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### **CSI Earns “Performance” District Performance Framework Rating**

The [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) earned a “Performance” rating for the 2021-22 school year from the Colorado Department of Education, as recently released district performance reports share.

CSI is one of 47 districts and 25% of the state’s school districts earning this rating—nearly 40% of districts had insufficient state data to determine an accreditation rating.

CSI oversees 43 schools serving over 20,000 students across the state. Schools vary in size from less than 50 students to over 1,000. These schools offer 16 unique educational models, including Montessori, Early College, Project-Based Learning, and Alternative Education Campuses.

While CSI schools are diverse in their missions, educational models, and the communities they serve across the state, they are all held accountable by CSI to high standards of academic, financial, and operational performance.

CSI’s [accountability system](#), the CSI Annual Review of Schools (commonly referred to as CARS), builds upon the evaluation lens utilized by the state which evaluates academic achievement, academic growth, and post-secondary and workforce readiness. CARS includes the state’s measures and incorporates additional measures related to academic, financial, and organizational performance to provide a more comprehensive and robust evaluation that includes strong indicators of charter viability and sustainability.

“Performance isn’t a ‘once a year’ conversation at CSI,” shares CSI Executive Director Dr. Terry Croy Lewis.

“The intentional, regular conversations our board and staff have with schools on their performance, and the ongoing work at our schools on identifying areas for improvement, implementing actions, monitoring progress, and adjusting efforts when necessary—this continuous improvement approach—ensure that our students and their success remain front of mind at all times.”

And that intentional, incremental work continues to pay off.

CSI last earned a Performance rating from the state in 2016. Since then, the CSI portfolio of schools has consistently shown improvements in graduation and dropout rates across all reported subgroups. Additionally, notable improvements were seen in academic growth this past year.

“We are so very proud of our school leaders, teachers, and support staff for their unyielding commitment to offering high-quality options within their communities, and we look forward to building on these successes in the coming year,” shares Dr. Croy Lewis.

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**About the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI)**

*CSI is a statewide charter public school authorizer in Colorado, currently authorizing over 40 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](#).*