

# Board of Education Mesa County Valley School District 51

# Agenda

April 21, 2026

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## VISION STATEMENT

Engage, equip, and empower each and every student, each and every day.

## DISTRICT MISSION

D51 engages our community, families and staff to deliver individualized, collaborative and challenging educational experiences to prepare each and every student for their brightest future.

## BOARD PURPOSE

Provide clear, effective, and strategic governance that is student and community-centered so that each and every student will be engaged, equipped, and empowered each and every day.

## ESSENTIAL BOARD ROLES

- **Guide** the District through the superintendent
- **Communicate** and uphold the strategic vision of the district
- **Hold** the district accountable for making progress toward strategic outcomes
- **Ensure** alignment of resources and structures
- **Represent** the interests of the community while prioritizing student success across the district

## BOARD'S CORE, DRIVING VALUES

- Proactive and prepared
- Respectful and professional
- Focused on student success
- Accountability with integrity
- Cohesive and committed

## BOARD MEMBERS

District A – Mr. José Luis Chávez,  
President

District B – Mrs. Barb Evanson

District C – Mrs. Andrea Haitz, Secretary

District D – Mrs. Kaci Cole

District E – Mrs. Vicki Woods,  
Vice President

## SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Brian Hill

## Board of Education Business Meeting

5:00 PM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Agenda Approval
3. Executive Session  
*Pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(e), Colorado Revised Statutes, for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, regarding negotiations with Mesa Valley Education Association.*
4. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
5. Meeting Minutes and Summary Approval
- 5.A. March 3, 2026 Board Work Session Minutes
- 5.B. March 24, 2026 Board Business Meeting Minutes
6. Recognitions
- 6.A. Braille Challenge Winner
- 6.B. MathCounts Nationals Qualifier
- 6.C. Middle School All-State Choir
- 6.D. Southwestern League Boys Basketball Player and Coach of the Year
- 6.E. D51 Masonic Teacher of the Year
- 6.F. D51 Leadership Class
7. Board Reports
- 7.A. Good Things
- 7.B. Committee/Activity Updates
8. D51 Happenings and Celebrations
9. Superintendent's Report
- 9.A. Legislative Report
- 9.B. Third Quarter Business / Investment Financials
- 9.C. More Social, Less Media Presentation
10. Audience Comments
11. Consent Agenda
- 11.A. Licensed and Administrative Personnel Action
- 11.B. Administrator New Hires
- 11.C. Gifts from the Public
- 11.D. Grants
12. Business Item
- 12.A. Policy KF - Community Use of School Facilities  
*2nd Reading / Adoption*
13. Future Meeting Agenda Items
14. Future Meetings
- 14.A. May 5, 2026 Board Work Session, Harry Butler Board Room, 5:00 p.m.  
*Executive Session 4:00 p.m.*
- 14.B. May 19, 2026 Board Business Meeting, Harry Butler Board Room, 5:00 p.m.  
*Executive Session 4:00 p.m.*
15. Executive Session  
*Pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(h), Colorado Revised Statutes regarding the matter of individual student(s) for expulsion/appeal purposes and where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved.*
16. Business Item
- 16.A. Expulsion Appeal
- 16.B. Expulsion Appeal (2)

17. Adjournment
18. Expulsion Report as of March 31, 2026

# Mesa County Valley School District 51

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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS; MEETING RULES

Adopted: September 14, 2021

Revised: November 19, 2024

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The Board desires to hear the views of citizens of the District and welcomes public comments at business meetings. Public comments at work sessions or special meetings will not be allowed unless otherwise delineated on the meeting agenda. To ensure the safety, security, and orderly conduct at Board meetings all participants must adhere to these rules and any additional instructions provided by security personnel or meeting facilitators.

**Eligibility and priority to address the Board:** To ensure the students are prioritized and heard, the Board will allow students to speak first during the public comment portion of the meetings. Students wishing to address the Board must sign up and will be called in the order of registration before other community members.

### **Process/Procedure:**

1. Individuals wishing to address the Board must sign up and will be called in the order of registration.
2. Comments will be limited to agenda item(s).
3. The public comment portion will be limited to 60 minutes unless the Board votes to extend the time. If additional time is approved, it will be at the discretion of the Board and based on the circumstances of the meeting.
4. Each speaker will be allotted up to three minutes to address the Board during public comment. If there are a large number of individuals signed up to speak, the Board reserves the right to reduce the time per speaker to ensure that as many voices are heard within the allotted comment period. If time constraints prevent all individuals from speaking during the public comment period, the Board encourages those unable to address the Board in person to submit their input via emails, written letters, or other formats. All submitted comments will be reviewed by the Board.
5. Speakers should not repeat the same message shared by others. If a speaker's point has already been addressed, comment briefly in support of previous comments and provide any other unique insights.

**Prohibited Items:** For security purposes, attendees may not bring bags into the meeting room. This includes, but is not limited to: backpacks, purses larger than a clutch, and tote bags. Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items or diaper bags, which are subject to inspection. Employees who are required to attend and work during the meeting are exempt from the bag policy but may be subject to standard security procedures.

