

2019 - 2020 Open House FAQs

What is a charter school?

We are a public school, under authorization with Colorado Department of Education, contracted with Mesa County District. As a school of choice, we use our own curriculum and teaching strategies. Our teachers are certified and qualified by the Colorado Department of Education. Most importantly we are a community and a family. Student's attend Monday through Thursday from 8 am – 3:40 pm. Friday's are designated Professional Learning Community work days for our certified staff.

Why is there a fee?

- Fees pay for the various consumable supplies, field trips, and project-based activities students will participate in throughout the school year. There is a 10% discount if paid by May 1st.

	Pre-K	Kinder	K+1	K+2	K+3
Due upon enrollment verification	\$500 *	\$250 *	\$400 * Inc. \$150 Act. Fee	\$550 * Inc. \$300 Act. Fee	\$700 * Inc. \$450 Act. Fee
Continuing fees due at the beginning of each month.	\$500/month	\$250/month	\$250/month	\$250/month	\$250/month

	Grades 1-8	Grades 1-8 +1	Grades 1-8 +2	Grades 1-8 +3
Due upon enrollment verification	\$225*	\$350*	\$450*	\$500*

*total includes activity fee

+ additional siblings enrolled

Do you have extended care?

Morning Care: begins @ 7:15am \$3/day

After School Care: 3:40-5:30pm for \$5/day

- Staffed by certified personnel.

Do you offer after school clubs or sports?

Elementary & Middle

Service Club (3rd – 8th)

News Crew (3rd – 8th)

Chess Club (2nd – 8th)

Garden Club (2nd – 8th)

FLL Robotics Club (4th-8th)

Girls on the Run (3rd – 5th, 6th)

Science Fair Clinics (3rd – 5th)

Middle (6th-8th)

Girls Basketball

Girls Volleyball

Boys Basketball

Ski Team

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How are new students selected for enrollment?

Office staff determines availability of open slots based on pre-enrollment of current students and siblings. Then new students are randomly selected from filled out applications. The lottery (random selection) will held after spring break. Pre-enrollment notification will begin 3rd or 4th week of March (pending finalization of pre-enrollment of current students). Then, you pay your non-refundable registration fee to hold your spot.

What does enrollment look like for current students?

Once you are in, you are in! You will need to fill out the pre-enrollment packet, be current on your fees, and pay the non-refundable registration fee. If you have additional students you would like to enroll in IACS, then they will be enrolled before new students.

What does the day look like for students?

Each class has an opportunity for brain breaks and/or recess.

Elementary

Literacy, Math, Science, Social Studies

1 hour a week for each of the following:

- Art
- Library & Computer Skills

2-30 minute blocks of P.E. and Music each week

Middle School

Students are expected to keep belongings in lockers. IACS is not responsible for items lost or stolen.

4 core classes-Math, Science, Literacy, Social Studies

3 elective choices

Lunches

Pre-K: 11:30 am – 12 noon

K-2: 11:00 am – 11:40 am

3-5: 11:35 am – 12:15 pm

6-8: 12:00 pm – 12:40 pm

Milk- \$0.50

Pizza Thursdays –\$2 for pizza and milk, \$1/extra slice

What is your average class size?

We have an average class size of 23. All grade levels receive strategic, data driven paraprofessional support on a weekly basis. We strive to keep early childhood classes at 22, often because of siblings, we will allow for a +/- 1 or 2. When that happens, we strive to provide more paraprofessional support. We're looking forward to everyone's support in contacting our legislators to responsibly fund full day kindergarten.

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Are there instructional assistants/aides in the classroom?

Yes. Our instructional specialist supervises academic intervention and enrichment across all grade levels based on student need. Paraprofessionals are an integral part of classroom, small group, and individual instructional support.

What happens if my student doesn't learn?

- We expect and benefit from open communication with parents, caregivers, and families.
- We depend on highly certified staff to deliver rigorous lessons.
- We use low-inference data like benchmark tests, in class quizzes and assessments, state summative assessments, and teacher created records to support learning.
- We use strategies like RtI (Response to Intervention), MTSS (Multi-Tiered Support System), special education, GT program (Gifted & Talented), school psychologist, occupation therapy, speech and language therapy to support student learning.

Do you have a counselor?

We partner with local county, city, and District 51 providers for social emotional support.

Is this a safe school?

We have ongoing partnerships with Colorado Department of Public Safety, Mesa County Sheriff's Department, and Grand Junction Police Department. School Resource Officers (SRO) provide on call support, community education, and safety drill support. Our Student and Family Handbook is a great resource for student conduct and student discipline. We have security cameras on the exterior of our buildings. All visitors are required to sign in and acquire a school badge to maintain a secure campus. Student records are treated with confidentiality in accordance with Colorado Department of Education policies.

What is my student expected to know and do?

Due to the wonderful support of our Governing Board and Family Council, we have a concentrated and collaborative effort around a STEAM² program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math, and Music).

Science:

- Blended environment of learning such as Know-Atom, NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) aligned lessons, and PBL (Project Based Learning).

Technology:

- Basic computer skills, coding/programming, design, Windows OS, iPad OS, Google Chrome/Google Suites, 1:1 student to computer ratio

Arts (Visual):

- Clay, ceramics, watercolors, pastels, charcoal, and lessons are across all subjects.

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Engineering:

- Glow forge, 3d printers, Maker Space, Lego Robotics

Math:

- Blended environment of Envision curriculum (balance of procedural and conceptual concepts) that is supplemented with standards based enrichment & intervention support.

Music:

- Choir, orchestra, band, guitar

ELA:

Focus on Workshop model differentiated instruction through Socratic seminar, literature circles, workshop model, word study, learning centers, & read theory, coupled with a cross curriculum approach to writing. Instruction is aligned to Colorado State Standards and follows research-based best practices.

Social Studies:

- Covers civics, history, geography, and economics. Middle school studies western hemisphere history, eastern hemisphere history, and Early American history.

P.E.

- Experience of developmentally appropriate activities which focus on proper sports posture and use of equipment, sportsmanship and teamwork, and the many benefits physical activity has on the human body.

Lead & Explore

- Designed to expose students to outdoor activities with an emphasis on leadership skills through a range of opportunities created by partnering with various community organizations.