The School Community:

Fort Collins High School is located in Fort Collins, Colorado, and is one of eight high schools in the Poudre School District (PSD) It currently resides in the fourth location of the school since its beginning in 1915; growing with the community and meeting its many demands of a school.
Upon entering the school you may see many student made posters, regalia of school pride, Trophy cases, honor wall and many positive words lining the halls. The interior is set up much like any other high school but what makes Fort Collins different is how they treat their space. To encourage familiarity and a community environment the halls carry the names of major old town streets. To reflect this comfort level of familiarity and being at home, the students have shortened the streets to their first letter, like an old friend.

The learning culture that the students learn in is one of quality space, full of natural light and plenty of room to move around, an overall safe place to learn with very supportive peers.
The building feels very orderly and well maintained, pride in the school as a place of learning and a place of community building is prevalent.

There are many extra curricular activities for the students to participate in. Things like plays, concerts, dances, and science bowl. There are also athletics and honor clubs. School sponsored student organizations present at FCH include a debate team; amnesty international chapter, language clubs and environmental clubs to only name a few. FCH also houses a variety of student lead/initiated groups and clubs. These are mostly identity-based groups but there are also a few activity-based clubs. The students of Fort Collins High school also have at their disposal a plethora of resources, through student services they have access to peer counseling, career planning, teen parent services, and academic advising. Students are also encouraged to utilize the resources listed on the school website when and if they need, under the personal and social resources page.

Parent volunteers can donate their time to activities for the students and FCH community. Parents of Athletes can join the Parent Athletic club, the dues collected in this club pays for plaques in the athletic hall of fame, varsity letters, awards and pins among other athletic related costs. The parent members assist in planning award nights.

I feel that the major program that supports and encourages appropriate student behavior is the pillars of excellence. There is a poster in every hall, in the media center, lunch hall, and office. The Pillars of Excellence are acceptance, pride, integrity, respect and responsibility. The school website quotes the pillars to *"guide our interactions with each other and within our community. These pillars reflect our strong traditions and provide the framework for the many initiatives that exist to assure that Fort Collins High School is a place where educational excellence and equity are priorities and where student potential is maximized."*

The demographics of Fort Collins High school, as read from the 2015-2016 school year data, begins with a fairly even ratio of boys to girls (52%/48% respectively). The free and reduced lunch rate was reported to be 34%; the population is 32% percent culturally diverse, and ELL's around 15%. Integrated services reported 8% of the population, and Gifted and Talented around 16%. At the time of data collection the 10th grade had the highest amount of the population at 28%, they would be 11th grade this year, which means that new 9th graders coming in may have swung the balances a bit. The school is running close to capacity, and has had to improve their previous buildings until no further expansion could be had and eventually relocate to a larger building. The current building is expected to be over capacity by 2020.