### **Orderly Conduct:**

1. All speakers and attendees are expected to maintain respectful and proper decorum during Board meetings.
2. Comments shall be directed to the Board as a whole and not an individual member, staff, or other attendees.
3. Personal attacks, threats, shouting, cheering, snapping, and other distractions or disruptive behavior, will not be tolerated.
4. Clapping after a comment may be allowed unless it is disrespectful or disrupts the flow of the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to keep expressions of support by clapping brief. If attendees disregard this expectation, the Board may temporarily pause the meeting to restore order or remove individuals causing the disruptions.
5. All comments must be age-appropriate, to include kindergarten through twelfth grade, and suitable for a school setting. Speakers are expected to use language and share content that is respectful and appropriate for all ages.
6. Comments containing profanity, vulgarity, or otherwise inappropriate material will not be permitted.
7. Attendees may not bring signs, banners, props, or other similar items/materials into the meeting. Any individual wishing to display any of the items referenced, or demonstrate, should do so in appropriate spaces outside of the meeting room, in compliance with District policies.
8. Media representatives wishing to record the Board meeting will be assigned a designated location to ensure their activities do not disrupt the proceedings or obstruct the view of attendees. All recording equipment must remain within the assigned area for the duration of the meeting.

**Enforcement of Meeting Rules:** Individuals who fail to follow the established rules for public comments or meeting decorum will receive a warning. If the disruptive behavior continues after the warning, the individual may be removed from the meeting. Repeated violations may result in a ban from attending future meetings as determined by the Board.

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Would Awnaleesa Sanchez please join me at the front of the room?

Awnaleesa, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Lincoln Orchard Mesa, recently earned 1st place at the apprentice level in the 2026 Denver Metro Regional Braille Challenge. This competition brings together students who are blind or visually impaired to demonstrate their skills in braille literacy, including reading, comprehension, spelling, and proofreading, all under timed conditions.

The Braille Challenge is the only academic competition of its kind, with participants from across the United States and around the world. Awnaleesa's accomplishment is a reflection of the hard work she has put into developing these essential literacy skills, which open doors to academic success, future opportunities, and lifelong independence. It also speaks to the curiosity, determination, and positive spirit she brings to learning each day.

We also want to recognize Angela Sims, Teacher for the Visually Impaired, for her support and dedication in helping Awnaleesa reach this milestone.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill want to congratulate Awnaleesa on this well-earned recognition. We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished!

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Would Elise Donaldson please join me at the front of the room?

Elise is a 7th grade student at Redlands Middle School who is also participating in concurrent math coursework through Grand River Academy. She recently earned 1st place at the Colorado MATHCOUNTS State Competition, held locally at Juniper Ridge, and went on to place among the top four students in Colorado at the regional level. This achievement secured her a spot on the Colorado state team, and she will represent Colorado at the national competition this May.

MATHCOUNTS is a highly competitive, nationwide program for middle school students, that builds problem-solving skills through a series of rigorous rounds, including individual and team challenges focused on speed, accuracy, and mathematical reasoning.

Elise's accomplishment is especially notable, as she is the first student from District 51 to earn a spot on the Colorado MATHCOUNTS national team. This achievement reflects not only her exceptional mathematical ability, but also her dedication, perseverance, and willingness to challenge herself at the highest level.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill would like to recognize Elise for this incredible accomplishment and wish her the best as she represents Colorado on the national stage.

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Would the students and directors from Independence Academy involved in this year's Middle School All-State Choir please join me at the front?

The Middle School All-State Choir features some of Colorado's top young vocalists and helps prepare students for advanced music opportunities in high school and beyond. Open only to seventh and eighth graders, the selection process is highly competitive and includes a rigorous audition and a director's recommendation, confirming each student's readiness to perform at a high level.

This year, two Independence Academy students were selected for the All-State Choir Festival.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill congratulate these students on their dedication and achievement in the vocal arts. We also extend our appreciation to their directors for their continued support and leadership in guiding and inspiring these talented students throughout the year.

**Director Leah Skelton**

Lucinda DeFord, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ginny Lewis, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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Would Jhett Wells and Coach Johnson please join me at the front of the room?

Jhett, a senior at Fruita Monument High School, was named the 2025–26 Southwestern League Boys Basketball Player of the Year, while Grand Junction High School boys basketball coach Dutch Johnson was recognized as Coach of the Year.

This year, Fruita Monument Boys Basketball delivered a standout season, finishing the regular season 17–7, capturing a league championship, and earning a spot among Colorado’s top 10 teams in the 6A classification. The Wildcats were led by standout performances from Jhett, who has established himself as one of the top players in the state. A three-time Southwestern League Player of the Year, earning the honor in back-to-back-to-back seasons, Jhett continuously delivered dominant performances, including a 38-point game in a key rivalry matchup. He also set a new school record with an impressive 51-point game and will continue his academic and athletic career at Western Colorado University.

Coach Johnson led Grand Junction High School to an outstanding 21–5 season, advancing to the Class 5A “Great 8” state playoffs. He is widely respected for his leadership and the positive impact he has on his student-athletes. Under his guidance, the Tigers consistently compete at a high level while demonstrating discipline, resilience, and strong character.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill congratulate Jhett and Coach Johnson on an incredible season and thank them for representing District 51 with pride, leadership, and excellence. We look forward to your success in the upcoming seasons!

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Would Sutton Casey please join me at the front of the room?

