



John E. Flynn A Marzano Academy

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

WHAT IS THE JOHN E. FLYNN A MARZANO ACADEMY?

The John E. Flynn a Marzano Academy is a public school of innovation, created around the vision of Dr. Robert Marzano, where highly-trained teachers and staff will deliver a quality education focused on academics and the development of social and emotional skills to prepare students to live productive, fulfilling lives. Flynn Elementary will become just the second Marzano Academy in the United States.



MARZANO Academies

Dr. Marzano is a leading supporter of competency-based education, and was looking for a school that was equipped to implement his vision of a personalized education that meets the needs of all children. Westminster Public Schools (WPS) is the largest school district in the nation to adopt a Competency Based System learning model, and after nine years refining the model made WPS an ideal partner for Dr. Marzano.

The school will open as a pre-kindergarten through level 5 school, and will expand to include levels 6, 7 and 8.

WHO IS DR. ROBERT MARZANO?

Robert Marzano is one of the most recognized and respected educators in the world today. Many joke that he is to education what John Elway is to Denver Broncos. For five decades, he has researched and written about what works in education. Dr. Marzano has developed strategies to help teachers go beyond traditional learning and achieve dramatic improvements by making all levels of education meaningful to students.

WHO ARE THE TEACHERS?

Since the Marzano Academy will be an innovation school, the handpicked staff will fully embrace the Marzano approach and the creation of a **High Reliability School**. For educators interested in teaching at the new Marzano Academy, visit westminsterpublicschools.org/jobs.



WHAT IS A MARZANO HIGH RELIABILITY SCHOOL?

A Marzano High Reliability School helps students learn the content and skills they need for success in college, careers and beyond. The framework consists of five levels:

- Safe and Collaborative Culture
- Effective Teaching in Every Classroom
- Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum
- Standards-Referenced Reporting
- Competency-Based Education



In addition to a solid core curriculum, students will focus on a yearlong project in which they find creative, meaningful ways to give back to their community. For more information about High Reliability Schools, visit marzanoresearch.com.



WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

Students at the John E. Flynn a Marzano Academy will wear uniforms and have a longer school day beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing until 3:30 p.m. The extended hours equal two weeks of additional instruction per school year. In addition, extended day opportunities will continue until 5 p.m. Among the programs the school will offer includes lacrosse and martial arts. The Academy will partner with outside groups, including Rachel's Challenge, to develop a climate and culture that ensures a safe nurturing environment in which students learn tolerance for others and build their own self esteem.



WHAT IS RACHEL'S CHALLENGE?

Rachel's Challenge is a program that provides speakers, workshops and resources to create an community of kindness and respect for all students. The highly-successful program embraces the life lessons from Rachel Scott, who was the first student killed at the Columbine High School shooting in 1999. In the years since the shooting, Rachel's legacy has touched 25 million people and is the foundation for creating programs that promote a positive climate in K-12 schools. To learn more, visit rachelschallenge.org.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Current students at Flynn Elementary are guaranteed a spot at the John E. Flynn a Marzano Academy for the 2018-19 school year. Prospective students not enrolled at Flynn are encouraged to apply as soon as possible as space is limited. Families and students are required to fill out a questionnaire and a signed parent and student contract. These resources are available online at marzano.westminsterpublicschools.org.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

Information about the school can be found at marzano.westminsterpublicschools.org.