



Front Range Academy
Arvada, Boulder, Broomfield, Lafayette
Grades: 6-12
Director: Lynne Dare

Front Range Academy (FRA) began its alliance with Hope Online in 2005 to provide an alternate form of quality education for students. With six locations —two in Broomfield, two in Arvada, one in Boulder and one in Lafayette—FRA caters to the academic needs of over 900 students in the northern Denver metro area.

The computer-based and individualized nature of the curriculum caters to the needs of Hope Online students at FRA, many of whom are considered at-risk.

“Our students struggled in traditional schools,” says FRA Director Lynne Dare. “While our students represent a diverse constituency with unique challenges, the common thread that brought them to Hope Online was a feeling of invisibility in their previous schools. The lack of individual attention allowed these students to fall through the cracks, both academically and socially.”

Hope Online students have a variety of educational needs. Some have learning disabilities, while others need advanced lessons to maintain their interest. Some students possess high IQ’s and are incredibly motivated to learn; while others fight the temptation to drop out of school. Hope Online’s individual learning plans are the answer; they promote academic progress and confidence by allowing students to work at their own pace.

According to Mrs. Dare, students have made impressive strides with Hope Online. “A sophomore student wrote a book and recently had it published. Another student, addicted to drugs since the age of 8, has been well-supported by teachers and mentors, is now clean and promptly catching up with her studies.”

Mrs. Dare attributes the success of Front Range Academy Learning Centers to not only Hope Online’s curriculum, but to dedicated Hope Online teachers and FRA mentors. “Learning here does not stop at 4 o’clock; teachers and mentors are available to students 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

Front Range Academy has adopted a mission to motivate and guide the academic, intellectual, social, and emotional growth of at-risk youth, promoting lifelong education and social responsibility. In this pursuit, Mrs. Dare encourages students to recall Don Quixote’s *Impossible Dream*. “In order to reach the unreachable star, we must foster confidence and persistence in our students. As educators, we must never give up on our students, no matter what the odds. One day, the impossible dream will not be impossible anymore.”

Learning Center Administration

Lynne Dare – Director - Front Range Academy Learning Centers

Lynne Dare received a degree in Education from Kent State University, after which she taught high school in Ohio and college courses at University of Pacific in California. Prior to her work with Front Range Academy and Hope Online, Mrs. Dare spent 15 years working for American Family Insurance. When asked why she returned to education, Mrs. Dare says, “It’s all about the kids. Their futures mean everything.”

John Geyer – Mentor – Front Range Academy at Lafayette

John Geyer is a skilled and talented mentor who is admired by the students he serves. He gained experience working with youth at Broomfield High School. Previously, he served as Senior Meteorologist for the Air Force Academy. Mr. Geyer earned a Craftsman Certificate from the Community College of the Air Force in Montgomery, AL and a Bachelor of Arts in English from St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI.

Hope Online Teachers

Carolyn Canavan – Hope Online Teacher

Carolyn Canavan is an energetic Colorado licensed teacher with strong classroom management skills. She previously taught at Pioneer School, a public charter school, in Fort Collins, CO. Ms. Canavan received a Bachelor of Science in Health and Exercise Science from Colorado State University and is a July 2008 candidate for a Master of Arts in Education from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO.

Natasha Fortis – Hope Online Teacher

Natasha Fortis is a talented and passionate Colorado licensed teacher who enjoys contributing to the academic success of children. Before joining the Hope Online team, she taught at Jefferson County Open School. Ms. Fortis received a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from the University of Colorado at Denver in Denver, CO and completed the Teaching Licensure program in Language Arts at Metropolitan State College of Denver in Denver, CO.