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CSI Charter Schools Continue Strong Postsecondary Performance

DENVER, CO (September 16, 2021) – The portfolio of charter schools overseen by the [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) continues to show strong performance on postsecondary outcomes as demonstrated by the assessment results recently released by the state.

Considering the Postsecondary Assessment Results

Unlike the CMAS assessment which saw changes to its administration, the PSAT/SAT assessment administration remained unchanged during the 2020-21 academic year.

However, as the Colorado Department of Education has communicated, there are many factors to consider when interpreting 2020-21 assessment results. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the reduction or disruption of learning opportunities for many students. Students received instruction under a variety of models: in-person, remote, and/or hybrid. Additionally, fewer students tested in 2021, and participation varied by group.

CSI Portfolio Earns High Marks on PSAT and SAT

Of the 120+ districts with reportable data for the percentage of students meeting or exceeding state expectations on the PSAT and SAT, the Charter School Institute earned high marks:

- On the **9th grade PSAT**, CSI earned 34th in the state for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) and 39th in the state for Math.
- On the **10th grade PSAT**, CSI earned 25th for EBRW and 17th in the state for Math.
- On the **11th grade SAT**, CSI earned 16th for EBRW and 20th for Math.

Several CSI Schools Earn Top Rankings on PSAT and SAT

Notably, three charter schools authorized by the Charter School Institute earned some of the state's highest ratings across multiple postsecondary assessments. These schools all had higher than 70% participation rates:

[Thomas MacLaren School](#) earned 5th in the state for SAT Math and 8th in the state for SAT EBRW. Students also performed strongly on the PSAT assessments administered in 9th and 10th grades. Students taking the PSAT 9 earned the 9th highest Math score and 10th highest EBRW score in the state while students taking the PSAT 10 earned the 13th highest Math score and 6th

in the state for EBWR. Thomas MacLaren School is a classical K-12 charter school serving students in Colorado Springs.

[Golden View Classical Academy](#) earned 17th in the state for EBWR on the 11th grade SAT. Students also earned 15th in the state for the PSAT 9 EBWR and 9th in the state for PSAT 10 Math. Golden View Classical Academy offers a classical education to students in grades K-12 in Golden.

[Colorado Early Colleges – Douglas County](#) earned 15th in the state for SAT EBWR and 18th in the state for SAT Math. Students also earned 4th and 16th in the state for PSAT 9 Math and EBWR, respectively, as well as 8th in the state for the PSAT 10 Math. Colorado Early Colleges Douglas County is part of the Colorado Early Colleges Network, which provides students the opportunity to start working on college-level courses as soon as they are college ready, allowing students to earn a combination of high school and college credits as they pursue a high school diploma and an Associate degree or higher.

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About the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI)

CSI is a statewide charter public school authorizer in Colorado, currently authorizing 41 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](#).