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JEFFCO PRINCIPAL MAKES THE GRADE

Dan Cohan, principal at Pomona High School in Arvada, has been named the 2009 Colorado High School

Principal of the Year by the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE).

The award recognizes successful administrators who have provided high-quality education opportunities for students. Selection criteria include demonstrated instructional leadership, resolution of complex problems, development of self and others, and community service.

In her nomination letter, Jeffco Superintendent Cindy Stevenson said, "Dan is an excellent school manager. However, his true strength is in instructional leadership." Stevenson noted that when Cohan came to Pomona, he focused on creating a vision for excellence and developing goals for improvement. "The climate and culture of Pomona is professional and positive," she said. "Dan Cohan is one of the best."

CASE will present Cohan with his award this spring and recognize him along with other state winners at the annual CASE convention this summer in Breckenridge.

As Colorado High School Principal of the Year, Cohan is eligible for the National High School Principal of the Year award that will be announced later this year.