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**Highlands Ranch Named by *Business Week* as One of Top Places to Raise Kids**

Highlands Ranch, CO was recognized in a national ranking by *BusinessWeek* as Colorado's top community to raise kids for 2010. Known for the community's well-planned and beautifully-maintained outdoor recreation amenities, great schools, top-notch recreation centers and an overall high quality of life, Highlands Ranch is home to more than 93,000 people.

The criteria used by the magazine included data on school performance, number of schools, crime rates, job growth, cultural amenities and diversity. Communities considered had to have at least 45,000 residents with median incomes between \$40,000 and \$125,000.

Highlands Ranch was chosen in part for its "well-respected Douglas County School District," and for having "70 miles of trails, 22 parks, and more than 10,000 acres of open space."

Recognized nationally before, Highlands Ranch last year was included on the *Forbes Magazine* Top 25 Best Places to Move list, and Highlands Ranch High School was named to *Newsweek Magazine's* 2009 list of the top 1,500 high schools in the United States, along with ThunderRidge High School.

"We're proud of Highlands Ranch and the quality of life it offers," said Highlands Ranch Metro District General Manager Terry Nolan. "We're also proud of the fact that the service providers are working hard to maintain high quality services while keeping taxes and assessments low. We appreciate this national recognition."

For more information about Highlands Ranch, please visit [www.highlandsranch.org](http://www.highlandsranch.org) or call 720-240-2710.

*Founded in 1981 as the local government in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, the Metro District provides a variety of municipal services to this planned community of more than 93,000 people. Learn more about the Metro District at [www.highlandsranch.org](http://www.highlandsranch.org).*

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