

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1



555 Garfield Street
P.O. Box 1089
Meeker, CO 81641

Application for Employment Certificated Personnel

To Applicant:

Meeker School District is seeking high quality candidates who meet Colorado Department of Education standards for certification. Standards include passing competency tests. For specifics on Colorado certification requirements, please contact:

Colorado Department of Education
Teacher Certification Unit
201 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866 – 6628

http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_license.htm

You must submit the following items to complete your file and be eligible for an interview:

1. Application
2. Letter of Interest
3. A complete set of transcripts
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation or college placement credentials
5. Résumé
6. Certificate (s)
7. Two Years of teaching evaluations if possible.

To be considered for employment you must:

1. Furnish official college transcripts
2. Be able to secure a written release if under contract with another school district
3. Possess or be eligible to possess a Colorado teaching certificate with proper endorsement. No contract will be valid unless the holder thereof has a valid Colorado teaching certificate.

Return application and related materials to:

Drop off: Meeker School District RE-1

Administration Office
555 Garfield Street
Meeker, CO 81641

Mail to: Meeker School District Re-1

P.O. Box 1089
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E-mail to: admin@meeker.k12.co.us

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Certified Personnel Application

DISTRICT USE ONLY	
Application Received	
Letter	
Resume	
References/Credentials	
Transcripts /2 yrs Evaluation	
Certificate	

Application Date: _____		
Application for:	Full Time	_____
	Part Time	_____
	Substitute	_____

Name _____ Social Security Number _____
 Last First Middle/Maiden

Present Address _____
 Number Street City State Zip

Telephone No. _____ until _____

Permanent Address _____
 Number Street City State Zip

Current Telephone No. _____ Alternate Telephone No. _____

I hereby apply and AM QUALIFIED for the following position(s): (Indicate only ONE first choice, and ONE second choice)
 YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE FILED ACCORDING TO YOUR FIRST CHOICE.

Level	Senior High Subjects	Middle School	Elementary Grades	Vocational School	Other -- Identify Area(s)
First Choice					
Second Choice					

Do you hold a valid Colorado teaching certificate? Yes _____ No _____ Have Applied _____

If "Yes", indicate endorsements _____ Expiration date _____
 (You may attach a copy.)

Do you hold a valid Vocational credential? Yes _____ No _____ Have Applied _____

If "Yes", indicate endorsements _____ Expiration date _____
 (You may attach a copy.)

EDUCATION Have you received tenure? ____ Yes ____ No , Date Received: _____

Name of College, Location, and Date(s) Attended	Date		Degree	Major	Sem. Hrs.	Minor	Sem. Hrs.
	From	To					

GRADUATE CREDIT earned since receiving most recent degree: college/date/amount of graduate credit.

CONTRACTUAL SCHOOL TEACHING EXPERIENCE (MOST RECENT FIRST)

Place Taught	Assignment/Responsibilities	Date		Name of Principal or Supervisor and Telephone Number
		From	To	

Total number of years teaching in Colorado _____ Outside of Colorado _____

STUDENT TEACHING, INTERNSHIPS, SUBSTITUTE WORK (MOST RECENT FIRST)

Type of Work and/or Position	District	Date		Name of Supervisor and Telephone Number
		From	To	

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES (MOST RECENT FIRST)

Type of Work and/or Position	Assignment/Responsibilities	Date		Name of Supervisor and Telephone Number
		From	To	

What activities are you qualified by preparation to instruct:
(Use an H to designate Head Instructor; Use an A to designate Assistant Instructor.)

_____ Vocal Music	_____ Yearbook	_____ Intramural Sports (list)
_____ Instrumental Music	_____ Cheerleading	_____
_____ Speech	_____ Class Sponsorship	_____
_____ Drama	_____ Flag Team	_____
_____ Journalism	_____ Athletics (list)	_____ Other (list)
_____ Student Council	_____	_____
_____ Clubs (list)	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Describe what you want to accomplish as a teacher. Include how you can be effective with students, parents, staff and community.

Signature

Date

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What Happens To My Application?

1. When is my application complete?

A complete application will include a letter of application, a finished and signed application form, placement office papers, official transcripts, and a résumé.

2. What happens to my application when it is complete?

The application and supporting documents are placed in the active file alphabetically by subject and/or grade level and are available to all administrators/supervisors in the district.

3. Will I be notified as to the completeness of my application?

Meeker School District RE-1 is a small district and we do not have the staff to perform this service. We welcome your inquires concerning your file. Either call (970-878-9040), write or email to the address above.

