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Thirteen CSI Charter Schools Earn ‘Performance with Distinction’ Rating

Denver, CO (December 17, 2024) – 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 2023-2024 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 ratings align with the state 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 is dedicated to maintaining model authorizing practices, keeping schools informed about their performance, providing valuable insights to support innovation, growth, and improvement, and ensuring transparency for both the school and the public. We are excited to see so many CSI schools – close to one third of the portfolio and 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 2023-2024 school year:

School	Location	Model	Grades
Academy of Arts and Knowledge	Fort Collins	Arts Integration	K-5
Animas High School	Durango	Project-Based	9-12
Ascent Classical Academy of Northern Colorado	Fort Collins	Classical	K-12
AXIS International Academy	Fort Collins	Language Immersion	PK-6
Caprock Academy	Grand Junction	Core Knowledge	K-12
Colorado Early Colleges Douglas County	Englewood	Early College	9-12
Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins	Fort Collins	Early College	6-12
Colorado Early Colleges Windsor	Windsor	Early College	6-12
Golden View Classical Academy	Golden	Classical	K-12
Mountain Middle School	Durango	Project-Based	4-8
Steamboat Montessori	Steamboat Springs	Montessori	PK-6
Thomas MacLaren School*	Colorado Springs	Classical	K-12
Victory Preparatory Academy Middle School	Commerce City	Core Knowledge	9-12

**Thomas MacLaren School transferred back to its geographic district in 2024 and is no longer a CSI school.*

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