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D51 schools earn state awards for test growth and performance  
*Honors go to Juniper Ridge, New Emerson*

**Grand Junction, CO** – Two District 51 schools are being honored for their exemplary performance and growth on 2018 Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) tests.

The schools are:

- New Emerson School – John Irwin Award
- Juniper Ridge Community School – High School Academic Growth Award

This is New Emerson's seventh John Irwin Award, which is reserved for schools with the state's highest CMAS math, English Language Arts, science and social studies scores. Emerson has earned the award every year since 2011 with the exception of 2015 – a year when no John Irwin Awards were given due the switch that year from Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP) testing to CMAS testing.

Juniper Ridge Community School is one of eight Colorado schools to receive the High School Academic Growth Award this year. Each school picked for this award had the highest growth in CMAS English Language Arts, math, and science test scores year-over-year in their school enrollment size category. Juniper Ridge is a K-8 district charter school that provides a Waldorf Method-inspired curriculum.

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