

TESTIMONIALS

"Watching the education my daughter is getting is amazing. RMDS has changed my daughter's life. We are thankful for this school!"

– Shiree Fuller, Parent

"We are happy to have our kids at RMDS. This school has done wonderful things for my kids."

– Fatima Needham, Parent

As a parent, you always worry about making decisions like choosing the right school. I'm so happy we found RMDS. The teachers are there for us, and my child is finally able to be herself. After a few days at RMDS, she talked more, she signed more, and she engaged with all of us more!

– Sendie Arief-Vang, Parent

"I looove coming to school at RMDS because I like how we can play, play and play a lot!"

– Todd Sevier, Age 4



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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN
DEAF SCHOOL**
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

*Learning is a treasure that will
follow its owner everywhere.
– Chinese proverb*



THE RMDS VISION

To inspire every Deaf student to think, to learn, to achieve, and to care.



WHO WE ARE

RMDS is a free public charter school in Jefferson County, the only bilingual -American Sign Language (ASL)/English- charter school in the state. RMDS aims for excellence in research-based academic programs, and views each student as a success story.



WHAT MAKES RMDS UNIQUE

- Small class sizes with a strong focus on each child's learning needs
- Whole-child focus, nurturing identity and culture
- Peers
- Family involvement
- Direct instruction in a language-rich environment
- Bilingual (ASL and English) communication accessibility



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The ECE curriculum is based on student interests, and meets the rigorous standards as established by The Creative Curriculum.

Services

- Toddler program (18-36 months)
- Preschool classes (3-5 years)
- Speech therapy services
- Spoken English services
- American Sign Language classes



FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

RMDS emphasizes the importance of family and community collaboration and support through:

- ASL storytimes
- Parent workshops
- Toddler program
- Literacy/ASL nights
- Math nights
- Field trips
- ASL classes for family and community members
- Community events