

Media Recap Report: 2022 Calendar Year

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[New report finds Colorado charter students are outperforming district-run school peers](#)

Nov. 30, 2022 – A new Keystone Policy Center report found following the return to in-person learning, Colorado charter schools saw larger proportions of students meet or exceed grade-level expectations and higher academic growth than students who attend district-run schools.



[Report: Post-pandemic testing shows Colorado charters outperformed district schools](#)

Nov. 30, 2022 – Post-pandemic test scores of Colorado's charter schools appear to show creativity and adaptability contributed to outperforming district-managed schools, according to a report from the Keystone Policy Center.



[Colorado charter schools performing better than public schools, but serious gaps remain](#)

Nov. 29, 2022 – Dan Schaller, president of the Colorado League of Charter Schools, attributes at least part of charter schools' success to how responsive they are to students and families. The charter school model is "inherently flexible and adaptable to the needs of a given community," said Schaller, who sees charter schools' control over decisions driving much of their achievement.



['We are staying': Students at American Indian Academy of Denver speak up for school](#)

Nov. 29, 2022 – Students said AIAD's curriculum is like nothing they've been taught before. The school's founder, Terri Bissonette, describes it as an "indigenized" curriculum focused on science, technology, engineering, art, and math, which is abbreviated as STEAM.



[American Indian Academy of Denver Fighting for Its Future](#)

Nov. 28, 2022 – "We have students who have historically not been exposed to their own cultures and their languages, and what they're finding at AIAD is that true passion, that sort of cultural identity that allows them to be proud of who they are and allows them to understand themselves in a larger context in the value of their own family," says Nicholas Martinez, AIAD board co-chair.



[Parents fight to grow American Indian Academy](#)

Nov. 15, 2022 – Some families say they've moved to Denver to be close to the school, where students learn native languages and feel at home in a way they've never felt at other schools. When founder Terri Bissonette drafted the school's charter application in 2018, the high school graduation rate for Native American students in DPS was just 48%.



[Where are the kids? Colorado school enrollment trends shed light on closure discussions](#)

Nov. 9, 2022 – In Denver Public Schools, only 8% of the district's students attended charter schools in 2005. By 2010, that percentage had increased to 11% and by 2020 it was 23%. Part of the reason is that there were far fewer charter schools in 2005 than there are now. For example, Denver had 20 charter schools in 2005. In 2020, it had 60.



[This charter school is 1st to have all-electric school bus fleet in Colorado](#)

Oct. 27, 2022 – One Colorado public charter school is now the first school in the state to have an all-electric school bus fleet. Peak to Peak Charter School now has four new electric buses. Three of them are 71-passenger buses, which is your typical school bus, and one 24-passenger bus.



[Peak to Peak Charter School Launches All-Electric School Bus Fleet](#)

Oct. 27, 2022 – Peak to Peak Charter School has launched an all-electric fleet of school buses in a partnership with Highland Electric Fleets. The charter school in the Boulder Valley School District is taking advantage of SB 193 which allocated \$65 million for electric school buses in Colorado.



[Peak to Peak Charter School unveils state's first all-electric school bus fleet](#)

Oct. 27, 2022 – Gov. Jared Polis, who is pushing a plan to have school districts move to all-electric fleets, praised the school's efforts at a Thursday launch. He said electric buses are quieter, don't produce fumes, save on gas and cost less to maintain.



[Charters Help Cure What Ails Denver Schools](#)

Oct. 25, 2022 – Like Colorado's 260-plus public charter schools, Rocky Mountain Prep has brought new hope and the promise of a brighter future to its students. It gives them a better education more attuned to their individual needs than what was available at their neighborhood schools.



[Three Adams 14 mothers express their frustration over University Prep denial](#)

Oct. 20, 2022 – We are disappointed and frustrated by the Adams 14 school board's recent decision, going back on its word to allow an excellent University Prep charter elementary school to open in the district. Parents and children are being denied a school that would serve them well, far better than anything the district itself has to offer.



[Adams 14 school board rejects charter school contract](#)

Oct. 14, 2022 – According to the Colorado League of Charter Schools, there are 256 charter schools across the state serving more than 134,000 students – 51% are students of color.



[Adams 14 school board rejects University Prep charter school contract](#)

Oct. 12, 2022 – Nearly ten months after approving an application for a new charter school, the Adams 14 school board rejected the contract that would have allowed the school to open. Tuesday's 4-0 vote was taken without any discussion after several closed-door sessions.



[Denver Board Approves Charter School Centering on Black Students](#)

Sept. 22, 2022 – After the state ordered Denver to reconsider a charter school centering Black students and culture, the Denver school board Thursday approved the school to open next fall.



