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## **Thirteen CSI Charter Schools Earn ‘Performance with Distinction’ Rating**

Denver, CO (December 11, 2023) – Thirteen charter schools authorized by the [Colorado Charter School Institute](http://www.csi.state.co.us) (CSI) earned “Performance with Distinction” ratings for their performance in the 2022-2023 school year. Schools that receive this rating rank in the top 25% of all schools in Colorado with reportable academic data and have demonstrated strong financial and organizational performance as well.

CSI assigns schools a performance rating each fall based on academic, financial, and organizational performance from the previous school year. The CSI performance framework aligns with the state framework but adds a “Performance with Distinction” rating within the state’s top rating of “Performance” to connote the highest performing schools in the state.

CSI Chief of Authorizing and Accountability, Ryan Marks, shares: “CSI remains committed to upholding model authorizing practices and letting schools know how they are doing, providing information to help schools develop and improve, offering schools the opportunity to regularly check their record, and ensuring public transparency. We are excited to see an increase in the number of CSI schools – with a wide range of diverse locations and educational models – receiving the Performance with Distinction rating.”

The following schools received “Performance with Distinction” for the 2022-2023 school year:

<b>School</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Grades</b>
Academy of Arts and Knowledge	Fort Collins	Arts Integration	K-5
Animas High School	Durango	Project-Based	9-12
Ascent Classical Academy Douglas County	Lone Tree	Classical	K-12
AXIS International Academy	Fort Collins	Language Immersion	PK-6
Caprock Academy	Grand Junction	Core Knowledge	K-12
Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins	Fort Collins	Early College	6-12
Coperni 3	Colorado Springs	Personalized	K-8
Golden View Classical Academy	Golden	Classical	K-12
Mountain Middle School	Durango	Project-Based	4-8
Salida Montessori Charter School	Salida	Montessori	PK-8
Steamboat Montessori	Steamboat Springs	Montessori	PK-6
Thomas MacLaren School	Colorado Springs	Classical	K-12
Victory Preparatory Academy High School	Commerce City	Core Knowledge	9-12

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*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](#).*