

Jefferson Community Center Jefferson Jr. / Sr. High School Edgewater, CO



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Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School has become the hub of the Edgewater, CO community since establishing its community center. The goal of the Jefferson Community Center is to provide the entire community with all the resources to achieve success. The center is open to all students, families, and community members in order to provide resources to achieve success.

Jefferson is the first Community School in Colorado. The term “community school” refers to a type of publicly funded school in the United States that serves as both an educational institution and a center of community life by uniting families, educators, and community partners to provide all students with enrichment, health and social services, and opportunities to succeed in school and in life.

The community center is very unique in that it consists of a Family Engagement Liaison, a Community School Site Coordinator, and a community representative all under one roof at Jefferson. Each staff member focuses on a different Pillar of Community Schools, but all work with the same end goal in mind.



The Family Engagement Liaison builds relationships and connects the families, students, and community of Jefferson Jr/Sr High School and Edgewater to the center’s resources. The community center is used as a place for families to come and use computers, expand their knowledge with various workshops, and attend meetings.

The Community Schools Site Coordinator is an alumnus of Jefferson High School and a part-time Advanced Placement Social Studies and Economics teacher. The community representative oversees the coordination and implementation of the Six Pillars.

The Community Representative is the Founder and Executive Director of the nonprofit Edgewater Collective, whose mission is cultivating partnerships to foster thriving Edgewater schools. Edgewater Collective is the backbone organization working behind the scenes to bring organizations and community partners together around the goal that all kids in the 80214 zip code succeed from cradle to career.