

Snapshot of Harrison School District 2, south of Colorado Springs

Students: 11,309 in fall 2009

Demographics: 71 percent of students are poor enough to qualify for federal lunch aid; 40 percent are Hispanic, 31 percent white, 22 percent black, 5 percent Asian and 2 percent American Indian.

Schools: 25, including 14 elementary schools, one K-8 school, three middle schools, two high schools, an alternative school, adult and family education, and three charter schools.

Achievement: Gains in past five years

EdNews analyzed the percentage of students in grades 4 through 10 scoring proficient or above

Year –	Reading	Math	Writing	Poverty rate
2006* -	58%	41%	43%	56%
2008 -	57%	40%	43%	65%
2009 -	58%	43%	47%	71%

\*Tests given in spring 2006. Mike Miles started as superintendent later that year.