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WOODLAND PARK, Colo. — Woodland Park School District today announced its 2025 Colorado School Performance Framework results, reflecting the district's continued commitment to academic excellence and ongoing efforts to support student achievement across all schools.

The district has once again earned an accredited rating for the 2024-25 academic year with a performance score of 66.1 percent. While this represents a change from last year's 73.8 percent, the district continues to build on its foundation of student success while identifying strategic areas for growth.

Woodland Park School District proudly ranks in the top 25 percent of all school districts across the state, reflecting the dedication and hard work of students, staff, and families.

Three district schools earned performance ratings, with one school receiving an improvement plan rating. Columbine Elementary School, Summit Elementary School, and Merit Academy all received performance ratings. Woodland Park Junior/Senior High School received an improvement plan rating.

The Jr./Sr. High School's rating was impacted by participation rates falling below the required 95 percent threshold for state assessments, not by academic performance metrics.

The district's school-by-school performance changes from 2024 to 2025 show mixed results. Among elementary schools, Summit Elementary showed strong growth, increasing from 89.5 percent to 92.9 percent, while Columbine Elementary decreased from 78 percent to 66.2 percent. Merit Academy, the district's charter school, had a minimal decrease from 86.7 percent to 85 percent. The Junior/Senior High School showed a slight decrease from 67 percent to 65.3 percent. The former middle school, which closed and was integrated into the Junior/Senior High School, showed a significant decrease from 81.7 percent to 52.1 percent in its final year of operation, mostly due to a lack of student growth.

Notable improvements include elementary schools advancing to "meets" in science achievement for all students, middle school reaching "meets" in English language arts growth for free and reduced lunch students, and the high school achieving "meets" in overall academic performance, including Colorado PSAT reading and writing, math and CMAS science.

Summit Elementary was the only school in the district to show year-over-year growth, continuing its upward trajectory for a second straight year. This year's 3.4 percent increase follows last year's 21.8 percent jump, marking two consecutive gains. "Achieving growth like this in back-to-back years is challenging," said Ginger Slocum, interim superintendent. With its 2025 score, Summit ranks 22nd out of 1,833 schools statewide and 12th among 758 elementary schools. Slocum added, "We are proud of Principal Katie Rexford, her staff, and Summit families for driving the school's success."

"The tremendous growth we've seen at Summit is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and families," said Rexford. "We are proud of our progress and excited to keep building on this success."

The district's charter school also highlighted its achievements. "Of the 91 K-12 schools evaluated across the state, Merit Academy ranks fifth, reflecting the dedication, hard work, and heart of our students, faculty, and community as we continue to prioritize high-quality education and raise the bar toward excellence," said Gwynne Pekron, headmaster at Merit Academy.

"We're honored to be a part of this district and to celebrate two years in a row as a school in the top 6 percent of the state. Our mission is to prepare students not just for academic success, but for lifelong learning and growth, and we see this every day within the programs we offer," Pekron said.

"While we celebrate Summit Elementary's exceptional growth and the performance ratings earned by our two elementary schools and Merit Academy, we are addressing the challenges that led to our Jr./Sr. High School's improvement plan rating," said interim superintendent Slocum. "The consolidation of our middle school with the high school represents a strategic opportunity to create stronger continuity in our secondary education programs."

The district is committed to addressing the participation rate challenges at the Jr./Sr. High School and implementing targeted interventions to support improved outcomes at schools that experienced performance declines.

Woodland Park School District is committed to working collaboratively with families, community members, and educational partners to ensure every student receives a high-quality education that prepares them for future success.

For complete performance framework data and detailed school information, visit the [Colorado Department of Education's District and School Performance Framework Results webpage](#).

### **About the Woodland Park School District Re-2**

Woodland Park School District Re-2 serves over 1800 students across four schools in grades PreK-12, empowering every student to reach their full potential. The district offers comprehensive academic programs, robust extracurricular activities, and a supportive learning environment in the heart of Colorado's Pikes Peak region.

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