

## EDUCATION

Nederland  
Elementary School  
Nederland, CO



The panel of jurors for the 2012 Antron® Carpet Fiber Sustainable Flooring Performance Award selected Nederland Elementary located in Nederland, CO, for the stamina of its 22-year old carpet. The award recognizes the use of performance-driven carpet choices in commercial applications, demonstrating that longer product life can play a significant role in reducing the environmental impact associated with premature consumption of resources required to replace carpet.

The school, built and opened in 1990, was designed for more than 650 students ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade. The school's carpet style, Guardian, by Tandus Flooring and constructed of Antron® nylon, continues to exceed expectations and fulfill its design and performance objectives, despite constant wear from school children and the harsh winter conditions, including snow, salt and mud, in the Rocky Mountain region.

The original Tandus Flooring carpet that was installed when the school opened is still

performing. The floor coverings were originally selected to compliment the natural environment of abundantly beautiful rock formations and Ponderosa pine forests, in addition to complementing the exterior and interior finishes. The carpet's colorways were selected for their not-too-dark, neutral earth tones, ease in maintenance and cost-efficiency over time.

According to the Boulder Valley School District, they are building upon a more than 20 year commitment to environmental stewardship and embrace environmental sustainability at a new level. Its plan and supportive policy outline a vision and goals for further incorporating sustainability into curriculum and operations district-wide. The school district's personnel are proud that the materials used in the school are an example of this commitment.

**Team:** Larry Bullen, Debbie Sedelmeier, Adam Trujillo  
**Carpet Style:** Guardian  
**Manufacturer:** Tandus Flooring

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