



Colorado

ANNUAL REPORT 2023 – 2024



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a living education, centered on Christ, where each child is guided and
empowered to author a full and free life, a life rich in
relationship to God, self, others, ideas, and all of creation.

A LIVING EDUCATION



Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
Love one another with brotherly affection.
Outdo one another in showing honor.
Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

ROMANS 12:9 – 13 ESV

We carry out our mission in such a way that impacts the children in our classrooms, our families and wider community, and the world.



Children in the Classroom

Ambleside fosters educational renewal based on Charlotte Mason's philosophy and practice. We serve the Denver-metro community by providing a *living education*, and we strive to make it accessible to all.

A *living education* empowers students to author lives that are full and free, rich in relationship to God, self, others, ideas, work, and creation. It provides the tools needed to live well in all aspects of life — personal and professional, present and future.

Students grow into people who give back to society, love God and their neighbors, and cultivate a rich intellectual life.

At Ambleside, the focus in the classroom for grades K through 8 — and now, our High School grades 9 through 12 — is on inspiring students and nurturing growth.

High School

Among local options, the unique point-of-difference of our high school is its solid foundation in discipleship, which strengthens students' knowledge, understanding, and application of:

- Faith and Relationships: Every student knows every other student by name and spends up to 8 hours weekly in collaborative discussions around Bible, Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Classics, Fine Arts, and other electives.
- Service: 24 high school students served 1,344 hours in 7 organizations across the Denver metro area, including Project Cure, Manna Ministries, Life Center, Right Step, Samaritan's Purse, local neighbors, and more. Students also devoted a week to serving downtown Denver's homeless population through Open Door Ministries.
- Leadership: 92% of our student body participates in Leadership Council, an opportunity to learn from community speakers on leadership lessons learned, form teams to serve the school and community, and be mentored by a mature, godly community mentor, through reading and discussion of student leadership materials, and maturing through the shared beauty of walking with Christ together.

K – 12 Enrollment and Retention

- 165 students from 80 families were served this year.
- Ambleside's median student retention rate is 96.5%, which is well above the national median retention rate of 87%.*
- Enrollment increases by an average of 10% annually, and we plan to reach full capacity of 208 students in 2026 – 2027.
- Our staff is dedicated: half have served at Ambleside Colorado for more than three years, with a significant one-third celebrating over five years of service.

*According to the National Association of Independent Schools.

141 Children Served in K – 8 Classrooms • 24 High School Lives Changed for Christ



Community and Families

Ambleside seeks to be a vessel for training, equipping, and engaging parents and community members who seek to learn and grow from our time-tested approach as it is given living expression at Ambleside.

Through inspiring events and Christ-centered resources focusing on the view of the child, parenting, and education, Ambleside engages through community-focused gatherings including weekly Parent Hour, Dad's Book Study, and Mom's Prayer Group, as well as annual traditions including Veterans Chapel, Grandparent's Day, Christmas Candlelight Service, and Ambleside LIVE, our signature event.

Special Events

- 27 veterans across most military branches were honored at our annual Veterans Chapel.
- \$140,000 was raised by 160 community members at our annual Ambleside LIVE event.
- 15 parents attended our weekly Parent Hour book discussion led by our Head of School, to read and discuss books chosen to not only inspire our own lives with God, but also to help parents understand and disciple their children.

Financial Aid

Foundational to our identity is our commitment to serve an economically diverse community. Our annual financial aid budget serves less-resourced families who could not otherwise receive an Ambleside education, and we commit to sustaining it into the future as our school grows and our influence in the community increases. We've continued that pursuit this year.

- 36 students — 22% of the student body — are on financial aid support, thanks to partnership with our generous donors.
- 22 students were awarded a total of \$52,000 through ACE Scholarships, a new partnership for Ambleside Colorado.

22% of Ambleside Students Supported with Financial Aid



The World

Ambleside's vision extends beyond the walls of our local school.

Ambleside Schools International (ASI), in partnership with local Ambleside Member Schools like ours, trains and mentors parents, teachers, and persons interested in developing their understanding and practice of Charlotte Mason's educational philosophy through the Ambleside Method.

