



Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning

"As a K-12 community, the mission of the Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL) is to empower students and staff to be learners, thinkers, citizens, and explorers engaged in and inspired by the real world. We are crew, not passengers."

September 24th, 2025: Message from the Executive Director

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Dear RMSEL Community,

As we begin the Jewish New Year, we wish a joyous and meaningful Rosh Hashana to all who celebrate in our community. May this season of reflection and renewal bring peace and health to you and your loved ones. We are grateful for the richness and diversity of traditions that strengthen our school community.

Just a reminder: October Count started today and lasts until October 8th. The October Count is the official student headcount for all Colorado public school districts that determines per pupil funding from the state. It is critical that we have all students in attendance on these days and in particular on October 1, 2025, which is the official count date. Please contact Kandice Wheeler at kwheeler@rmsel.org if you have questions regarding the October Count.

In crew, Tiffany Almon (she, her, hers, and why they matter)

Executive Director

Healthy Kids Colorado Survey for 7th - 12th Grade

During the week of 10/27/25 our 7th through 12th grade students will take the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS), an important survey about student health. The survey asks students about health topics including unintentional injuries and violence; mental health; school safety; substance use; physical activity and nutrition; sexual behavior (optional); and risk and protective factors.

Students do not have to take the survey. The survey takes no longer than one class period to complete. The survey process protects your student's privacy, and no information is collected that can identify an individual student. Only your child will know how they answer. Students do not get school credit for taking the survey, and there is no penalty for not taking the survey.

The survey results will help your school, community groups, and state health agencies to plan programs and services for youth. The survey is supported by the Colorado Departments of Public Health & Environment, Education, Public Safety, the Behavioral Health Administration, and the Attorney General's Office, and is administered by the Colorado School of Public Health every other year. This project has been approved by your school district and the Colorado Multiple Institutional Review Board (COMIRB).

Students receive the survey during class time and are instructed to answer the questions or skip any question they don't understand or don't feel comfortable answering. Students who are not completing the survey do other schoolwork during the survey time. We encourage you to discuss the survey with your child and share your views on their choice to participate. For more information about the study, please visit our website at <http://www.healthykidscolo.org> or call the Healthy Kids

Colorado Survey Director, Dr. Ashley Brooks-Russell, at 303-724-8437. For questions regarding IRB approval, please contact COMIRB at 303-724-1055.

To view a copy of your school district's survey, please visit:

- High school survey: <https://bit.ly/HKCS-HS-English-25>
- Middle school survey: <https://bit.ly/HKCS-MS-English-25>

To opt your child out of the Healthy Kids CO Survey click [here](#) and complete this short form by 10/10/25.

RAPIDS TICKETS FUNDRAISER!

Join Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning as we cheer on the Colorado Rapids in their last home game of the season! This special opportunity not only allows families and friends to enjoy a fun day of soccer at a reduced price, but also supports the school itself. For every ticket sold through this program, \$5 will go directly toward fundraising efforts.

Questions? Contact Lauren Myers at Lauren.myers@TeamKSE.com

[CLICK HERE](#) to get your tickets for the October 18th game against Los Angeles.

Request for Substitute Teacher Applications

We are in need of substitute teachers. If you or anyone you know, who meets the qualifications, is interested in this position, please pick up a substitute teacher packet in RMSEL's Main Office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Substitute teachers are an important part of the RMSEL crew. Substitutes assist us in continuing the effective educational process provided by our team of teachers while they are receiving additional professional development or absent from their positions for another reason.

Description: Substitutes will establish rapport with students and staff, and follow the content of lesson plans as provided by the classroom teachers. We currently have substitute teaching opportunities available in all grade levels and subjects.

Qualifications:

- Positive attitude and perception about children and education
- Must hold current Colorado Department of Education Teaching License or Substitute Authorization

Salary: \$160/day; \$80/half-day