Each year, the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado hosts the Masonic Public Schools Awards Ceremony to recognize exceptional educators and students throughout the Grand Valley. This long-standing tradition honors academic achievement, leadership, and a commitment to public education.

Tonight, we'd like to recognize Sutton Casey of R-5 High School, who was named Outstanding D51 Educator of the Year. Mrs. Casey has dedicated more than three decades to District 51, bringing a deep passion for supporting all students, especially through her work with the R-5 High School Young Parents Program, where she connects teen parents with resources to help them succeed. She brings creativity and care into her classroom, from teaching students to sew and give back to others, to leading projects that foster connection and support for peers. Through strong community partnerships and a commitment to kindness, Mrs. Casey creates an environment where students feel valued, empowered, and inspired.

We're proud to recognize our outstanding educators for the difference they make in their classrooms, in their schools, and throughout the D51 community. And a special thank you to our *Engaged & Supportive Community Partners* at the local Masonic Lodge for helping highlight the incredible work happening across our schools.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill congratulate Mrs. Casey on this well-deserved recognition. Thank you for going above and beyond for your students and for being such a great example of the heart, talent, and impact of D51 educators.

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Would the individuals present from this year's Leadership D51 Cohort please join me at the front of the room?

Over the past seven months, this group has participated in the District's annual Leadership D51 program, designed to connect community leaders with the work happening across our schools. Through open dialogue and collaboration, participants gained a deeper understanding of District 51, strengthened relationships that support student opportunities and well-being, and explored ways to partner in advancing the District's Strategic Plan.

This year's cohort of 20 business and community leaders met regularly throughout five sessions, building meaningful connections and insight into the day-to-day operations of our district. As alumni of the program, they now serve as engaged and supportive community partners, helping to strengthen opportunities for our students and schools.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill extend their appreciation to each participant and their organizations for their time, commitment, and partnership. When our schools are strong, our community is strong, and we are grateful for the role each of you plays in supporting District 51.

- Rick Reynolds
- Hank Braxtan
- Chelsea McCormick
- Joya Boyd
- Scott Cotton
- Sara Fletcher
- Tina Ross
- Amanda Chipchase
- Ivy Archuleta
- Luke Feather
- Kelsey Wells
- Richie Ann Ashcraft
- Loren Tippen
- Bronson Henriques
- Maria Watson
- Melissa Calhoon
- Michelle Capp
- Shannon Gerdes
- Johanna Vanwaveran

# 2025-26

## 3rd Quarter Business/Investment Reports

# 3rd Quarter Financials

Reviewed by Fiscal Oversight Committee

- **General Fund:**

- Revenues

- 71% of budgeted revenues received
  - Last year: 74% - slight shift due to split between state/local funding, still expecting revenues in line with readopted budget by June 30th
- Projecting EOY revenues at 99.9% of budget

- Expenditures

- 72% of budgeted expenditures spent
  - Last year: 73%
  - 2nd COLA in-lieu payment to staff to be paid in May
- Projecting EOY expenditures at 99.47% of budget
  - Position vacancies, reductions a factor

# 3rd Quarter Financials

## Projected General Fund Ending Balance:

- Projected TABOR reserve requirement: \$8.4m
- Unassigned: \$4.5m
- Committed Requirement - 20% of Net Expenditures: \$50m
- Unassigned and Committed: Projected at 21.8% of Net Expenditures

Reference -

Current budget, average monthly salary/benefit costs:

$$\$16.7\text{m} \times 3 \text{ months} = \$50\text{m}$$

Current budget, average monthly operating costs:

$$\$21\text{m} \times 3 \text{ months} = \$63\text{m}$$

# 3rd Quarter Financials

## Expected Continued Pressures:

Federal - April 3rd Presidential Budget Request for FY2027 once again proposes federal grant program reduction/elimination:

Title II - Reduction and consolidation into a block grant

Title III - Elimination

Title I Part C - Elimination

State - Possibility of mid-year funding rescission if revenue projections aren't met/economic conditions deteriorate

Local - Continued need to manage declines in student enrollment  
Uncertainty around future local control of Specific Ownership collections

# Other Funds

- **Highlight: Medical Fund (Fund 62)**
  - Utilization of Samaritan program helping to limit cost of high dollar claims to plan
  - Shifting pharmaceutical sourcing also seeing cost savings to plan
  - *Still expecting no increase to medical insurance premiums for employees or district in 2027 plan year*
- **Monitoring: Risk Management (Fund 64)**
  - Increased transfer to General Fund in readopted budget from \$1.5m to \$2m
  - Fund is still expected to use about half of reserves by year end
  - Transfer from General Fund has not kept pace with rising costs for property/liability insurance costs and staffing costs
  - Will need to plan to increase transfer again in FY2026-27 budget

# Looking Ahead: 2026-27

- School Finance under consideration
  - ✚ Avoids the reintroduction of Budget Stabilization Factor and the reductions that were proposed through changes to Specific Ownership
  - Utilizes one-time reserve dollars to pay for statutorily required increases to categoricals, such as Special Education, ELL, and at-risk
    - Next year:
      - 2.3% inflation
      - Maintains planned 30% phase-in of the new finance formula
      - Drops student count averaging to 3 years
      - Hold harmless to 2024-25 funding at 5 year averaged student count expected
      - **Anticipating a revenue decrease of ~\$355k from current budget**
- Continuing to work through the budget process while awaiting final funding levels
- Colorado's legislative session set to adjourn no later than May 13th

