



MONTROSE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

Facts About This Tuition-Free Public Classical Charter School

- There is no type of qualification for enrollment in MCA; ALL in our community are welcome.
- **There will be NO religious affiliation of any type involved with MCA.**
- Charter schools enroll by blind lottery; however, they are allowed to offer a weighted preference for children who qualify for free and reduced lunch.
- **Like Montrose district schools, charter schools operate on PPR (per pupil revenue); unlike district schools, charter schools must pay for their facilities through PPR.**
- Everyone's tax burden for public education in CO is the same. The education of students currently attending schools in MCSD is partially paid for by their parents' tax money and that of many others in town; the same will be true for students attending MCA.
- **Students' electronic devices, such as phones, iPads, and other related items will not be allowed in the Grammar School classrooms.**
- Uniforms will be required; if cost is an issue, financial assistance will be available.

- **Students at all learning levels will be adequately challenged by our curriculum and encouraged to excel; expectations will be high.**
- Special needs students, including those with IEPs (individualized education plans), will be welcomed and accommodated by MCA.
- **Our teachers will all be degreed, thoroughly vetted, and well qualified to teach in their subject matter area; all Special Ed teachers and PARAs will be state certified.**
- The curriculum in MCA will be broad and comprehensive and modeled after that of Liberty Common Charter School in Fort Collins. Curriculum maps are available to view on our website, www.montroseclassical.org.
- **MCA must adhere to all CO state requirements regarding testing and assessments.**
- As a CO charter school, MCA will be granted waivers in curriculum, scheduling, discipline standards, and hiring qualifications. This school will have a separate Governing Board able to direct policies specifically involving MCA, providing more local guidance and parent input.
- **Parent involvement will be a critical part of MCA; we will encourage parents to be on the Governing Board and to be active participants in their children's education.**
- The "Core Knowledge Sequence" will include phonics, language arts, Singapore math, cursive writing, history, geography, fine arts, music, physical education, and Latin.
- **Instruction and elective classes in technology will be available in the upper grades.**

- The application for this charter school will be submitted to the MCSD Board of Education in mid-September. It must be reviewed by a District Accountability Committee that includes experienced charter reviewers and will ultimately be voted on by the school board members.
- **MCA aims to be a cooperative partner with the Montrose County School District and enrich the educational opportunities for all students in Montrose and Olathe.**

MCA Founding Board: Kay Alexander, Joe Fockler, Katherine Sharman, Becky Waugh