

Historic Schools of Douglas County



Jarre Creek School, Dist. 5, 1908-1950, Douglas County Historical Society Visual Materials, 1992.001.0654.0008.

Because white settlers arrived in Colorado before it officially attained statehood, Douglas County's schools have a longer history than the county itself. The county's first school district was organized in Sedalia, Colorado in 1865.

By the end of that year, three districts had been organized with a total of seventy students. The school districts did not collect taxes from 1867-1869 due to raids by Native Americans in the area. By 1890, there were 23 schools educating Douglas County, and by 1900 there were 11 more.

The schools were governed by three school board officials at a time. In each school, one teacher acted as daycare provider, school nurse, janitor and principal. When the student population centers changed, school buildings were sometimes moved or rebuilt to accommodate the shift.

There were eventually more than 40 school districts in Douglas County, some with as few as one or two students, others with as many as 70 or 80. Some of the schools were open for only a few months of the year, and some years the schools did not open at all. The year before the Douglas County RE-1 School District was formed in 1958, there were 17 districts in the county, all governed by separate school boards with their own policies, hiring decisions and budgets. In 1958 there was one.

School Districts by Name

- [Acequia / Plum](#)
- [Allison](#)
- [Baldrige](#)
- [Bear Canon / Jarre Creek](#)
- [Castle Rock / Cantril](#)
- [Cherry / Pratt](#)
- [Cherry Valley](#)
- [Columbine](#)
- [Dewey](#)
- [Dry Creek / Welte](#)
- [East Cherry / Aulsebrook](#)
- [Flintwood](#)
- [Fonder](#)
- [Franktown](#)
- [Glen Grove](#)
- [Glade](#)
- [Golddale](#)
- [Greenland](#)
- [Happy Canyon](#)
- [Hilltop](#)
- [Horse Creek / Sylvia](#)
- [Indian Park / Brown's](#)
- [Kelly / Gann](#)
- [Larkspur / Stone Canyon](#)
- [Larsen's / Cedar Grove](#)
- [Lone Tree](#)
- [Louviers](#)
- [Lower Lake Gulch](#)
- [Oaklands](#)
- [Parker](#)
- [Pine Grove \(10\)](#)
- [Pine Grove \(27\)](#)
- [Plainfield](#)
- [Platte Canyon / Roxborough](#)
- [Rattlesnake](#)
- [Rock Ridge / Case / Irving](#)
- [Round Top](#)
- [Sedalia](#)
- [Spring Valley](#)
- [Sugar Creek](#)
- [Upper Lake Gulch](#)
- [Westcreek / Pemberton](#)

School Districts by Number

Each school district in the county was assigned a district number.
They give a rough order of when the schools were founded.

- [Sedalia - 1](#)
- [Franktown - 2](#)
- [Spring Valley - 3](#)
- [Kelly's / Gann - 4](#)
- [Bear Canyon / Jarre Creek - 5](#)
- [Glen Grove - 6](#)
- [Indian Park / Brown's- 7](#)
- [Fonder - 8](#)
- [Dry Creek / Welte - 9](#)
- [Castle Rock - 11](#)
- [Lower Lake Gulch - 12](#)
- [Upper Lake Gulch - 13](#)
- [Larkspur / Stone Canyon - 15](#)
- [Acequia - 16](#)
- [Lone Tree - 17](#)
- [Allison - 18](#)
- [Platte Canyon / Roxborough - 19](#)
- [Cherry / Pratt's - 20](#)
- [Horse Creek / Sylvia - 21](#)
- [East Cherry Creek - 22](#)
- [Greenland - 23](#)
- [Rock Ridge / Case/ Irving-24](#)
- [Glade - 25](#)
- [Rattlesnake - 25](#)
- [Goldale - 14](#)
- [Columbine - 26](#)
- [Sugar Creek - 26](#)
- [Pine Grove - 27](#)
- [Westcreek / Pemberton - 27](#)
- [Happy Canyon - 28](#)
- [Plainfield - 29](#)
- [Hilltop - 30](#)
- [Round Top - 31](#)
- [Oaklands - 32](#)
- [Larsen's / Cedar Grove-33](#)
- [Dewey - 34](#)
- [Flintwood - 35](#)
- [Louviers - 36](#)
- [Parker - 36](#)
- [Baldrige - 39](#)
- [Cherry Valley - 40](#)



School Districts by Area