# 2025-26

## 3rd Quarter Business/Investment Reports



**Mesa County Valley School District 51**

**Licensed and Administrative Personnel Action**

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Name	Location	Assignment	Effective Date
<b>Retirements</b>			
COLEMAN, CATHERAN	BOOKCLIFF	8TH GR SOCIAL STUDIES	5/21/2026
GUNTHER, TONI L	TOPE	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	5/21/2026
GUSTIN, LISA E	BTK	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	5/21/2026
REITHINGER, BRIGITTE K	FMHS	GERMAN	5/21/2026
<b>Resignations/Termination</b>			
BRANNAN, ERIC L	CENTRAL	SP ED-SNB (SOAR)	5/21/2026
COSBY, SHAINA M	THUNDER MTN	GRADE 4	5/21/2026
HEINTZLEMAN, PAUL D	BTK	PSYCHOLOGIST	5/26/2026
HUGHES, AMANDA C	MONUMENT RIDGE	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	5/21/2026
KRUEGER, ELLY	DUAL IMMERS ACD	KINDERGARTEN	5/21/2026
LARSON, LUKE A	LINCOLN OM	GRADE 4	5/21/2026
LEONARDI, KARA M	BOOKCLIFF/ CENTRAL	MUSIC	5/21/2026
LHUIILLIER III, DAVID L	GRAND MESA	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	5/21/2026
PIPKIN, PATRICIA J	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	CLD	5/21/2026
RICO, EDITH	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	CLD	5/21/2026
SEAMS, SEAN M	EMERSON	SPC,CURRICULUM/LEARN DESIGN	6/4/2026
SUAREZ TAVERA, JOSE	DUAL IMMERS ACD	GRADE 4	4/5/2026
VOGEL, RACHAEL J	THUNDER MTN	GRADE 4	5/21/2026
<b>Leave of Absence</b>			
None at this time.			
<b>New Assignments (Transfer/New Hires)</b>			
ANDREWS, MISTY D	TAYLOR	SPED - RESOURCE	8/3/2026
BLACK, GRACE E	THUNDER MTN	KINDERGARTEN	8/5/2026
BROWN, CALEB LIVINGSTON	PALISADE	SPED- SSN (LIFE)	8/3/2026
CALABRESE, ALEXIS M	BTK	SPED - PHYSICAL THERAPIST	8/4/2026
CAMPBELL, DANE B	GJHS	SPED- SSN (LIFE)	8/3/2026
CARIS, MARIE R	WEST	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	8/5/2026
CROUCH, RYLEE A	TOPE	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/5/2026
DERRIEUX, DREW C	CENTRAL	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/5/2026
DYSART, RUSSELL K	PALISADE	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	8/5/2026
EMILSSON, JESSICA R	PALISADE	SPED - RESOURCE	8/3/2026
ESTRADA, AUDREY KAY	CHIPETA	KINDERGARTEN	8/5/2026
FRANKLIN, CHRISTOPHER R	CENTRAL	SPED- SSN (LIFE)	8/3/2026



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GRANDGENETT, EMMA J	WEST	SCIENCE	8/5/2026
HROMADKA, MARY ELENA	CHATFIELD	GRADE 1	8/5/2026
HURREN, AUDREY E	PALISADE	DRAMA/VOCAL MUSIC	8/5/2026
KEYS, RACHELLE S	BTK	AUDIOLOGIST	8/4/2026
KORNSE, ERICA F	GJHS	SCIENCE	8/5/2026
LOUGHRAN, EDWARD	CHATFIELD	GRADE 1	8/5/2026
MILLER, KIMBERLY A	CENTRAL	SPED- SSN (LIFE)	8/3/2026
MORROW, STEVEN A	R-5	SPED - MODERATE NEEDS	8/3/2026
RAY, CHRISTINA L	LINCOLN OM	SPED - RESOURCE	8/3/2026
RUCKS, GAVIN P	PALISADE	SOCIAL STUDIES	8/5/2026
SCARFE, MICHELLE N	BTK	SP ED, K-12 SPEECH/LANG	8/5/2026
SKILLICORN, ERICA L	WINGATE	KINDERGARTEN	8/5/2026
THOMAS, KARI A	GRAND RIVER	SPED- SSN (LIFE)	8/3/2026
THYNE, AUSTIN G	ORCHARD MESA	MATHEMATICS	8/5/2026
TRUITT, KRISTI L	DUAL IMMERS ACD	GRADE 1	8/5/2026
UPHOFF, MORGAN E	CHATFIELD	SPED - RESOURCE	8/3/2026
WEEMS, ECHO L	ECE CENTER	SP ED-PRESCHOOL	8/3/2026
<b>Return from Leave</b>			
None at this time.			

