



## 2021-2022 Charter Renewal Application Packet – Parker Core Knowledge

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### **RENEWAL RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the recommendation of DCSD staff that the charter contract between Douglas County School District (DCSD) and Parker Core Knowledge be renewed for a term of **5** years.

### **RENEWAL APPLICATION PROCESS & EVALUATION:**

The renewal process provides an opportunity for schools to (1) present any new or supplemental evidence of school performance and (2) articulate school plans and capacities for the next charter term. The charter renewal recommendation to the Board will be based on an array of evidence gathered over the charter term, including data and information collected by Douglas County School District Office of Choice Programming, the Colorado Department of Education, and any supplemental information that the applicant group provides.

The renewal process begins in September when the charter school declares its intent to apply for renewal. No later than September 1, the charter school submits its Renewal Application to the DCSD Office of Choice Programming. All information is presented to the Superintendent’s Cabinet through a compilation of evidence collected through the school’s site visit, an analysis of the school’s educational, operational, and financial health, and any feedback provided to the DCSD Office of Choice Programming by the applicant team upon initial review of this final report.

### **SCHOOL OVERVIEW**

**Mission:** Parker Core Knowledge is committed to providing its students an academic advantage by building a solid foundation of knowledge, skills and character, while challenging each individual to become a critical thinker, responsible citizen and future leader.

#### **Key Design Elements:**

- Educational philosophy is to develop strong, capable students who are culturally literate American Citizens.
- Core Knowledge Curriculum is used in all grade levels and meets both the Core Knowledge Standards and the Colorado State Standards
- Recipient of the 2016 National Blue Ribbon School designation, John Irwin School of Excellence Award in all years given, Governor’s Distinguished Improvement Award recipient, and 2017 National School of Character.
- Social Emotional Learning is supported in all grade levels. PCK is a National School of Character and has a full-time Character Coach who provides support for all students with challenge resolution. Second Step Curriculum is used for character-building.

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Year Opened: 1994

School Model: Core Knowledge

Grades Served: K-8

Total Enrollment: 705



Subgroup	This School (%)	DCSD (%)
FRL	0.9%	10.7%
SPED	4.4%	10%
ELD	4.1	6%
504	1.3%	4.2%
ALP	7.7%	10%

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ANALYSIS

<p><b>Is the school implementing the material terms of the education program as defined in the current charter contract?</b></p> <p>The school is implementing the essential terms of the education program in all material respects and the educational program in operation reflects the essential terms as defined in the charter, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructional days or minutes requirements</li> <li>• Graduation and promotion requirements</li> <li>• State assessments</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
<p><b>Is the school protecting the rights of all students?</b></p> <p>The school is protecting student rights pursuant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act relating to the treatment of students with identified disabilities and those suspected of having a disability, consistent with the school’s status and responsibilities as a school in a district LEA</li> <li>• Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and US Department of Education authorities relating to English Language Learner requirements</li> <li>• Law, policies and practices related to admissions, lottery, waiting lists, fair and open recruitment, enrollment, the collection and protection of student information</li> <li>• Conduct of discipline procedures, including discipline hearings and suspension and expulsion policies and practices, in compliance with CRS 22-33-105 and 22-33-106</li> <li>• Recognition of due process protections, privacy, civil rights and student liberties requirements, including 1st Amendment protections and the Establishment Clause restrictions prohibiting public schools from engaging in religious instruction</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>

### School Performance Framework Ratings (Retrieved from: Colorado Department of Education)

DCSD Charter School	SY 20-21 & 19-20	SY 18-19	SY 17-18	SY 16-17
Parker Core Knowledge- Elementary	No Score (COVID-19)	Performance Plan	Performance Plan	Performance Plan
Parker Performing Arts - Middle	No Score (COVID-19)	Performance Plan	Performance Plan	Performance Plan

### OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

<p><b>Is the school complying with governance requirements?</b></p> <p>The school complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter relating to governance by its board including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board policies</li> <li>• Board bylaws</li> <li>• Conflicts of interest</li> <li>• Board composition and membership requirements, if applicable</li> </ul>	Yes
<p><b>Is the school holding management accountable?</b></p> <p>The school complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter relating to oversight and evaluation of school leadership.</p>	Yes
<p><b>Is the school complying with reporting requirements?</b></p> <p>The school complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter relating to relevant reporting requirements to the authorizer, CDE, and/or federal authorities.</p>	Yes
<p><b>Is the school meeting teacher and other staff credentialing requirements?</b></p> <p>The school complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter relating to state certification requirements and background checks.</p>	Yes
<p><b>Is the school complying with facilities and transportation requirements?</b></p> <p>The school complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter relating to the school facilities, grounds, and transportation, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire inspections and related records</li> <li>• Certificate of occupancy</li> <li>• Documentation of insurance coverage</li> <li>• Student transportation</li> </ul>	Yes
<p><b>Is the school complying with health and safety requirements?</b></p> <p>The school complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter relating to governance by its board including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate nursing services</li> <li>• Food services requirements, if applicable</li> <li>• Emergency management plan</li> </ul>	Yes

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

A review of the past three years shows Parker Core Knowledge has met all but one benchmark set forth by Douglas County School District, showing strong fiscal health. The school missed the Operating Margin Ratio in 2020. Operating Margin Ratio indicates the amount added to reserves for every \$1 in total general fund gross revenue. Operating Margin has a benchmark of  $\geq .01$ . PCK has gone from a 0.06 in 2019 to a .009 in 2020 and .056 in 2021.

FY 2020-2021 CHARTER SCHOOL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS															
Asset Sufficiency Ratio (ASR) Benchmark $\geq 1$			Operating Reserve Ratio (ORR) Benchmark $\geq .0192$			Operating Margin Ratio (OMR) Benchmark $\geq .01$			Change in Fund Balance Ratio (CFBR) Benchmark $> 0$			Default of loan covenant or delinquent on payment	Accreditation Issues Current Year	Accreditation Issues Prior Year	CDE Comment 19-20
2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019		2021	2020	2020
10.06	5.46	6.84	0.473	0.359	0.373	0.056	0.009	0.06	0.29	0.03	0.23	No	None	None	Ensure the Federal Form 990 is posted for all the required fiscal years

**COLORADO LAW - GROUNDS FOR NONRENEWAL**

Colorado law (C.R.S. 22-30.5-110) specifies the grounds for revoking or not renewing a charter. A charter may be revoked or not renewed by the chartering local board of education if it determines that the charter school did any of the following:

A. Committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter contract;	No
B. Failed to meet or make reasonable progress toward achievement of the goals, objectives, content standards, pupil performance standards, targets for the measures used to determine the levels of attainment of the performance indicators, applicable federal requirements, or other terms identified in the charter contract;	No
C. Failed to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management;	No
D. Violated any provision of law from which the charter school was not specifically exempted.	No

**Considerations Placed on the School:** None

