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The Options Program is a homeschool enrichment program serving grades K-12 designed to support families who choose to homeschool their student as their primary form of education. At Options, parents/guardians are the primary instructional provider, with the school supplementing and complementing their efforts. Students at Options come to school one day per week and attend school 8:45-3:15 p.m.

One of the primary reasons that families choose Options is so that their children can be a part of a classroom experience. Our families value the opportunity for students to share academic time with their peers. Also, science labs, art, music, and other types of classes may be difficult to offer at home. Students participate in group activities such as field trips and community events. Options partners with parents/caregivers to encourage their students to experience the rigor of a classroom setting and the accountability that comes from deadlines and the need to demonstrate organizational skills.

Our Mission: In partnership with homeschooling families, Cherry Creek Options strives to cultivate intellectual curiosity and meaningful connections through engaging academics and activities.

We offer:

- A wide range of engaging classes with hands-on activities and collaborative classroom experiences with licensed teachers.
- Access to homeschool-friendly curriculum library at no cost. There is a cost if you choose to purchase consumables.
- Access to Nationally-Normed standardized testing.
- High school students have the opportunity for Concurrent Enrollment and Cherry Creek Innovation Campus programming.

Enrollment Timelines: Each year, we enroll students from April (*for the following school year*) until Labor Day Weekend. This process starts in February, by expressing interest on our website in our New Family Interest Form. Fill out this form, and we will contact you for follow up, a tour, and answer any questions you might have. Enrollment may require additional meetings to discuss unique student needs. If the Options program is not a good fit for you, the next step most families choose to homeschool only. Students may be denied admission to the program for previous attendance and/or behavior issues.

Colorado Homeschool Law: All families must complete an Intent to Homeschool in order to enroll at Cherry Creek Options. Colorado law requires that homeschool parents/caregivers



provide 172 days of instruction, averaging 4 hours per day. For more information, here's an important resource. http://www.cde.state.co.us/choice/homeschool_law.htm

Students with Disabilities: Homeschooled students, including students accessing the Options Program, are not entitled to access special education services, including specialized instruction, or related services pursuant to an IEP. If your student needs this level of support, it exists at your neighborhood school. However, students with physical or mental impairments may be referred for an evaluation under Section 504 to determine if the student qualifies as a student with a disability under Section 504 and whether the student needs accommodations to access CCSD programs, including the Options programs. Students will be evaluated under Section 504 in collaboration with parents, teachers, and Options program coordinators. Please contact us for more information. Options students, while not entitled to special education services, are entitled to a special education evaluation in the district in which the student lives.

Frequently Asked Questions

- ❖ **How does one day per week work?** You choose the day of the week, and your student always come to school in person on that day, 8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. For example, Tuesday students attend every Tuesday throughout the school year.
- ❖ **What are your classes like?** We offer small class sizes. Typically, not more than 16 students in a class and our average class size is smaller than 16.
- ❖ **Why is Options only one day per week?** The program is to supplement and complement homeschooling, and not to take the place of homeschooling.
- ❖ **How does homeschooling work if the student does Options and the parent does some schooling?** The parent is the primary educator who is 100% responsible for designing the course of study for each student that aligns with the guidelines and law from the State of Colorado. Our program is supplementary to that however the parent sees fit.
- ❖ **Does Options offer online school?** No, Options is not an online school. We do not offer online classes or online learning opportunities. All of our programming is in person.
- ❖ **Do you have to live within the Cherry Creek School District to attend?** No, we accept students from outside of the district.
- ❖ **Is Options an alternative school?** No, we are designed for homeschooled students.
- ❖ **Do we provide transportation?** Parents/caregivers must transport their student to and from Options on the student's day of school each week. There are no buses.
- ❖ **Do you follow the same CCSD calendar?** Mostly, all of the week-long breaks are the same. We have a few school days where Cherry Creek Schools has a Non-Contact day and we have school to meet the requirements for our program.
- ❖ **How much does it cost?** It's free. We receive partial funding from the State of Colorado for each student enrolled, so we cover all of our costs for the program through that funding. Borrowing curriculum from us is not required, but it is free. Consumables (*workbooks and other materials you will keep*) have a fee associated with them. Similar to other school programs, we have small fees for specific items such as activities fees, testing fees, and community events.