Ambleside Schools Training Events are venues for both teachers and parents. Ambleside Colorado was the only Member School to host the Summer Institute in the United States last year.

In the future, we look forward to hosting more training events that will help us invest in our amazing staff and take this important work beyond our walls and into the world.

In the summer of 2023, we hosted Ambleside Schools International's Summer Institute that trains teachers across the network to teach our unique Ambleside Method in the classroom.

- 60 teachers in attendance from 11 states across the network were welcomed and trained.
- As host, we were able to enroll 4 of our new teachers — providing a savings of \$8,000 in costs normally incurred in travel expenses.

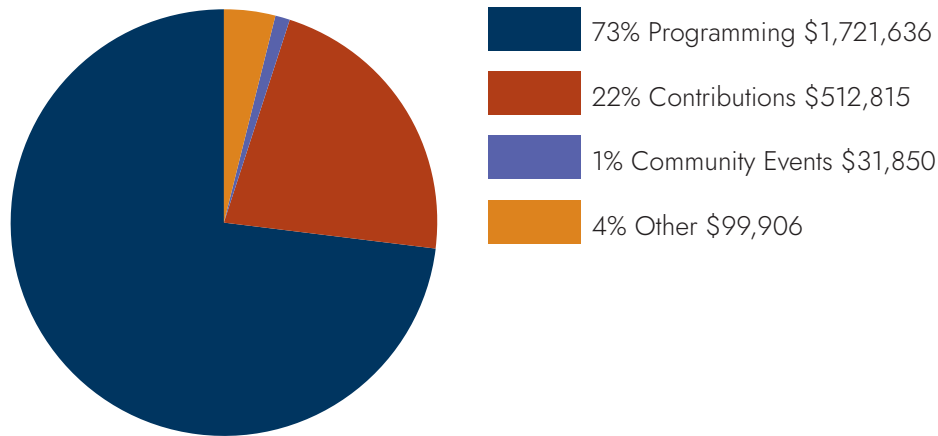
Ambleside School International's Master Teacher Training Program provides the Master Teacher certification for Ambleside teachers who complete the rigorous 3-year course.

- 3 Ambleside Colorado Master Teachers led parts of the Summer Institute, further developing their classroom skills and providing them with an opportunity to earn supplemental income.

Furthered the Ambleside Mission in 11 States

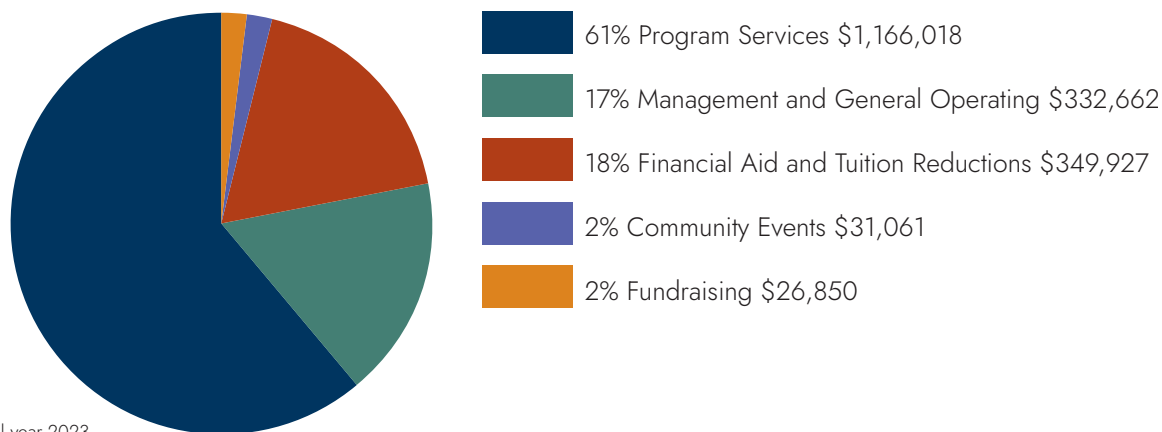
2022–23 REVENUE*

Total Revenue
\$2,366,207



2022–23 EXPENSES*

Total Expenses
\$1,906,518



*Revenue and Expenses are for fiscal year 2023

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