

## Colorado Early Colleges Parker Ranks Among the Top 25% of All Colorado Public Schools

Colorado Early Colleges Parker (CECP) is one of only eight schools across Colorado to earn a “Performance with Distinction” rating by the board of the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI). Based on its 2018-2019 performance, CECP is performing better than 95% of schools in Colorado.

“We are working hard to empower our students to see success through academic achievement, growth, and postsecondary and workforce readiness,” said Dr. Alex Tuel, head of school for CECP. “This recognition reinforces that our early college model works, and, as Parker’s first early college, we are helping students get the education, real-world experience, and college degrees to support them in their chosen career path. We are proud and honored to bring this model to the students and families in Douglas County.”

### CARS report data highlights for CECP include:

- student achievement: CECP exceeds state expectations in CMAS science and in PSAT/SAT evidence-based reading, writing, and math. CECP’s PSAT and SAT results placed in the top 10% of schools in the state, and it is outperforming Douglas County School District.
- student growth: CECP student growth scores meet and exceed state expectations for all grade levels in math and outperform Douglas County schools. More than half of CECP students had high levels of growth in evidence-based reading and writing and math.
- postsecondary and workforce readiness: 96% of CECP students graduate within six years compared to 94% in Douglas County. 60% graduate with an associate or bachelor’s degree. CECP’s matriculation rates exceed state expectations and outperform Douglas County School District.
- financial/organizational performance: CECP exhibits strong financial and operational performance.

CSI—which authorizes CECP—assigns a rating and accredits CECP each fall based on its academic, financial, and organizational performance from the 2018-2019 school year. CSI’s “Performance with Distinction” rating is based on students’ performance on state tests in English Language Arts, math, science. PSAT and SAT scores, dropout rates, matriculation rates, and graduation rates are also used to determine the “Performance with Distinction” rating for schools serving grades 9-12. CSI Annual Review of schools (CARS) goes further than the state performance framework because it adds a “Performance with Distinction” rating beyond the state’s top rating of “Performance.”

CECP has earned a “Performance with Distinction” award for the last three years.

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