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CSI Charter Schools in Colorado Springs Offer New Opportunities

Colorado Springs, CO (August 12, 2021) – Charter schools in Colorado Springs authorized by the [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) are offering exciting new opportunities for the 2021-22 school year, including grade expansions and online programming offerings.

Colorado Military Academy

Colorado Military Academy, which opened in 2017 as a K-8, has added a grade each year since opening and will start the 2021-22 school year with their first 12th grade senior class. Colorado Military Academy will also add a preschool program this year, offering a military academy educational option for students of all ages.

Linda Stahnke, Executive Director of Colorado Military Academy, shares, “We have grown so much in the last two years. We are excited to have nearly 200 students in Civil Air Patrol and going flying. It’s going to be a great year!”

The vision of Colorado Military Academy is to be the premiere military academy in the region recognized for STEM excellence and developing strong leaders of character. Learn more at <https://coloradomilitaryacademy.org/>.

Coperni 3

Coperni 3, a personalized learning charter school which opened in 2019, will complete their full build-out to serve students in grades K-8 for the 2021-22 school year.

Coperni 3 “prepares students for college and the modern workplace through personalized learning and a focus on critical thinking skills.” Learn more at <https://www.coperni3.org/>.

Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs

Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs (CECCS), which has offered an early college education to high school students since 2007, will complete the addition of a middle school for the 2021-22 year. It will be the network’s first middle school in southern Colorado.

As school leader Jennifer Daugherty [shared earlier this year](#): “The CECCS middle school program will be a unique model that focuses on building student skills in all areas of their life: academics, social-emotional, wellbeing, and resiliency. We firmly believe that this approach will help meet the needs of students and families in the Colorado Springs and surrounding areas as we aspire to fulfill our mission and help students succeed in school, in college, and in their chosen career.”

CECCS was also recently approved to begin offering online programming. The CEC Online Programs are fully-online offerings for students in grades 6 -12 that “aim to deliver the same great support and skill-based programming our on-campus students experience in our middle school and high school campuses.”

“CSI schools in Colorado Springs are responding to community need,” shared CSI Executive Director Dr. Terry Croy Lewis. “We are proud of the work these schools are doing and the value they provide to families.”

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About the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI)

CSI is a statewide charter public school authorizer in Colorado, currently authorizing 42 schools from Cortez to Steamboat Springs, Grand Junction to Colorado Springs and serving over 20,000 PK-12 students. As a charter authorizer, CSI focuses on the outputs—that is, the quantitative evaluation of academic, organizational, and financial school performance—providing schools the flexibility to focus on and make decisions about inputs like instructional strategies, educational programming, internal assessment system, facility selection, and staffing. The focus on outcomes rather than processes allows CSI to be neutral on educational model and maintain a diverse portfolio of school models, which include Classical, Early College, Alternative, and Montessori models. Learn more at www.csi.state.co.us and follow CSI on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).