*I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on April 21, 2026.*

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 Amy Navarette, Assistant Secretary  
 Board of Education

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**Nikki Johnston - Director of Site Leadership**

- Mesa County Valley School District 51, Director Secondary Curriculum & Professional Learning - 2023-present
- Mesa County Valley School District 51, MGMS, Principal - 2019- 2023
- Mesa County Valley School District 51, MGMS, Assistant Principal - 2018-2019
- Mesa County Valley School District 51, FMHS, Assistant Principal - 2013-2018
- Mesa County Valley School District 51, FMHS, Teacher & Assistant Principal - 2012-2013
- Mesa County Valley School District 51, GJHS, Teacher - 2005-2012
- Wellsville Kansas Unified School District 289, Teacher - 1999-2004

Ms. Johnston earned a bachelor's degree in Biology from Fort Hays State University in 1999 and a master's degree in Education from MidAmerica Nazarene University in 2004. She later completed her Principal & Administrator Licensure program at Colorado Mesa University in 2008.

**Teresa Swanson - Director of Early Childhood**

- Mesa County Valley School District 51, Early Childhood Coordinator - 2024-present
- Duluth Edison Charter School, Special Education Coordinator - 2021-2023
- Douglas County Birth to 3 Program, Program Coordinator - 2019-2021
- Fond de Lac Head Start, Education and Disabilities Program Manager - 2018-2019
- Barnum Public Schools, Early Childhood Teacher - 2016-2018

Ms. Swanson earned a bachelor's degree in Communication from the University of Minnesota Duluth in 2000 and a bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin Superior in 2016. She later earned a master's degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point in 2020 and completed an Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Educational Leadership from Minnesota State University Moorhead in 2025.

*I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on April 21, 2026.*

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*Amy Navarette, Assistant Secretary  
Board of Education*

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Donor	Reliable Small Engine Repair
Gift	29 Small Engines
Value	\$4,900
School/Department	Career Center

Donor	Robert L., Betty K. and David Sitzman
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Grand Junction High School Academic Team

Donor	Kathryn Marie Wilkinson
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Grand Junction High School Happier Holidays Project

Donor	Randell B. & Katherine D. Foster
Gift	Cash
Value	\$300
School/Department	Grand Junction High School Academic Team

Donor	Robert Walker and Lisa Llewellyn Bickley
Gift	Cash
Value	\$200
School/Department	Grand Junction High School Staff Appreciation

Donor	Lomi Massage
Gift	Cash
Value	\$50
School/Department	Grand Mesa Middle School for gifts for teachers

Donor	Spring Works
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary School Lego League

Donor	Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary School Lego League

Donor	Asset Engineering Limited
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1,000
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary School Lego League

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Donor	Dr. James Quackenbush
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary School Lego League

Donor	Respite Essentials
Gift	Cash
Value	\$250
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary School Lego League

Donor	Hi Fives Robotics
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1,000
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary School Lego League

Donor	Anthony Albertson
Gift	Cash
Value	\$250
School/Department	Mt. Garfield Middle School LIFE Program

Donor	Ron Wersinger
Gift	Besson trumpet
Value	\$300
School/Department	Music Education Program to lend out to students

Donor	Lew Hill
Gift	Yamaha clarinet & Maestro guitar
Value	\$400
School/Department	Music Education Program

Donor	Karen Schniederjan
Gift	Conn trombone
Value	\$200
School/Department	Music Education Program

Donor	Liliana Gonzalez
Gift	Alto saxophone
Value	\$600
School/Department	Music Education Program

Donor	Barbara Chamberlin
Gift	Gemeinhardt flute
Value	\$1,000
School/Department	Music Education Program

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Donor	Michael Bell
Gift	Normandy clarinet
Value	\$100
School/Department	Music Education Program

Donor	Ruthmary Allison
Gift	Yamaha clarinet
Value	\$200
School/Department	Music Education Program

Donor	Becky Haas
Gift	Signet flute
Value	\$150
School/Department	Music Education Program

Donor	Tracey LeFebre
Gift	Armstron flute
Value	\$300
School/Department	Music Education Program

Donor	Debra Kalish
Gift	Olds Super trombone
Value	\$300
School/Department	Music Education Program

Donor	Kay Snider, P.C.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$75
School/Department	Palisade High School Track & Field Program

Donor	Bighorn Consulting Engineers Co.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$175
School/Department	Palisade High School Girls Soccer Program

Donor	Monarch HVAC
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Palisade High School Track & Field Program

Donor	Scott E. & Kathryn M. Powell
Gift	Cash
Value	\$150
School/Department	Palisade High School Climbing Club

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Donor	Western Colorado Pediatrics
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Palisade High School Track & Field Program

Donor	Ideal Completion, Clinton Kuhn
Gift	Cash
Value	\$600
School/Department	Taylor Elementary School LIFE Program

Donor	Bank of Colorado
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Pittenger & Anderson, Registered Investment Advisor
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Grand Valley Bank
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Dave Armbruster
Gift	Cash
Value	\$10,000
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Jeff or Valerie Franklin
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Kimberly Castner
Gift	Cash
Value	\$250
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Ralph Castner
Gift	Cash
Value	\$250
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

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Donor	Georgann Amack
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Jason & Tracy Varra
Gift	Cash
Value	\$30
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	John Cheloha
Gift	Cash
Value	\$50
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Marilyn & Ernest Hunt
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Mike & Susie Gallagher
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Burton & Kelli Hamilton
Gift	Cash
Value	\$250
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Joyce & Christopher Jurgens
Gift	Cash
Value	\$30
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Douglas & Sarah Weedon
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1,000
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	John & Linda Elmer
Gift	Cash
Value	\$200
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

