

Hello CSCA Families,

Thank you for reaching out. As you can imagine, this is a new process for all involved. The school and the appointed fiduciary are working together to determine the process for moving forward and ensuring that the process meets all requirements of the recent order. You can expect the school to share updates, including any updates to board meetings, as we work through this process. At this time, current board members remain in place, however, the fiduciary does have the authority to make changes as he determines are necessary and a separate order is granted for this purpose. We have attached a document of Frequently Asked Questions and will post these on the website as well for you to review. We hope this answers many of your questions.

Our administrative team and facility team continues to prepare for the upcoming school year and are excited to see students bring joy and life back into our school. Please know that while the opportunity exists to hear or read perspectives of others that may or may not be accurate, we remain positive and committed to the school that we each know and appreciate for all the positive moments we experience. Thank you for your continued interest and support for Colorado Springs Charter Academy!

Have a wonderful summer full of reading, experiencing childhood with your children, and wonder!

Kindly,

Zoe Ann Holmes | Head of School

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Do you anticipate issues with staff retention and hiring?*

Many schools across the state and nation are experiencing a shortage of teachers, as had previously been predicted. However, we currently have several applications for classroom teaching positions and are interviewing for new hires. We have amazing staff members who are passionate about teaching students and have hired very qualified individuals to join our current staff.

2. *Are there changes to the curriculum, class structure or class sizes for the students?*

The curriculum change for the 2022-2023 school year has been in Reading.

This Spring, we had staff members serve on a Reading Curriculum Committee to research, evaluate and watch a classroom using Reading curriculum that would meet the standards for Colorado Department of Education. This committee chose Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) curriculum, which is on the approved list for Reading curriculum on the CDE website. We have been approved for a grant to pay part of the cost of purchasing CKLA. A trainer for CKLA has been scheduled to provide professional development for our teachers. Class sizes for each grade remain in place

3. *Will the Specials classes (Art, Music, Spanish, Physical Education, Library) continue through this transition at the beginning of the school year?*

Specials classes will continue through the upcoming school year in much the same capacity that you are familiar with. We believe that these courses are important to the development of each student and enhance the educational process for our CSCA students.

4. *Is CSCA considering going under the authorization of District 11? Colorado Springs Charter Academy has been recognized as being the first school approved and opened by the Colorado Charter School Institute and opened in the year 2005. Planning for contracting with CSI or any other district takes enormous work and effort. Formal conversations about moving from CSI to District 11 or any other authority have not been taking place as you will see through the historical Board of Directors documents of Board Meeting agendas and meeting minutes posted on our website.*

5. *What effect does the current situation with the Breach of Contract orders have on our students?*

CSCA students will continue to have school and classes much as they have in prior years. The kindergarten classes are allowed up to 25 students, and First Grade through 8th Grades are allowed up to 27 students.

6. *Where would a parent look for information about Board meetings or back to school information?*

Families wanting information about upcoming Board meetings or back to school information can use the CSCA website: www.cscharter.org. Any changes or updates will be updated on our site or sent via email. The offices are open Monday through Friday with summer hours of 9:00-2:00 p.m.

7. *What can we look forward to in the upcoming year at CSCA?*

Our staff are passionate about serving CSCA students in a manner that reflects our Mission and Vision. We serve in an honorable profession, that takes the task of providing education for our students to heart, while providing moments of building citizens of character for greater impact in our world. Families remain committed to serving, supporting, volunteering and building relationships within the CSCA community and we invite you to join in our Lynx community as we continue to provide the education your child deserves.