

Commenting on the noise caused by aircraft flying in and out of Centennial Airport can basically be outlined as: too many planes fly over, too low, too loud and too often. Our community is located in the northeast corner of Castle Rock and is at least twelve miles from the airport, but is subjected to large noisy aircraft passing just a thousand feet above our homes, at more than 250 MPH. When planes pass over our homes, they have at least twelve miles ahead of them before landing; propeller planes are still at full speed and, while jet aircraft are not at 100%, they pass over very fast, often creating a loud whine along with the roar of their jet engines.

Centennial Airport has been allowed to grow too large for its present location. When Centennial Airport was first built it was surrounded by farms and ranches, but that has changed and it is now surrounded by residential communities, near and far. It is no longer acceptable to fly commercial aircraft over our homes 24/7. The FAA must impose a curfew on the airport. We should not be awakened by noisy aircraft at two, three and four o'clock in the morning.

The FAA has told us that Centennial Airport is one of the busiest municipal airports in the Nation, but with all of this traffic, they still allow at least eight flight schools to train over our homes. These training sessions begin as early as 7:00 AM, where student pilots fly in circles over our homes for hours, passing over every 5 to 10 minutes. When one training session has completed, another will begin, and this will continue non-stop throughout the day and into the evening. At times, we may have as many as 4 flight schools flying in circles over our homes at the same time. These planes fly very low, are noisy and just the number of over flights alone (50 to 80 a day) creates a dangerous environment for those that live here.

A practice is currently in place where aircraft will fly twelve to fifteen miles past the airport, turn around directly over our community, and then fly all the way back to the airport to land. There is so much open space between our neighborhood and the airport, it makes little sense to do this when it wastes fuel, adds to pollution, and creates unnecessary over-flights and noise over our homes. It is a practice that should be amended to provide a practical non-intrusive influence on our community.

The Federal Aviation Administration has created a dangerous environment for the many families and children that live in our community by guiding too many planes, and allowing so many student pilots to train, over our homes.

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