technology and equipment along with collaboration and leadership skills. All students have access to a full continuum of rigorous academic course offerings and a diverse selection of co-curricular activities. Students can also participate in the school's three focus offerings: Visual and Performing Arts Academy, STEM Academy, or FalconTech, the district's first P-TECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School) school.



# **Student Achievement**

- The SAT composite score for Skyline High School 2022-2023 seniors was 925.
- 225 students took 921 Front Range Community College courses in 2022-2023.
- On College Board AP exams, Skyline students increased qualifying scores by 8%.
- Skyline High School students have received state and national recognition, including Amazon Future Engineering Scholarship, Boettcher Scholarships, Daniels Fund Scholarships, and National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists.
- Over 71% of SHS students participate in arts, activities and/or athletics.
- Skyline's P-TECH Program (FalconTECH) has welcomed three new industry partners into our collaboration: Advanced Network Management (ANM), CGI Inc., and our own St. Vrain Valley Schools Technology Services (DTS) department. Together, these partners have recruited over 30 new mentors for FalconTECH, bringing fresh enthusiasm to the program.
- 238 FalconTECH students have completed internships with IBM and DTS over the last four years.
- University of Colorado College of Engineering guaranteed admissions agreement for qualified STEM graduates.
- Home of St. Vrain's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and VPA (Visual and Performing Arts) academies with nearly 300 accepted students.

Academic Programming and College Credit Options

Advanced Placement (AP): 20 weighted grade courses Concurrent Enrollment Options: Front Range Community College Honors Courses: Offered throughout 9th and 10th grade FalconTECH: In partnership with IBM, ANM, CGI, and Front Range Community College, students have the opportunity to earn an Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems at no cost to the student, concurrently with a high school diploma.

### Graduation Requirements

24.5 TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED AMONG THE MOST RIGOROUS

English	4.0
Math	3.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.5
Fine Arts	0.5
Practical Arts	0.5
Physical Ed.	2.0
Health	0.5
Electives	7.5

# **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 University of Colorado-Boulder, e.g. CU Gen. Psych or Front Range Community College, e.g. FRCC English 121.

•	Weighted grades are	UNWEIGHTED	HONORS	ADVANCED PLACEMENT
	earned in courses	A 4.0	A 4.5	A 5.0
	designated as Honors	B 3.0	B 3.5	B 4.0
	or Advanced Placement	C 2.0	C 2.5	C 3.0
	using the following	D 1.0	D 1.5	D 2.0
	grading scale:	F 0.0	F 0.0	F 0.0

## **College Preparatory Curriculum**

The following courses are offered at Skyline High School. Specific Traditional, 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.

	Offerings	Honors & Adva	anced Plac	ement
English 9 English 10 English 11 English 12 SOCIAL STUDIES		Honors English 9 Honors English 10 AP English Language AP English Literature AP Seminar AP Research		
U.S. History U.S./CO Government Psychology Sociology Personal Financial Lite SCIENCE (ALL LAB	racy	Honors World Geography AP Human Geography AP U.S. Government AP U.S. History AP Psychology AP MicroEconomics AP MacroEconomics		
Biology Chemistry Physics Anatomy & Physiology	Astronomy Forensic Science Geology	Honors Biology Honors Chemistry AP Biology AP Environmental Science	AP Physics 1/Algebr AP Physics/Calculus	
MATHEMATICS _				
Algebra 1 Algebra 2 Geometry Statistics		Honors Geometry Honors Algebra 2 Honors Trig/Pre-Calculus	AP Calculus AB AP Statistics	
Pre-Calculus Trigonom	netry	ARTS		AP CAPSTONE
		AP Music Theory AP Studio Art Drawing AP 2D Studio Art - 2D Design AP 2D Studio Art - 3D Design		AP Seminar AP Research
WORLD LANGUAG	ES			PRACTICAL ARTS
Spanish 1-4 Spanish for Spanish S French 1-4	peakers 1, 2	AP Spanish AP French		AP Computer Science

#### Focus Program Offerings VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

STEM/COMPUTER Explorations in STEM Creative Engineering Advanced Engineering Robotics Senior Design	Computer Tec Introduction to Introduction to Apple Certified Computer Scie
Senior Design	Computer Scie Business Class

FALCONTECH

Introduction to SQL

Introduction to PC Applications

Complete PC Database: Access PC Spreadsheet Concepts: Excel

Systems Analysis and Design 1

Complete PC Word Processing: Word

hnician I: A+ Guitar Programming o Computing d Mac and iOS Tech ence A+B ses

Computer Science+2

Complete Web Authoring

Linux Configuration: OS

C++ Programming

Internship

Web Application Development

Advanced Java Programming

Alpine Jazz Concert Choir Symphonic Orchestra Symphonic Band Jazz Band Allegro FRCC Musci Ensemble Percussion Ensemble Mariachi Ensemble Drama/Advanced Drama Beginning & Intermediate Stage Technology Musical Theater FRCC Drawing FRCC Ceramics

Introduction to Programming -CSC 119 Object Oriented Programming Web Editing Tools: Dreamweaver Client Side Scripting: Software Web Design 1

English Composition 1 U.S. History Since the Civil War College Algebra Introduction to Business Corporate Ethics and Social Responsibility



- Harvard University
- Lehigh University
- **Princeton University**
- **Tulane University**
- University of Pennsylvania
- Colorado School of Mines
- University of Colorado Boulder
- Loyola Marymount
- Pepperdine
  - George Washington University

#### Instructional Focus

- Capstone
- World languages in French and Spanish.
- FalconTECH students graduate in four to six years with a high school diploma from of Applied Science degree from Front Range Community College. Students also IBM, and are highly-qualified for industry employment upon graduation. The AAS degree is at no cost to the students.
- Career Elevation and Technology Center: Internship opportunities and certification programs are offered at this district hands-on learning center
- Strong business partnerships throughout the community provide resources,
- Skyline partners with the district's Innovation Center where students can work on research and development projects that will prepare them for future careers in STFM

### **Technology Focus**

- All students have access to personal iPads.
- Courses offered with technology focus include Introduction to Programming, Introduction to Computing, Computer Science, and AP Computer Science
- Systems, Programming and/or Web Development.
- Tech Squad participation, and Apple Certification classes at the Innovation Center
- Skyline High School sponsors a competitive Robotics Team that nationally

FalconTECH students will take 63 college credits (in addition to high school requirements) to complete their degree.