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State Chartering Agency Renews Local Charter School

Denver, CO (December 15, 2021) – Six charter schools overseen by the [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) were [renewed for varying contract terms](#) at the December 14th board meeting. This includes Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins, a charter public school serving students in grades 6-12 in Fort Collins. The school was granted a contract term of five years, the maximum length for a renewal contract.

Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins (CECFC) consistently performs in the top 15% of all schools in Colorado. Enrollment has increased 41% since 2016. The school was accredited with a '[Performance with Distinction](#)' rating for 2021.

The Colorado Early Colleges (CEC) network focuses on college and career readiness and has invested significant resources to that end. Notably, very few CECFC graduates (5.5%) required developmental education, which is significantly better than the state (26.7%) and the geographic district (14.3%). Also, the school has a much higher percentage of attaining a post-secondary credential (85.7%) than the state (59.8%) and the geographic district (68.6%) within six years.

The school has also seen an increase in the percent of students participating in Career and Technical Education (CTE) for the Class of 2019 (41.6% up from 14.9% in 2016).

Recently, the school has focused on redesigning supports for students receiving gifted services to be more individualized and meaningful. At the middle school level, all students are required to take "Elevate" classes, which prepare students for high school by developing note-taking skills, exploring careers, and fostering social-emotional competencies.

Learn more about the school and enroll for the upcoming school year:
<https://coloradoearlycolleges.org/fortcollins/>

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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 and follow CSI on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).