



Park Hill Preparatory School
3200 Dahlia St., Denver, CO 80207
Grades: k-12
Director: Dana Delaney

The Hope Online Learning Center at Park Hill Preparatory School (Park Hill Prep) is located in Denver's historic Park Hill neighborhood. Learning Center Director Dana Delaney established Park Hill Prep in 2006 to offer the students of the northeast Denver community a quality educational option and the opportunity to build a strong academic foundation.

"Many of the Hope Online students at Park Hill Prep have a parent in jail or dead as a result of violence," explains Ms. Delaney. "Many of our children are dealing with anger and despair." Because negative influences like gang activity, crime and teen pregnancy affect the area's youngest residents, it is crucial that students have a safe and secure environment to foster academic success.

The majority of the Hope Online students at Park Hill Prep were one to three grade levels behind upon enrolling. Now, the elementary students are at or beyond grade-level proficiency, and the middle school students are currently reading at a high school level. Their success can be attributed to many factors: Hope Online's engaging curriculum, rich with audio and visual graphics; individual learning plans, tailored to fit the academic needs of each student by a highly qualified Hope Online teacher; flexibility, affording students the ability to work at their own pace; and one-on-one attention from their Hope Online teacher and Learning Center mentors. "The trademark elements of Hope Online serve to promote the goals of Hope Online and Park Hill Prep; we are closing the achievement gap and reducing the dropout rate everyday," professes Ms. Delaney.

"One 8th grade student struggled in reading and math at his previous school. He avoided his lessons and had low self-esteem. Now, in his second year at Hope Online, he is at grade-level proficiency and is always eager for more assignments to challenge him. He has become a confident young man and is a leader to his peers, often helping other students with their lessons," asserts Ms. Delaney.

Continuing Ms. Delaney notes, "Another student, who was one to two years behind grade level upon enrolling at Hope Online, has made great academic progress. She faced challenges including family issues, criminal activity and fighting at her previous school. At Hope Online at Park Hill Prep, she has overcome these obstacles, and she is working to become grade-level proficient. As a young single mother, she understands the value of her education and is motivated to pursue an education for her son."

Modeling their behavior after their dedicated Hope Online teacher and Learning Center mentors, Hope Online students at Park Hill Prep generate moments of inspiration everyday. "The students help each other with their lessons; they are fascinated by learning; they enjoy studying subjects that they felt inept about initially." According to Ms. Delaney, "These times fill your soul with a sense of accomplishment."

Learning Center Administration

Dana Delaney – Director and Lead Mentor

Dana Delaney, a Colorado licensed teacher, is dedicated to promoting the academic success of youth. She worked at the National Jewish Center for over 20 years as a teacher to young students with asthma. Ms. Delaney earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Oberlin College in Oberlin, OH and a Master of Arts in Special Education from the University of Colorado at Denver in Denver, CO.

Hope Online Teacher

Stephanie Shipp – Hope Online Teacher

Stephanie Shipp is a highly skilled and talented Colorado licensed teacher and is teaching for her second year at Hope Online. Prior to joining the Hope Online team, she taught in various pre-k through 12 classrooms in Texas and Colorado. With a background in human development, she enjoys her teaching, student counseling, and advocacy responsibilities. Ms. Shipp received her Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences, emphasizing Human Development and Family Studies, from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX.