



a free, public charter elementary,
handcrafted in Durango

Enrollment: February 4-March 2, 2019



*K-5th Student-driven learning
rooted in best practices of
Concept-based instruction and Inquiry
delivered in a
Montessori inspired learning environment of
exploration and community connections*

Authentic Assessments
Focus on Individual Growth
Student Learning Contracts
Student Driven
Exhibits of Understanding
Demonstrations of Mastery

21st Century Structure
3 to 2 Small Classrooms Size
Culture as focus
Mindfulness & Restorative Practices
Hybrid Curriculum of
individualized student learning

Celebrating Diverse Learning Styles
Hands-On
Inquiry Based
Student Choice
Real World Explorations
Mixed-Age Classrooms



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Mission and Values

Mission: The Juniper School is committed to building an authentic, diverse and active learning environment for the children of our community, through the establishment of a free, public, charter elementary school.

Vision: To foster quality educational experiences for all students and their families in our community.

Values: The Juniper School values a 21st Century Educational Structure, the Celebration of Diverse Learners and Authentic Assessments.

Who are we?

The Juniper School was born from the need in our community to have more choice in free education accessible to all students.

The Juniper School is a free, public charter elementary school that is committed to advocating for quality choices for all students and their families in our community. Envisioned from the grassroots initiative of local educators and parents recognizing the need for something different, The Juniper School provides an approach that is a celebration of diverse learning styles, a practice not currently present in Durango schools. The Juniper School will accelerate the reform of public education, the implementation of a progressive instructional model and expansion of local choice options. Our biggest accomplishment will be providing an educational choice for families of our community that was created in the wants and needs expressed by our community through extensive outreach, listening sessions and meetings. We have listened and have developed a community-based school!

Timeline:

Ongoing: Community Outreach Events & Connections

2014: DSCO and TJS Board of Directors Founded
Incorporated

2015: 5-year contract with 9-R school District signed

2017: Inaugural School Year

2018: Launch of Capital Campaign

2019: Projected growth to double in size

2019: Anticipated Occupancy of TJS Forever Home