4. What is the process when there is a vacancy in my field?

Vacancies are advertised with in the district and nationwide. The principal, director, and/or other appropriate persons screen applicant who are prepared in the vacancy area and select those to be interviewed.

5. Are all applicants interviewed?

No. Because of the great number of applicants and because of varying degrees of applicant qualifications, only those under serious consideration are interviewed. Interviews are conducted by one or more of the following: principal, superintendent, or supervisor with staff involvement where appropriate.

6. If I am selected for an interview, who pays the travel expenses?

Interviews conducted in Meeker are at the applicant's expense.

7. Will I be notified if I am interviewed but not selected for a position?

Those applicants who are interviewed but not selected will be notified either in writing or by a phone call when the position is filled.

8. Must I renew my application?

Yes. All complete application are held for a period of one year from the date of application and then declared inactive unless the applicant notifies the superintendent he/she wishes to remain active. It is best to do this in writing.

9. May I just say "See Résumé", on my application?

Application forms bring necessary information together in one location. A completed application serves this function. Current addresses and phone numbers and complete information such as exact hours in major and minor fields enhances candidacy.

Thank you for your consideration of Meeker School District RE-1

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY

Instructional Staff



MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 Meeker, Colorado

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Meeker School District to seek the highest possible level of success for each student. The District will provide a safe environment in which students learn those skills necessary to become well-informed citizens and contributing members of society.

"Excellence in All We Do"

The District

Meeker School District RE-1 serves a thirty-five mile radius of rural and beautiful Northwest Colorado. Currently the district operates on a four day school week. The Meeker School District's vision statement, "Excellence in All We Do" has been achieved in many areas, including strong academic performance for several years. The school district been "Accredited with Distinction" by the Colorado Department of Education in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. No accreditation rankings were awarded in 2020 or 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Meeker Elementary School and Barone Middle School have earned the Governor's Distinguished Improvement award in 2016 and 2018, and 2017 and 2019, respectively. Meeker Elementary School was named a National ESEA Distinguished School in 2019. These accolades, based primarily on state assessments, have been earned while the district offers expanded and balanced curriculum which includes emphasis on the core content areas along with the inclusion of music, art, physical education, technology and gifted/talented programs at all levels. Many high school students graduate with college credits earned through the Concurrent Enrollment program provided by Colorado Northwestern Community College and are eligible to enter college at a level above most freshmen. The school district also boasts a rich tradition of successful student learning opportunities through diverse extracurricular activities.

Traditionally, the district has enjoyed a low pupil-teacher ratio. Instructional time exceeds the state requirements at all levels. Three schools, each administered by a building principal, comprise the district's attendance centers. Total student population for the 2023-2024 school year was approximately 720. The district historically has averaged 700 to 750 students. There are 62 licensed staff members and 50 classified employees. The district is a member of the Rio Blanco Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), which provides Meeker School District a wide range of services that include but are not limited to, Special Education Support Services, Occupational Therapy, Speech/Language service, gifted and talented education, curriculum and staff development and much more.



In November 2008, the district passed a 24 million dollar bond issue to do repairs on the middle and high school buildings and build a new elementary school building. With the help of the Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District and the Great Outdoors Colorado Grant, Meeker High School broke ground the summer of 2016 on the new Track and Football Field.



In 2018, Meeker School District passed a 45 Million dollar Bond issue and won the Colorado BEST grant to build a new high school, transportation facility and to update security at the middle school. The new high school was completed in December of 2020 as was the transportation facility. Security upgrades at the middle school are currently underway.

The Community

Meeker, the county seat of Rio Blanco County, grew around the "Camp on the White River", an army base established after the Meeker Massacre which took place on September 29, 1879. The school district incorporates the majority of the eastern half of Rio Blanco County. As of the 2010 Census, the Town of Meeker maintained a population of 2,475 residents.

The agrarian roots of the community are still present with numerous sheep and cattle ranches. Many ranching families are multi-generational. It is not uncommon for residents to be the fourth or fifth generation Meekerites. Annual events such as the sheepdog trials are an outpouring of the sheep and cattle ranching upon which the community is founded. "Traffic jams" due to mobilization of cattle and sheep herds through downtown are a normal part of life for Meeker residents.

Coal, oil, and natural gas industries remain important to the local economy, with recent efforts for diversification through aviation, niche manufacturing, and tourism. Increased soda ash extraction in the Piceance Creek area has increased employment opportunities and contributes to the existing very robust tax base. Seasonal tourism also adds significantly to the local economy with the White River National Forest and Flat Tops Wilderness area easily accessible for world class hiking, fishing, hunting, and OHV trails.

