

School Days

Opportunities and Options



Pagosa Springs High School

Residents of Pagosa Springs are fortunate to have quality educational opportunities available to them. Our public school system operates one elementary school (grade K-4), one intermediate school (grades 5 & 6), one junior high school (grades 7 & 8), and one high school (grades 9-12). The District now has an updated website at www.pagosa.k12.co.us

They provide a hot lunch and breakfast program every day. The campuses are "closed" and students must either bring a lunch or purchase a lunch from the cafeteria.

Pagosa Springs High School

Pagosa Springs High School operates on a block schedule, with each student taking 4 courses a semester and each course meeting 95 minutes a day on Monday through Thursday. On Friday each class meets for 70 minutes and school is dismissed at 1:30 p.m. The teachers then utilize the afternoon for planning purposes. With this intense concentration, a normal year's course is completed in one semester. The student then takes four new courses the second semester, thus completing eight courses a year.

In addition to the excellent academic offerings for students at the high school, a wide range of extracurricular activities are available; including Volleyball, Football, Cross Country, Boys Soccer, Cheerleading, Golf, Basketball, Wrestling, Girls Soccer, Track, and Baseball. Pagosa Springs is a 3A school, and is consistently competitive in a number of team sports. The Future Business Leaders of America organization (FBLA) is always a top finisher in the state competition and is recognized as a Gold Seal winner. Students at Pagosa Springs High School also participate and distinguish themselves in drama, band, and choir. The district is committed to educating the whole student.

Find out more about PSHS at www.pagosapirates.org

Pagosa Springs Intermediate School

Pagosa Springs Intermediate School consists of grades 5 and 6. The fifth grade classes operate as traditional self-contained classrooms. Sixth grade classes are departmentalized by subject area. Students will have special classes in art, physical education, music and band. The School-Within-A-School program, a multi-age class of grades 5 and 6, is also located in the intermediate school. A gifted and talented program is a part of the school. The school has a computer lab in addition to computers in the regular classrooms.

Pagosa Springs Junior High School

The Junior High School has many features such as larger classrooms, technology and Internet links in each room, complete science labs, and a modern library which contains books and other learning materials specifically selected for the students of this age and ability, a gym, wrestling room, and a weight room. The well-balanced program includes challenging course work in

English, math, science (life and earth), social studies (geography and American history), reading, physical education, and technology education.

The teachers provide meaningful learning and expect quality work from their students. The students can expect helpful and friendly teachers in each classroom who work with parents and students to improve learning. In addition to the required classes, a variety of fine arts classes and science and technology-related electives are offered. The eighth graders must choose two electives and the seventh graders may take one elective.

Many extracurricular activities are open to all students. The philosophy is to provide teams at a level where students can compete successfully and all students participate in every game, provided they are in good standing in school. Visit www.pagosajuniorhigh.org.

Pagosa Springs Elementary School

The Elementary School sits on prime property overlooking the Town of Pagosa Springs. The view of the San Juan Range from the school is enviable. Pagosa Springs Elementary houses kindergarten through fourth grade traditional classrooms as well as a 1st and 2nd grade School Within A School classroom and a 3rd and 4th grade School Within A School classroom. Each student enjoys instruction in art, music, and physical education. When appropriate, a student's educational needs may be met through special education, Title I reading or math, or the Pagosa Enrichment Program (P.E.P.). Speech and language services and occupational and physical therapy are available to students who qualify. A full-time counselor supports students, parents and staff members. At Pagosa Springs Elementary School, the professional staff and community volunteers work together with students and parents to promote excellence.

Archuleta Scholarship in Escrow

A program is in place at Pagosa Springs High School called the Archuleta Scholarship in Escrow Program. This program rewards high school students for earning "A"s and "B"s in core classes. Students earn \$40 for a final grade of A and \$20 for a B. The money is held in an escrow fund until the student graduates from high school. After graduation the money is sent directly to the college or vocational school where the student is enrolled.

A major supporter of this program is the Archuleta County Board of REALTORS®. Participating Realtors agree to contribute a set amount to the scholarship fund for every real estate closing they are involved in.



Private and Alternative School Options

The Archuleta County High School

Focusing on 14- to 19-year old students, the Archuleta County High School (ACHS) provides an education opportunity for teenagers struggling with grades, attendance or discipline. The public schools have more than 1,700 students, and although it is generally agreed that our public schools are excellent, some students need more attention and communication than others.

Graduation and GED success rates are high for ACHS, and both improve every year. Doug Bowen, former PHS teacher and counsellor, is the school's principal.

Homeschooling

Outside of the traditional campus-based education system, a group of students taught by their parents are part of a growing movement called homeschooling. An estimated 50 to 75 families homeschool in this area. A trend we've seen emerging recently has many homeschoolers being taught by their parents, who were raised in the homeschool environment themselves.

Many of these children participate in sports and other activities with public school children.

Seeds of Learning Family Center

"Seeds" is an early care and education center serving preschoolers and toddlers. The Family Center encompasses childcare, parenting classes, and continuing staff training. Education opportunities at "Seeds" enhance and encourage a child's intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth, which promotes self-awareness and self-confidence. Jim Smith Realty supports "Seeds" and we encourage you to do the same. Check out their new website at www.growingseeds.org.

Our Savior Lutheran School (OSLS)

Our Savior Lutheran School has provided a faith-based education for Pagosa area children for many years. With a new campus and increasing enrollment, we look forward to great things from OSLS. Small classes and a broad spectrum of learning contribute to the unique approach to education.

As a private school, OSLS charges tuition. Early registration is strongly encouraged, as classes fill up fast!

Fulfilling Your Dream



Bob Splawn

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Hi! My name is Bob Splawn. Like most residents of Pagosa Springs, my introduction to Archuleta County was purely by accident. While working in the Four Corners area in 1992, I had occasion to crest the hill near the Meadows 3 subdivision on US 160 and was struck by the most breathtaking view imaginable. It was love at first sight. A quick stop at the Chamber of Commerce office to check into the area amenities and I was hooked. Fantastic fishing, golfing, hiking, bicycling, photography and snowmobiling, as well as some of the best skiing in Colorado, exists right here. Everything that I had looked forward to in a retirement location was in Pagosa Springs!

Next came the real test, convincing my wife, Helen, to make a trip to Pagosa so that she could see what I had found for "us." Needless to say, one look and she also was speechless.

Several trips followed during different times of the year while we became familiar with the community, the people, the seasons, the weather and all the other things that were of importance to us. Then came the real commitment - buying property here. With several years left before my scheduled retirement date, we purchased a condominium in the Pagosa Lakes core area with the intent to use it as a vacation retreat. That lasted just one trip and after 10 days as a "resident" it was back to California and: "I Quit." After a successful 31-year career as a law enforcement officer, I had found a whole new direction in life.

The excitement that we experienced in our move to Pagosa Springs is probably the main reason that I decided to get involved in real estate and to assist others in fulfilling their dreams and their search for the "perfect" place. I know first hand how stressful such a life change can be and take pride in going out of my way to assist in making this transition as painless and as pleasant as possible.

So, if you're in the market to purchase a home or if your intent is to purchase land to build on in the future, please let me assist you in "fulfilling your dream". Stop by and let's get acquainted!

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