

Justice-Engaged Student Support

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Colorado Springs Charter Academy

Replace the bracketed contact information before publishing. CDE's August 2026 guidance states that the information must be posted prominently and be accessible and available in multiple languages.

Support for Justice-Engaged Students

Colorado Springs Charter Academy is committed to ensuring that students who are involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system have meaningful access to education, appropriate supports, and a clear pathway for continued academic success.

A justice-engaged student is a student who is involved in the criminal justice system in any capacity, including, but not limited to, adjudication, probation, ticketing, detention, diversion, commitment, or community supervision.

Justice-Engaged Youth Point of Contact

Name	Lawton Stephens
Title	Social Worker
Phone	719-636-2722
Email	lstephens@cscharter.org

How We Can Help

- Enrollment or re-enrollment support and help understanding CSCA's enrollment process.
- Review of academic records, coursework, placement information, and educational needs.
- Connection to school-based support teams, including MTSS/intervention supports and counseling resources, when appropriate.
- Coordination of special education, Section 504, gifted education, or other required services when applicable.
- Development of an age-appropriate academic and transition plan that supports continued educational progress.
- Exploration of available alternative educational options and other supports when CSCA is not able to meet a student's educational needs through the requested placement.
- Connection to community-based or state resources, including the Colorado Department of Education's Justice-Engaged Youth support resources.

What Families Can Expect

Our designated point of contact will respond to an inquiry from a justice-engaged student, parent, guardian, caregiver, or advocate within three business days. When a student is seeking enrollment or re-enrollment, CSCA will actively engage with the student and family to understand the student's educational needs and explore available options and supports.

Justice engagement alone does not automatically exclude a student from educational opportunities, school activities, or student supports. Decisions will be made in accordance with applicable law, school policy, enrollment requirements, safety obligations, and the individual circumstances of the student.

Records, Services, and Educational Planning

When appropriate, CSCA will review available academic records and prior services to support continuity of learning. For students returning from a facility or other form of state custody, records and coursework should be reviewed so that prior learning can be recognized and appropriate placement and supports can be identified.

State Support

Colorado Department of Education Justice-Engaged Youth Support

Email: justiceengaged@cde.state.co.us

Phone: 720-241-8094

CDE has also established a statewide Justice-Engaged Youth hotline initiative. CSCA will update this page when the hotline contact information is publicly available.