

Colorado Charter School Institute

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What is CSI?



Our Mission

The Charter School Institute is a statewide charter public school authorizer. CSI seeks to foster high-quality public school choices that serve all students.

The Legislature created the Charter School Institute in 2004 in response to:

- the growing demand for more charter schools,
- the desire for innovative models serving all students, and
- to provide an alternate mode of authorizing than the traditional district charter school authorizer (CRS 22-30.5-501).

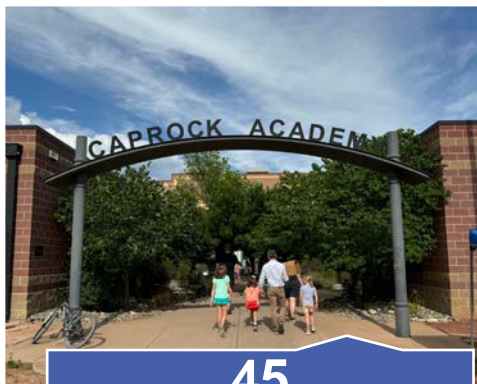
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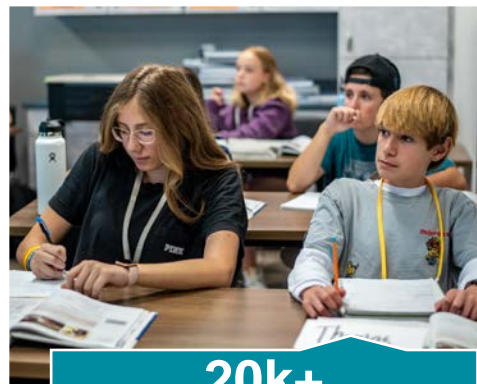
OF IMPACT