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Donor	Betty Jo Brown
Gift	Cash
Value	\$50
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Kevin & Diane Klein
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Catherine Knoll
Gift	Cash
Value	\$200
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Mary & Charles Olsen
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Elizabeth & Robert Walker
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Wendell & Paula Hines
Gift	Cash
Value	\$150
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Allan & Nannette Neauhaus
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Nathan & Sarah Hallum
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Don & Lisa Riley
Gift	Cash
Value	\$25
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

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Donor	Jason & Tracy Varra
Gift	Cash
Value	\$30
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Georgann Amack
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Dennis & Alice McCary
Gift	Cash
Value	\$50
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Rhonda Fleischer & Jeff Nelson
Gift	Cash
Value	\$50
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Thomas & Shelly Prenger
Gift	Cash
Value	\$50
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Valerie & John Florea
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Hoskin Farina & Kampf PC, Attorneys at Law
Gift	Cash
Value	\$250
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Robert & Anna Maria Fuoco
Gift	Cash
Value	\$50
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Michael Baker
Gift	Cash
Value	\$150
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Donor	Michael Baker
Gift	Cash
Value	\$150
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Kurt & Cynthia Mill
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Tope Elementary School, Julie Armbruster Legacy Fund

Donor	Donors Choose
Gift	Cash
Value	\$505.08
School/Department	Palisade High School classroom supplies

Donor	Donors Choose
Gift	Cash
Value	\$585.82
School/Department	Orchard Avenue Elementary School 5 <sup>th</sup> grade class

Total: \$27,170.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education, in accepting the donations listed above, extends their appreciation and acknowledges these important partnerships within the community which support learning for all students.

*I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on April 21, 2026.*

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*Amy Navarette  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*

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<b>Grant Title</b>	Colorado Academic Accelerator Grant: COAAP (3289)
<b>Source</b>	State
<b>Fund Number</b>	22
<b>Site</b>	Rocky Mountain, Fruitvale, and Pear Park
<b>Description</b>	The COAAP grant program seeks to establish or expand community learning centers that will accelerate student learning by providing academic support and enrichment as well as family engagement activities in Out of School Time programs focused on STEM, particularly math and science. This adjustment is due to CDE allowing for unspent amounts from 24/25 to carryover to 25/26.
<b>Budget Amount</b>	\$2,250.44
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	26/27
<b>Authorized Representative</b>	Jennifer Marsh, Chief Academic Officer

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education approved the above identified grant funds for expenditure purposes April 21, 2026.*

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*Amy Navarette*  
*Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*

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It is the District's policy to make District facilities, buildings, or grounds (collectively "Facilities") available to the community for worthwhile purposes when such uses will not interfere with District/school programs or events. The Board reserves and delegates to the District:

1. The right to approve or to refuse approval or to cancel any and all contracts issued for the use of District Facilities when it is deemed that such action is necessary for the best interests of the District; and,
2. The right to administer fees for the use of District Facilities and for other related costs.

**Endorsement**

Permission for use of District Facilities shall not constitute a District endorsement of any organization, the beliefs of an organization or group, nor the expression of any opinion regarding the nomination, retention, election, or defeat of any candidate, nor the expression of any opinion as to the passage or defeat of any issue.

**Priority of Use**

1. First priority will be given to preschool through grade 12 school-related activities.
2. Second priority will be given to any other district-sponsored activities.
3. Other community group requests for Facilities use will be approved on a space-available basis and are subject to cancellation due to school-related/District-sponsored activities.

**Restrictions and Requirements**

1. All applicable District policies will be enforced.
2. District Facilities use requests for ongoing use will not be approved for a period in excess of one year.
3. No construction work will be done to any grounds or athletic fields by outside groups without completion of the District's Facilities work order process without the consent of the Chief Operating Officer.
4. Requests for Facilities use must be made through the District's event management system except in the following circumstances:
  - a. Building principals or their designee may approve the use of Facilities under their supervision for normal activities involved in the operation of their school programs without contracting through the District's event management system unless there is a need for specialized personnel. However, all requests for the use of Facilities must be submitted through Facilitron. Principals and high school athletic directors should establish their calendar of events well in advance, giving priority to school functions.
5. Groups or individuals wishing to use District Facilities must submit a community use application at least one week prior to the scheduled activity. Requests for major events requiring long-term preparation (competitive sports, concerts, plays, etc.) may be accepted one year in advance of the activity.
6. All users must indemnify the District as to its property and any person whose property may be within the building or facility for loss or damage to such property caused by any person or persons attending the meeting/activity/event or any damage or injury arising by reason of holding the meeting/activity/event.

