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## **CSI Charter Schools Renewed by Board of Directors**

Denver, CO (December 14, 2021) – Six charter schools authorized by the [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) were renewed for varying contract terms at the December 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Two more schools will be up for renewal in January. One school, AXIS International Academy in Fort Collins, met performance benchmarks set in its last renewal cycle and was automatically granted a contract extension of two years.

In a typical year, the main body of evidence for renewal comes from CSI's [annual charter school review](#), which evaluates a school's performance against academic, operational, and financial performance frameworks.

The suspension of state assessments during the 2019-2020 school year and the more limited assessment administration during the 2020-2021 school year created a gap in the academic evaluation of school performance and, as a result, the charter [renewal process was adjusted](#) for the 2021 renewal cycle.

CSI Director of Evaluation, Accountability, and School Improvement Ryan Marks oversees the CSI renewal process. Marks shares: "As we've navigated the charter renewal process with limited state academic data, we've been able to utilize new and different data to continue to hold schools accountable using an evidence-based approach while also being responsive to school needs."

The process included typical components such as a renewal application and school site visits. CSI made recommendations for renewal schools based on academic data from 2016-17 through 2018-19. Financial and organizational outcomes from the 2020-2021 school year were included for consideration as well. Schools were also given the option to provide additional data to add to the body of evidence with data from the 2020-2021 school year.

Renewal contract terms varied, with five years being the maximum contract length a school can receive. Some schools were granted performance contracts, which automatically add additional years if the schools meet certain performance benchmarks.

See below for a list of renewal schools along with their approved contract terms.

<b>School</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Contract Term</b>
Caprock Academy	Grand Junction	Classical	5 years
Colorado Early Colleges Aurora	Aurora	Early College	5 years
Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs	Early College	5 years

Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins	Fort Collins	Early College	5 years
Coperni 3	Colorado Springs	Personalized Learning	3 years + 2 (performance contract)
Monument View Montessori	Fruita	Montessori	3 years + 2 (performance contract)
<i>Colorado Military Academy</i>	<i>Colorado Springs</i>	<i>Military</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Ricardo Flores Magon Academy</i>	<i>Denver</i>	<i>College Prep</i>	<i>TBD</i>

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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 Towaoc 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](http://www.csi.state.co.us) and follow CSI on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).