



COLORADO
Department of Education

Schools of Choice Unit

MEMO

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Bill Kottenstette, Executive Director, CDE's Schools of Choice Unit

RE: A charter waiver request by the Colorado Charter School Institute on behalf of Colorado International Language Academy

DATE: March 10, 2021

Below, please find information to support the charter school waiver request submitted by the Colorado Charter School Institute on behalf of Colorado International Language Academy pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-30.5-104. The State Board has been asked to approve this request at the March meeting.

Colorado International Language Academy's contract is effective for a term that expires on June 30, 2026. Colorado International Language Academy requests the following non-automatic waivers, all of which are part of the charter school's previous charter contract either as an automatic or non-automatic waiver:

- C.R.S. 22-2-112(1)(q)(I): Commissioner Duties - Reporting performance evaluation ratings
- C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(b): Competitive bidding
- C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(n)(I): Board of Education Duties - School Calendar
- C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(n)(II)(A): Board of Education Duties - determine contact hours
- C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(n)(II)(B): Board of Education Duties - Adoption of District Calendar
- C.R.S. 22-32-110(1)(y): Policy regarding gifts, grants, and donations
- C.R.S. 22-33-105(7)(b): Process for disciplinary appeals
- C.R.S. 22-63-201: Teacher employment - certificate required
- C.R.S. 22-63-202: Teacher employment - contracts in writing, damage provision
- C.R.S. 22-63-203.5: Portability of non-probationary status
- C.R.S. 22-63-203: Probationary teachers - renewal and non-renewal of employment contract
- C.R.S. 22-63-205: Teacher Employment - exchange of teachers out of state or foreign
- C.R.S. 22-63-206: Teacher employment - transfer of teacher
- C.R.S. 22-9-106: Local Board of Education - Duties Performance Evaluation System

For the charter school's corresponding rationale and replacement plans to these non-automatic waivers and for the school's list of automatic waivers being invoked, please visit BoardDocs. If approved, the waivers will be effective through the term of the charter school's contract with its authorizer.

The charter school's SPF ratings over the past five years are as follows:



SPF 2014/15	SPF 2016	SPF 2017	SPF 2018	SPF 2019/20
Improvement Plan	Performance Plan	Performance Plan: Meets 95% Participation	Performance Plan: Meets 95% Participation	Improvement Plan: Low Participation

State Board action requested:

- A vote to approve the charter waiver request containing the aforementioned non-automatic waivers submitted by the Colorado Charter School Institute on behalf of Colorado International Language Academy.
- If the charter authorizer and the charter school do not receive notice of the State Board's decision within 45 days after submittal of the waiver request to the State, the request shall be deemed granted pursuant to C.R.S. 22-30.5-105(3).

