# Homeschool Assurances

By certifying the Homeschool Assurances, the School acknowledges its awareness of and compliance with any federal and state laws, administrative rules, and CSI policies outlined below and in the charter contract, which govern the provision of part-time programming access for homeschool students.

In some cases, CSI will require additional documentation in order to further substantiate compliance with the school’s legal obligations (e.g., applicable board policies, school bell schedule, program plans, etc.). All documentation of a public nature should be gathered and made available on-site for authorizer and public access.

Please review the checklist below to confirm your compliance with all applicable statutes, rules, and policies. To assure your compliance to CSI, this document must be officially “certified” in Epicenter by both the school’s leader and board chair. **Please note that this checklist is not exhaustive; schools must comply with all applicable laws, rules, and policies, even if they are not explicitly listed.**

If you have questions about any of the items below, please contact the CSI Legal & Policy Team at legalandpolicy\_CSI@csi.state.co.us.

## Program Establishment and Governance

### The school board will approve any formalized homeschool programming before implementation.

### The school will ensure that homeschool programs align with its mission, instructional philosophy, and contractual obligations.

### Parent Communication

### Policies and parameters for homeschool enrollment, student behavior, and instructional access will be clearly communicated to participating families.

* The school has notified all homeschool families that they must submit the required homeschool intent notification to their geographic district and that they may only be enrolled in one homeschool enrichment program.
* The school has notified all homeschool families that the school is not obligated to provide special education services to students enrolled in its homeschool program.
* The school has notified all homeschool families of the school’s obligations to related to identification, assessment, and supports for homeschool students.

## Funding

### The school will only claim funding for homeschool students that meet funding eligibility requirements, including but not limited to enrollment, attendance, and scheduling requirements.

### No tuition fees will be charged for homeschool students submitted for state funding.

### Any additional fees for extracurricular participation will align with legal limitations (not exceeding 150% of the fee charged to full-time students).

* Homeschool programs that enroll students that are eligible for categorical funding (for example, students eligible for free- or reduced-price lunch) will ensure that any qualifying student has access to school-based programs and supports target to those student needs.

## State Reporting and Attendance

### The school will maintain accurate records of homeschool students participating in school educational programming and will report attendance data per state requirements.

### Homeschool student information will be reported within all applicable data collections (ex: October Count, End of Year, etc.).

* Verification processes will be implemented to ensure that families have submitted the required homeschool intent notification to their geographic district and that each homeschool student is enrolled in only one homeschool enrichment program to prevent multiple funding claims.

**Assessments and Academic Accountability**

* The school will honor requests from homeschool students to participate in state assessments including CMAS/CoAlt/PSAT/SAT for math, English Language Arts, science, and social studies (where applicable) but homeschool students are not required to participate.
* The WIDA Screener and ACCESS for ELL assessment will be administered to homeschool students that are identified as eligible for English Language Development (ELD) services as mandated by law.
* Homeschool students participating in part-time programs will be required to take a nationally standardized achievement test in grades 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11, as per state regulations.
* Kindergarten homeschool students participating in part-time programs will be subject to school readiness assessments within the first 60 days of enrollment. Families may opt out of this process following the school’s documented opt-out procedures.
* Homeschool students in grades K-3 who participate in part-time programming will be assessed using state-approved READ Act assessments. If identified as having a significant reading deficiency, they will be provided with an individualized READ plan, and their progress will be monitored according to state guidelines.

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## Special Populations and Student Services

### Homeschool students will be included in the identification processes for English Learners and students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

### Homeschool students identified Non-English Proficient (NEP) or Limited English Proficient (LEP) must be provided appropriate supports and resources for any course they are taking, and schools must adhere to state and federal requirements related to the identification, service, and evaluation of English Learners.

### The school will fulfill all Child Find obligations to identify students with suspected disabilities and inform parents of available services.

### The school acknowledges that special education services will not be provided to homeschool students unless they are fully enrolled.

### Universal screen assessments for gifted identification offered to all students in the grade level tested must also be offered to homeschool students. Advanced Learning Plans (ALPs) will be developed in collaboration with parents for gifted homeschool students participating in academic courses and report progress twice each year (at a minimum) to parents/legal guardians.

### The school will ensure appropriate accommodations for homeschool students requiring them in programming, instruction and assessments, per their 504 plan or identified learning needs.

## Student Health

### Nursing services, including medication administration and vision/hearing screenings, will be provided to homeschool students as required by law.

## Extracurricular and Interscholastic Participation

### Homeschool students will be allowed to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic activities on an equal basis with enrolled students.

### Participation will be governed by eligibility rules, including CHSAA regulations for high school athletics.