

The Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI) fosters high-quality charter schools. We understand charter schools and advocate for their success. We offer our schools support, flexibility, and transparent accountability.

CSI provides its schools clear expectations for academic, organizational, and financial performance. CSI then allows schools the freedom to choose how best to achieve those expectations.

## How are CSI schools held accountable?

The CSI Annual Review of Schools (CARS) is a tool used annually to review and accredit CSI schools. CARS builds off the state's accountability system by adding more academic indicators. And, the tool measures of financial and organizational performance. This evaluation:

- Adds to the body of evidence used to make authorization decisions;
- Determines the school accreditation rating used to inform authorization pathways; &
- Determines the level of support/intervention to provide to the school.

## What does CSI use to determine school performance?

The Performance Framework defines the measures by which CSI holds its schools accountable. The Framework includes expectations for academic, organizational, and financial performance. The following table outlines the types of measures included in the Performance Framework.

Academic	Financial	Organizational
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Achievement</li><li>• Growth</li><li>• Postsecondary &amp; Workforce Readiness</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Near Term</li><li>• Sustainability</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education Program</li><li>• Diversity, Equity of Access, &amp; Inclusion</li><li>• Governance and Financial Management</li><li>• School Operations &amp; Environment</li></ul>

## How are accreditation ratings determined?

CSI establishes base accreditation ratings based on each school's academic performance. Schools demonstrating financial and organizational compliance maintain their base rating. Schools noncompliant in finance or organization may have their based rating lowered. Below are the accreditation ratings available to CSI schools (from lowest to highest):