[Denver Public Schools Loses Another Charter School Appeal](#)

Aug. 18, 2022 – The Colorado State Board of Education Wednesday rejected the Denver Public Schools board's June denial of a charter school application centered on the needs of Black students and sent the application back to the district for reconsideration.



[How one charter school is working to counter Covid learning loss](#)

July 13, 2022 – Academy 360, a Denver charter school, has banded together with eight other charters using a state grant to use summer school to help stem Covid learning loss.



[With new law in place, charter schools are poised to close their special-education gap](#)

June 4, 2022 – By enabling qualified groups of charter schools to pursue administrative unit status, the new law seeks to level the playing field for charter schools and help ensure that more students with special needs have access to the high-quality public school options they deserve.



[31 Colorado charter schools closed in last decade. Still, school choice demand is peaking.](#)

April 22, 2022 – As Colorado experiences rapid population growth and parents place added value on autonomy and school choice, the number of public charter schools hoping to provide alternatives to district-run neighborhood schools has risen by more than 34 schools in the past five years.



[Wondering about Colorado's charter schools? Here are 4 things to know.](#)

April 22, 2022 – Charter school popularity is on the rise in Northern Colorado and across the state. More than 15% of students attend a charter statewide, and about 8% of Poudre School District students are enrolled in one of the district's five charter schools.



[New America School charter board rejects teachers' union push](#)

April 21, 2022 – Under Colorado law, public schools can choose to recognize employee unions, but they don't have to. Several dozen Colorado school districts have collective bargaining agreements with teachers and other employee unions.



[Effort to form Colorado's first union for charter teachers rejected by New America board](#)

April 21, 2022 – A group of Denver metro charter school teachers lost their bid to form a union on Wednesday after board members for The New America School system voted against their request for recognition, instead creating a committee to collect complaints.



[Weld RE-4 and charter group discussing new K-8 building in RainDance neighborhood](#)

April 16, 2022 – Ruff said based on his ... conversations with the Colorado League of Charter Schools, he's familiar with school districts giving away "old, closed schools to charters — but that's way different from giving away a new permit-ready site in a growing neighborhood."



[Colorado charter schools seek more authority over special education](#)

March 28, 2022 – "Charter schools have simply not had access to the same legal structures that would allow them to serve greater percentages of students with disabilities," said Dan Schaller, president of the Colorado League of Charter Schools.



[Colorado charter schools seek more authority over special education](#)

March 27, 2022 – Colorado charter leaders say they're willing and able to do better — if they have more authority and resources. They're backing a bill that would let charter networks and groups

of schools assume full legal responsibility for educating students with disabilities, as well as take control over state and federal funding that currently flows to school districts.



[Peak to Peak executive director wins state charter school lifetime achievement award](#)

March 6, 2022 – Kelly Reeser was interested in the idea of charter schools as an option for her children when she joined a group of parents in 1998 who were proposing Boulder Valley’s Peak to Peak Charter School. Now, as she plans to retire at the end of the school year, she’s received a lifetime achievement award from the Colorado League of Charter Schools.



[More students attend Colorado charter schools, but access still isn’t equal](#)

Feb. 24, 2022 – More Colorado students than ever are enrolled in charter schools, and those students posted higher test scores than those of students in district-run schools during a pandemic-disrupted school year.



[Flagstaff Academy teachers named finalists for Educator of the Year](#)

Feb. 23, 2022 – The Colorado League of Charter Schools has named two Flagstaff Academy Charter School teachers as finalists for the 2022 Charter School “Educator of the Year” award.



[Colorado Charter School Enrollment Grew During the Pandemic](#)

Feb. 23, 2022 – More than 15% of all Colorado students now attend charter schools, putting the state third behind only Arizona and Washington, D.C., for proportion of charter school enrollment, according to a report from the Keystone Policy Center. Charter school enrollment rose during the pandemic even as enrollment in traditional district-run schools declined.



[Three Longmont charter school educators are nominated for state awards](#)

Feb. 10, 2022 – Leha Moskoff and Stacy Wolff teach at Flagstaff Charter School and were nominated for the League’s “Educator of the Year” award last week. Joining them is Twin Peaks’ executive director Joseph Mehsling who was nominated for “Leader of the Year.”



[Colorado charter school law remains nation’s second best](#)

Jan. 24, 2022 – “National rankings show that eight of the best 10 high schools in Colorado are public charter schools, and that shows what is possible when parents are able to choose from innovative options that best meet their students’ needs,” said Dan Schaller, president of the Colorado League of Charter Schools.



[As student learning plummets, charter schools offer a path back to success](#)

Jan. 6, 2022 – Charter schools across Colorado are working to deliver the systemic change that can reverse the negative trends of the past 20 years. Charter schools exist in our state because we know that students benefit when they and their families are given a choice of school options to best meet a student’s individual needs.