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7. Groups or individuals must also submit a current certificate of liability insurance, a federal tax classification document, and any other applicable forms (available from the school or district building, from the facilities department, or from the District website, which can be found on the following link: <https://www.d51schools.org/district-services111/facilities/facility-rentals-building-use>).
  8. No application shall be approved unless the applicant provides satisfactory assurance that the use of the Facilities will be under the direct supervision of one or more adults responsible for supervising the proposed activity. Such supervision must ensure that members of the group remain in the assigned portion of the facility. Failure to properly supervise the proposed activity may result in immediate revocation of the use and will disqualify the user from any future use of District buildings or facilities.
  9. Requests for Facilities usage will constitute a willingness to comply with all rules and regulations regarding the use of District Facilities as prescribed by the District administration.
  10. Groups using District Facilities shall agree to indemnify the District for any damage to school or District property and to hold the District harmless from all responsibility for any harm, damage, injury, or loss to persons or property resulting from such use.
  11. In the event of damage to District Facilities, the user will accept the estimate of the amount of damage, as provided by the Facilities Management Department, and will pay all repair costs within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice/bill.
  12. Whenever a community group is permitted to use any District Facilities, at least one District employee must be on hand, paid for by the organization, when, in the opinion of the appropriate administrator, it is necessary to supervise the individuals and protect school property. The number of paid employees shall depend on the type of service, the number to be served, and the number of volunteer helpers.
  13. Whenever a cafeteria or kitchen is used, it shall be under the supervision of a school nutrition employee and in accordance with food services policies and regulations through the District's Nutrition Services Department. The group using the kitchen Facilities shall reimburse the District for the salary of the employee and facility use fees based on the current fee schedule. If the kitchen is requested, additional approval is required through the District's Nutrition Services Department. Recurring kitchen use will require a separate memorandum of understanding between the District and the user. No one under the age of eighteen (18) shall be allowed in the kitchen.
  14. In the event security/fire alarms are actuated during their use, the user will be charged for the response of local municipal agencies and/or District personnel.
  15. Persons using District Facilities must confine themselves to the rooms, corridors, or areas assigned for their use, and to the approved times. All rooms, corridors, or areas must be vacated completely at the designated time.
  16. All buildings must be vacated one hour before the regularly scheduled custodian's departing time; otherwise, additional fees will be assessed unless other arrangements have been made.

**Cancelations/Closures/Refunds**

1. District Cancellations
  - a. The District reserves the right to cancel a previously approved event or use when a District Facilities becomes unavailable due to the closure of school buildings, facilities, or grounds as the result of an

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emergency, inclement weather, energy shortage, conservation program, major maintenance/renovation, staff shortages, or any other event beyond the reasonable control of the school or District.

- b. A full refund will be issued automatically through Facilitron for any cancellation.
- c. The District shall attempt to notify any users of any cancellations seventy-two (72) hours in advance unless it is beyond the reasonable control of the school or District.

**2. User Cancellations**

- a. At least seventy-two (72) hours notice must be given through the District's event management system if cancellation is necessary by the user.
- b. Refunds for fees will automatically be issued through Facilitron upon notice of cancellation by the District or user

**Available Facilities**

District Facilities available for use by the community when not in use by the District include the following categories, and guidelines, in conjunction with the fee schedule:

**1. Cafeterias, Classrooms, Commons, Library/Media Centers**

**2. Auditoriums, Board Rooms, Gyms, Wrestling/Weight Rooms**

- a. Hardwood floors are restricted to soft-sole footwear such as tennis shoes; no rollerblades.
- b. Use of gym floors will be restricted to activities that will not cause damage.
- c. Users and participants shall not consume food or beverages, other than water, within gyms or auditoriums.
- d. All areas are only to be used for the purpose for which they were designed and constructed.

**3. Athletic/Playfields, School Fields/Grounds, Courtyards, Tennis Courts/Tracks, Parking Lots**

- a. All areas are only to be used for the purpose for which they were designed and constructed.
- b. Wheeled vehicles and horses shall be restricted to established roadways and parking lots
- c. Placement of buildings, structures, or equipment by outside organizations will not be allowed on District property without prior approval, and such written approval must accompany the building and facility use request form. This is to comply with any sanitation and/or fire standards that must be observed by the District.

**4. Playgrounds and Playground Equipment:** When not in use by the District or authorized programs, playgrounds and playground equipment are available to the community. The use of these facilities does not require a permit, but such use is at the risk of the user.

**Access and Availability**

1. All District Facilities usage must comply with District policies relating to official holidays and school closures. District Facilities will not be available for community use on those days that are designated as official holidays or non-working days for District employees.
2. Overnight Use:
  - a. Overnight accommodations that do not interfere with a scheduled District activity may be approved by the building principal or designee.

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- b. The building principal or designee will determine the time that the areas being used will be secured by the custodian on duty. Supervision after this time will be the responsibility of the person(s) sponsoring the group.
  - c. Persons using District Facilities must confine themselves to the room(s), corridor(s), or area(s) assigned for their use during the approved time. Areas must be vacated completely at the agreed-upon time.
  - d. The person(s) supervising as well as the person(s) signing the use contract will be held responsible for any misuse of District Facilities or equipment.
  - e. The user will be solely responsible for all personnel and property liability and may be required to purchase liability insurance coverage for the activity.

### **Denials of Requests**

The District reserves the right to deny requests, including immediate cancellation of any approved Facilities use requests, from individuals, groups, or organizations that:

1. Advance any doctrine or theory that is subversive to the Constitution or laws of the state of Colorado or the United States;
2. Advocate social or political change by use of violence;
3. Involve activities such as bonfires or activities that require the use of fuels, propane, flammable liquids, or materials, which are not allowed on school property with the exception of District-sponsored activities using contained barbecues; or,
4. Have demonstrated previous misuse or abuse of District facilities, as well as non-payment of previous use.