Several of the early buildings still exist including the historic Meeker Hotel that was built in 1896 and three of the original army officers' quarters, one of which houses the White River Museum. The museum contains many artifacts from the early frontier days. The town of Meeker was the first, and for more than 20 years, the only incorporated town in all of northwestern Colorado.



Meeker, known as the "Gateway to the White River National Forest and the Flat Tops Wilderness Area", attracts many visitors who come into the area for the excellent fishing and hunting and who frequent the guest ranches located nearby in the White River Valley. The land to the east of Meeker is best known for its unspoiled wilderness areas, scenic beauty, and outdoor recreational opportunities. The White River National Forest supports one of the largest elk herds in Colorado and provides an almost infinite variety of activities. In addition to hunting and fishing, visitors can enjoy boating, horseback riding, camping, sightseeing, and the finest cross-country skiing and snowmobiling in the country. The Rio Blanco Ranger District has 9 campgrounds, 17 trailheads, 250 miles of hiking trails, 280 miles of snowmobile trails, and 270 miles of roads, with over 200 miles of fishable streams and 900 acres of lakes. Meeker Recreation Center is an amazing year-round facility providing an exercise room with a large variety of equipment, a family aquatics area which includes a 4-lane lap pool, whirlpool, leisure pool, a lazy river and indoor hot tub. They also maintain a 57 acre trail system for hiking, biking and snow shoeing, with access to additional BLM trails.

The close knit community can be show cased through the many events offered every month of the year; from the Cardboard Derby in January to the Mountain Valley Bank Fall Festival in September.

Qualifications

Models Ethical Standards

Must demonstrate ethical standards, continual growth, collaborative work, and care and concern for students, materials, facilities:

- Accepts, fulfills and supports assigned building procedures.
- Follows Board of Education policies and other rules, regulations or procedures that may be established by the central and building administration.
- Participates in staff development activities, continuing education courses and/or professional organizations to meet educational goals.
- Provides and promotes an educationally, emotionally and physically safe environment for students.

Classroom Management

- Establishes classroom routines and acceptable behaviors, then recognizes and reinforces those positive behaviors.
- Uses appropriate behavior management plans and uses appropriate solutions when identifying student behavioral problems.
- Provides clear, concise and reasonable directions, and then offer appropriate levels of questioning and responses while checking for understanding.
- Communicates the belief that all students can learn and sets high expectations for student learning.

Standards and Instruction

- Clearly displays and ensures that students are aware of the standards and benchmarks.
- Provides adaptations and multiple ways for students to express their learning and adjusts instruction, curriculum and assessment to meet individual learning needs.
- Uses standard-based lesson design and unit organizers to plan instruction.

Personal Qualities

- Practices good communication skills with colleagues, students and parents to support student learning as a shared responsibility.
- Maintains a professional manner when conferencing with a parent/guardian, and deals with concerns effectively and professionally.
- Demonstrates effective problem solving skills.

Requirements

The successful candidate will have the following:

- Ability to perform the essential functions of the position
- Teaching and/or Student Teaching experience.
- Colorado Teaching License or be eligible to possess at time of hire
- Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree
- Please click on the following link for a complete job description: [Classroom Teacher](#)

Compensation and Benefits

- Salary negotiable based upon qualifications and experience
- Fully paid health, dental and life insurance for employee and \$119 towards dependent health coverage.
- Colorado Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA) member account with employer contribution of 21.4%.
- 11 personal/sick days
- Probationary Contract for 3 years
- Coaching opportunities at the Middle and High School.
- Reimbursement of moving expenses; up to \$1,000 for in-state moves, and up to \$2,000 for out-of-state moves.

Application Process

An application must include:

1. A letter of interest.
2. A Completed Application Form (attached).
3. A current professional resume including a list of references. Please list both home and business telephone numbers if possible.
4. Copies of transcripts, placement papers and/or credentials requested by you from college or university placement center.
5. Three recent (within the past two years) letters of recommendation.
6. Principal Certificate/License
7. Two Years of administrator evaluations, if available.

Submittal of Application Materials

All materials will be accepted and treated confidentially. Applicants should not make direct contact with members of the Board of Education.

Please address application, credentials and requests for information to:

Meeker School District Re-1
Jessica Browning- Human Resources
555 Garfield Street/P.O. Box 1089
Meeker, CO 81641
Phone: 970-878-9040
Fax: 970-878-3682
Website: meeker.k12.co.us
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