



Become a Lowry Aviator!

Lowry Elementary is an ECE to 5th grade school located in the neighborhood of Lowry in East Denver. Lowry serves 388 students in 19 classrooms, representing a diverse cross-section of Denver. Our focus is on academic excellence and meeting the needs of the whole child. This allows our students to experience a school community that is both caring and compassionate. We value the hard work that is necessary to build lifelong learners and great citizens of our community. Our expectations are high, our limits are endless, and together we are unstoppable.

Lowry's Philosophy

Mission: to foster a joyful school family that is committed to authentic belonging and personal excellence in our diverse global community.

Vision: to create unstoppable learners who embrace inclusion and achieve their full potential.

SOAR: At Lowry Elementary, every student SOARs – we are **S**afe, **O**pen-minded, **A**ccountable and **R**espectful

Lowry is One of a Kind!

Diversity: At Lowry, our diversity is our superpower! Students come from all over the world with 25 languages spoken by families. With no racial majority and students from a variety of economic backgrounds, Lowry students gain a rich global perspective.

Whole Child Support: Lowry is committed to social-emotional learning. We utilize a full suite of tools to ensure that students understand their emotions, develop a strong sense of self-regulation and how to problem solve when conflict occurs. Some of our tools include, Conscious Discipline, Zones of Regulation, SuperFlex, Restorative Approaches, and support from therapy dogs with our new partnership with Denver Pet Partners.

Committed Staff: Lowry's teachers are top-notch and truly dedicated to helping students develop and learn. They put students first each and every day and truly care about your child. Our families regularly identify Lowry teachers as the best part of Lowry.

Recess Enrichment: Lowry is thrilled to have a partnership with a non-profit called Connect Us. Connect Us is dedicated to building the social and emotional wellbeing of children. Connect Us facilitators play alongside students in a variety of inclusive games and activities.

Lowry's Academic Programming

At Lowry, we ensure that students have access to advanced levels of instruction while receiving differentiated instruction to meet their individualized needs.

ECE: Our ECE teachers utilize Tools of the Mind, which is an adaptive program based on the research of how early learners grow and are rooted in dramatic play. Learning focuses on developing foundational cognitive, social and emotional skills.

Math: In our math classrooms, we prioritize conceptual understanding of mathematical concepts. Through the use of our Bridges curriculum students are regularly given rigorous tasks that require critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students explore mathematics through the use of manipulatives, multiple representations and collaboration in small groups.

K-2 Literacy: Kindergarten through second grade classrooms utilize the CKLA curriculum which is based in the Science of Reading. CKLA has two components: Skills and Knowledge. In the Skills block, teachers teach reading using an explicit and systematic approach. The Science of Reading utilizes both language comprehension and word recognition skills to develop students into readers. During the Knowledge block, students learn about a vast array of different themes like Stories from Around the World to the Five Senses.

3-5 Literacy: Our 3-5 grade classrooms use the literacy curriculum, Expeditionary Learning (EL). EL connects literacy standards to real-world issues. It is academically rigorous and project based. Reading and writing instruction is intertwined throughout units of study and every unit culminates with students participating in a project to demonstrate their learning. Students also receive small group instruction that is tailored to their reading level.

Science/Social Studies: Teachers use the science curriculum, Amplify. Through the use of Amplify, students engage in science through hands-on investigations, literacy-rich activities and interactive digital tools. Our Social Studies curriculum is InquireEd. InquireEd is inquiry based, students learn through classroom discussion, investigation and group projects.

Instructional Leadership

At Lowry, we have 4 teachers who serve as Senior Team Leads (STL). Their role is split between providing instructional coaching to teachers and working with small groups of students as interventionists. Our STL's use the coaching model, Student Centered Coaching, when working with teachers and students. The STL's work collaboratively with teachers to set rigorous academic goals for students and then co-create a 6-week instructional plan that puts student learning at the center of the coaching cycle. A few of the ways that STL's work with teachers is by modeling lessons, co-teaching lessons, analyzing data and providing feedback to teachers.

Lowry's Staff

Our staff is committed to our school's success, in fact, several teachers have been at Lowry since it opened in 2002, and many of our staff are both teachers and Lowry parents! Our staff culture is incredibly positive and collaborative.

Lowry's staff includes:

- ★ 19 Classroom teachers
- ★ 3 specials teachers (Art, music, PE)
- ★ Mental Health team: School psychologist, school counselor, restorative practice coordinator
- ★ WINGS Program: teacher, paraprofessional, restorative practice coordinator
- ★ Librarian
- ★ School Nurse (full-time)
- ★ 4 Intervention Teachers
- ★ 2 Multi-Language Education Teachers
- ★ Gifted and Talented Teacher
- ★ Special Education: 2 teachers, 1 speech pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist
- ★ 20 paraprofessionals
- ★ 2 Office staff
- ★ 4 Instructional coaches
- ★ Principal and Assistant Principal

Lowry's Gardens

We are incredibly proud of our thriving gardens at Lowry. Students plant seeds in our gardens and watch them grow until it's time to harvest the produce for our farmer's market!

Lowry's Library

Lowry is fortunate to have a full-time library technician supporting the library. Our library is filled with engaging books that will meet the interest of all students grades ECE - 5.

Technology

We have 1:1 technology for our Lowry students! Our teachers incorporate engaging and creative technology instruction into their lessons throughout the day.

Enriching Learning Experiences

Lowry partners with Community Resources to enhance instructional concepts with field trips, classroom speakers, and school-wide assemblies. We also have engaging family nights such as science night, art night, and multicultural night!

Lowry Hours

Lowry's start time is 7:30 am, students arrive and have free breakfast in their classrooms. Our day ends at 2:30 pm.

Before/After School Care

Lowry is one of the sites of Discovery Link run through the DPS Office of Extended Learning and Community Schools. Please visit the Discovery Link website for additional information and registration information - <https://discoverylink.dpsk12.org/>

WINGS Program

An Affective Needs program for 3rd to 5th graders, WINGS (When I Need Guidance and Support) provides support for students with specific emotional needs. WINGS operates as an Inclusive classroom and is supported by 1 Full Time Teacher, 1 Full Time Social Worker, 1 Restorative Justice Coordinator, and 1 Paraprofessional.

How to Get Involved

PTO- We have an active and supportive PTO, they help make Lowry the amazing school that it is! Meetings occur once per month and provide several opportunities to support and volunteer for our school.

CSC- Our collaborative school committee meets monthly and advises the principal on the school goals and budget, all meetings are open to parents.

Volunteer- Our classroom teachers have a variety of ways that parents can help out in the classroom. We also love volunteers to help in the garden and library.

How to Stay Connected

We use Digital Deets as our primary form of school and classroom communication. We send weekly communication to keep you informed of school events and news. Also, make sure to check us out on Instagram and Facebook!