

Center Schools receive CDE excellence award for second straight year

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Student ambassadors from Center High School pose for a picture taken along with CHS Principal Kevin Jones, Skoglund Middle School Principal Carrie Zimmerman and Colorado Education Commissioner Dwight Jones upon receipt of another "Center for Educational Excellence" banner.)

CENTER The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) recognized Center High School for achieving "Center of Educational Excellence" status for the second straight year at a ceremony held Thursday Dec. 9 in the CDE lobby in Denver.

Superintendent George Welsh, Principal Kevin Jones, former Assistant Principal (now Skoglund Middle School Principal) Carrie Zimmerman and a handful of Center

High School students were on hand to receive the honor. Center High School earned this distinction for continued significant growth on CSAP and ACT tests for the past 3 years. CHS is one of only a handful of high schools in the state to earn this award during the first two years of its existence.

Centennial High School in San Luis also earned "Center of Excellence" honors based on the 2010 testing cycle.

When asked what the recipe for success at Center High School has been to exhibit such growth over time Kevin Jones, CHS Principal, said, "We have a great staff that is involved in making key building

level instructional decisions that welcomes all students no matter what their educational challenges are and holds them to the highest of behavior and academic expectations while supporting their learning every step of the way."

Center school district remains in the educational spotlight following the visit of CDE commissioner Dwight Jones earlier this year, who called Center Schools' progress despite adversity a model for schools across the nation.