



El Paso County School District #11

Project Name: Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy

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Number of Schools Served: 1

Number of Students Served: 576

Year 1 Funding: \$2,334,368

Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy (JSAA) is geographically located in Colorado Spring's aerospace corridor; more than 30 aerospace-related companies are located within 11 miles of the school. Aerospace is the second-largest employer in Colorado Springs and the fourth-largest employer in Colorado. JSAA is located within the territory of Peterson Air Force Base, which is home to the 21st Space Wing, Air Force Space Command, United States Space Command, and North American Aerospace Defense Command. One of the main reasons for developing a magnet school with an aerospace theme is to tie the campus to the community that surrounds it.

JSAA opened its doors to sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students as a restructured school in August 2009. The school plans to improve student and teacher proficiency in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) through the use of aerospace concepts across the curriculum. Colorado Springs School District #11 and the Space Foundation have united to create a fully integrated, aerospace-focused, STEAM-centered campus.

Supported by the Magnet Schools Assistance Program, Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy will continue to evolve as an aerospace magnet school by creating a rigorous, relevant curriculum that is augmented by strong community partnerships and 21st-century technology.