

### *Extra- Curricular Activities*

A wide variety of clubs and activities are offered, including yearbook staff, school newspaper staff, science and math competitions, student council, cheerleading, dance and vocal and instrumental music groups.

### *Fossil Ridge Athletics*

The mission of Fossil Ridge Athletics is:

To build self-confidence, self-esteem, and respect for others through participation in a community that values each student as an individual

And

To provide all student-athletes a positive, challenging, competitive, and fair athletic experience that emphasizes the principles of character, personal integrity sportsmanship, wellness and fulfillment of each individual's potential.

Our football program is in the 3A Division of the Northern Conference. All other sports participate in 4A .



### The administrative team at FRHS believes:

Our purpose is to ensure the highest level of support for the academic achievement of all students.

We value open, honest communication with staff, parents and students.

We strive to respond in a professional, caring, confidential and respectful manner to parents, students and staff.

We believe that relationships are fundamental to student success; we strive to achieve this through our Advisory Program and Smaller Learning Communities.

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Welcome to the home of  
the Sabercats



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## History of Fossil Ridge

Fossil Ridge High School is named for the low ridge in front of the foothills to the west and southwest of Fort Collins and attests to the rich collection of fossils found in the Fossil Creek area. The name reminds us of our rich geological history and present stewardship of natural resources.

Fossil Ridge opened with 475 students in grades 10 and 11 in August, 2004 and will grow to nearly 1000 students in 10-12 in 2006. Designed for an optimum capacity of 1,450-1,700 students, the school was designed using PSD's nationally recognized, environmentally friendly, sustainable guidelines.

## Smaller Learning Communities

The high school was designed utilizing the "school within a school" concept, which divides the building into three smaller teaching "houses."

Each house or wing has an independent school structure, including its own students, classrooms, lockers, teachers, counselors, and administrators. All students utilize common areas such as the cafeteria, gyms and auditorium.

The Fossil Ridge curricular plan is the smaller learning community interdisciplinary model. Teacher teams interface with groups of students and advisory structure reaches every student in the school.

The goal of this unique facility is to create the intimacy of a small-school environment with the advantages of a large school's diverse curriculum and opportunities.

The structured advisory system where teachers serve as instructor and as mentor for students enhances relationships and positively impacts learning and personal growth. The purpose of advisory includes: Listening to and engaging students in decisions that impact Fossil Ridge; Teaching the curriculum of the Critical Skills class; Hosting guest speakers; Enjoying assemblies and concerts; and Preparing for required tests (CSAP and



## Instructional & Enrichment Programs

"The Ridge" offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses, which are widely recognized by American colleges and universities as the highest level of high school academic achievement.

AP classes are offered in nearly all subject areas, including calculus, chemistry, senior humanities, physics, history, art, and world languages. The backbone of the gifted education program, AP classes offer excellent opportunities for students seeking the rewards of a rigorous, specialized academic curriculum.

From the building trades areas—including fully equipped wood and metal shops, engineering and graphics labs, technology classrooms and labs, and painting and welding rooms—



To culinary arts, career education options are available to students interested in various working and internship experiences and certifications.

## Media/Technology

The mission of the Fossil Ridge High School media center is to support student achievement by developing student information literacy skills, by providing access to a rich variety of multimedia information resources and active participation in a worldwide community of learners, and by stimulating student interest in reading and life-long learning.

The Media Center houses a diverse collection of non-fiction and reference books, classic and contemporary fiction, bestsellers, graphic novels, foreign language books, and audio books. Magazines and local and national newspapers are also available.

Along with the exceptional print collection, the Media Center provides a number of online databases with access to full-text magazine and journal articles, newspapers, radio and TV transcripts, encyclopedias, dictionaries, literary criticism, and author biographies.

The Media Center features 33 computers, a scanner, black-and-white and color printers, a coin-operated copier, and a video-editing station, for student use on a drop-in basis. Internet access is provided for educational purposes. A beverage cart offers an assortment of hot drinks, juice, and snacks for sale.