Who We Serve



45
Schools



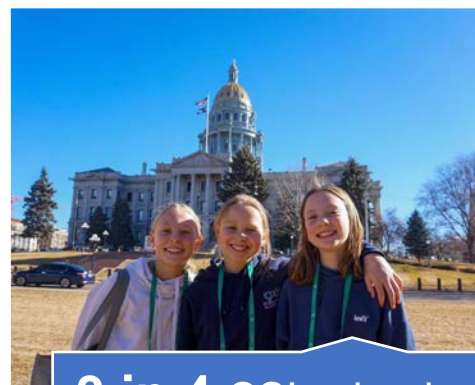
20k+
Students



23
Towns & Cities



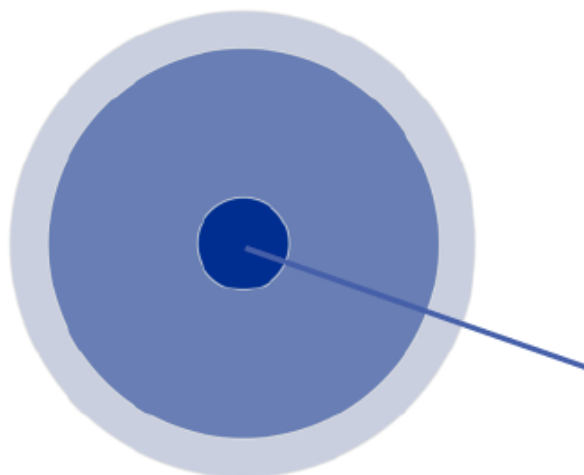
17 Educational
Models



3 in 4 CSI schools
earned Performance



Exclusive Chartering Authority



178 school districts exist in Colorado

172* school districts retain exclusive chartering authority

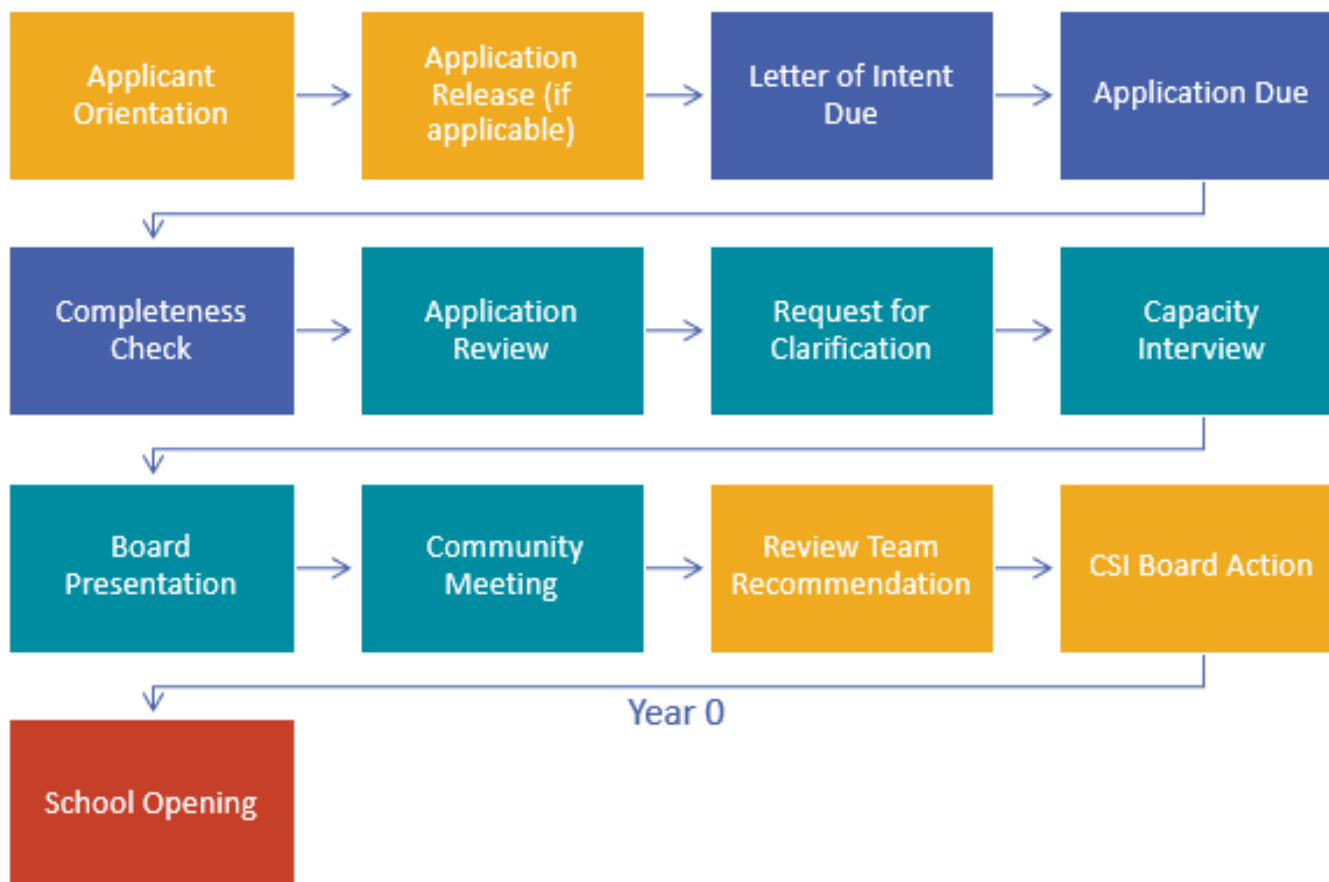
45 school districts authorize one or more charter schools

**Per CRS 22-30.5-504 (b)(I), districts with less than 3,000 students are granted ECA upon request. Essentially, 174 of 178 districts have ECA or can receive ECA automatically upon request.*

New School Application



New School Application Process





Spring 2025 Timeline

Activity	Spring Cycle
Applicant Orientation	Prior to Letter of Intent
Letter of Intent Due	February 24, 2025
Application Due	March 24, 2025
Applicant Community Meeting	TBD by Applicant in April or May
Applicant Presentation to CSI Board's PM Committee	April Committee Meeting
Applicant Interview with CSI Review Team	TBD in April or May
CSI Board's PM Committee Discussion of Recommendation	June Committee Meeting
CSI Board Action	June Board Meeting

A Note on Timeline Waivers

Per its Application Process and Review Policy, the CSI Board delegates the authority to waive and establish revised application deadlines to the Institute Executive Director. The Institute Executive Director may grant or deny a timeline waiver request provided the request is reasonable, that such timeline waiver does not interfere with the Institute's ability to execute its application processes in line with statutory requirements and best practice, and that the applicant demonstrates a legitimate need for the timeline waiver.