

Partnership Authorization is an initiative created by the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI) that identifies and promotes partnerships with school districts to ultimately improve student outcomes through quality authorizing. Services can be tailored to meet the unique needs of partnering districts.

## CSI's Authorization Services



### Materials & Training

Whether it be new school application review, annual school evaluations, or consideration of compliance monitoring processes, CSI can support the development of and training on authorization practices.



### Performance Management

Using strong predictors of charter school viability and sustainability, CSI can support the district in evaluating a charter school's academic, financial, and organizational performance.



### Charter Development & Renewal

On behalf of the school district, CSI can conduct a comprehensive review that follows a consistent and transparent process and adheres to rigorous standards of evaluation.



### Complete Authorization

While continuing to retain exclusive chartering authority, school districts can elect to release some or all prospective applicants and existing charter schools to apply directly to CSI for authorization.

## Why Consider a Partnership with CSI?

- Obtain access to regularly updated, editable **authorizer materials** aligned to best practice
- Secure **charter authorization expertise** for planned and ad hoc consultation
- Allow district staff bandwidth and resources to **focus on traditional schools**
- **Reduce administrative costs** by taking advantage of CSI's economies of scale
- Inform high-stakes decisions making through **involvement of external partners**
- Implement **meaningful accountability** practices