### **Prohibited Per Policy or Law**

1. The use and possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs by any person or group on or in District Facilities is strictly prohibited.
2. Smoking, including the use of marijuana and vapes, is prohibited in all District Facilities.
3. No person will bring, carry, use, or possess a deadly weapon on, or in, District Facilities, except as permitted by law. A "deadly weapon" includes, but is not limited to, a firearm, loaded or unloaded, a knife, bludgeon, or any other weapon or instrument which, in the manner in which it is intended to be used, is capable of producing death or serious bodily injury.
4. Any use of District Facilities shall not, in any manner, create a nuisance or hazard to other persons on or near these Facilities.

### **Fees**

District Facility use fees will be determined by the Chief Operations Officer and available on the District's website under <https://www.d51schools.org/district-services111/facilities/facility-rentals-building-use>.

1. Deposit – The District reserves the right to require a deposit for protection of the building facility and equipment, and to guarantee the rental or expenses.
2. Weekend, Non-Working/Furlough Days, and Holiday Use – In establishing the fee schedules, the District may impose a higher fee for weekend and holiday use due to the increased administrative burdens related to the use of District facilities on those days.

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- a. These increased burdens may include such things as making arrangements for heating, ventilating, and air conditioning; assuring the availability of adequate custodial staff; handling security concerns; rescheduling planned maintenance and repair; and responding to concerns resulting from the increased level of traffic, parking, and other activities around the Facilities that would otherwise not occur on weekends and holidays.
  - b. Except for District-sponsored activities, all use of District Facilities beyond the regularly staffed work day may require an additional fee according to the current fee schedule.
  3. Custodial Overtime – Custodial overtime applies to each category and is charged at all times outside of the regularly scheduled custodial workday.
    - a. Custodial support is required unless an approved District representative is present.
    - b. Custodial overtime for all groups will be charged according to the current fee schedule for non-staff hours during weekends, holidays, non-working days, and furlough days.
    - c. Weekend building use requires a two-hour minimum per room custodial overtime charge unless an approved District representative is used and specific parameters are met.
  4. Snow Removal – Should snow removal be required at a facility outside of normal building or facility hours, users will be billed by the hour per the current fee schedule. The District's facilities department will remove snow when the accumulation is two inches or more as close to the use time as possible.
  5. Multiple Rooms in a Facility – When using more than one room in a facility, the fee will be established by Facilitron according to the type and size of the event.
  6. District Equipment – A fee may be assessed for the use of certain District equipment.
  7. Additional Fees – Schools are not permitted to charge additional fees above and beyond the fee schedule.
  8. Special Use – Fees for any special requests not covered by this policy or the current fee schedule will be determined by the Chief Operations Officer.
  9. Payments – Fees must be paid as soon as possible after receipt of the invoice. Payment for any event must be paid in full prior to the event taking place, unless other arrangements are made with The Building Use Department.
  10. Individuals or entities with a history of delinquent payments may be suspended from future use of District buildings or facilities.

**Furniture and Equipment**

1. Requests for use of District equipment must be included on the use request form and are subject to availability.
2. District Facilities users may also arrange to use furniture and equipment which is located in that facility unless approved by the Building Use Department.
3. Furniture and equipment may not be removed from the premises.
4. District Facilities users approved to use the equipment shall be responsible for any damage that may occur while the furniture or equipment is being used.

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5. District Facilities users who bring and leave personally owned items or equipment in school facilities do so at their own risk. Such equipment is not covered by insurance, and the District cannot pay for repairs, damage, or loss.
6. Certain equipment and/or furniture, including specialized District equipment, e.g., audiovisual equipment, public address systems, etc., may be provided, based upon availability, for a fee in accordance with the current fee schedule, with principal approval.
7. Additional charges may be assessed by the Building Use Department on a site-to-site basis.
8. Only authorized personnel who have completed proper training as determined by the Performing Arts Department will be allowed to run the lights and soundboards when using the auditoriums. A Performing Arts contract must be signed and added as an addendum to the building use contract in the event the user will use lights, soundboards, or other Performing Arts equipment.

### **Sports Camps**

District-sponsored sports camps must be approved by the District athletic department and conform to Colorado High School Activities Association regulations and District athletic policies. A use request must be completed and submitted through Facilitron. Fees per the current fee schedule will apply for all other non-district-sponsored camps.

Category	High School				Middle School				Elementary School				Total		Total for previous years as of: March 31				
	25/26		24/25		25/26		24/25		25/26		24/25		25/26	24/25	23/24	22/23	21/22	20/21	19/20
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F							
100	4		2		1	3	2	1					8	5	2	23	2	4	12
200					1								1			1			1
300																			
400	4	2	11	7	7	5	8	5	1				19	31	9	18	16	7	6
500	6		9	2	3		2	3			1		9	17	9	18	8	2	6
600																			
700			5				4							9	2				
800	1		1			2	2		3				6	3	6				
900		2			1		2						3	2	1				
VOO	3		3		8	5	6	1			1		16	11	5	27	6	6	11
Total	18	4	31	9	21	15	26	10	4		2		62	78	34	87	32	19	36

**Category Description**

- 100 - drug or controlled substance
- 200 - alcohol
- 300 - tobacco
- 400 - assault
- 500 - dangerous weapons
- 600 - robbery
- 700 - other felonies
- 800 - Disobedient/Defiant or Repeated Interference
- 900 - Detrimental
- V00 - other violations

