



School Profile 2016-2017

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Mission & Philosophy

Vision Charter Academy promotes meaningful choice and diverse opportunity within public education by supporting the development of the optimal learning environment for each learner and the optimal teaching environment for each teacher.

We partner with families to create children's educational paths based on each child's interests and dreams, offering:

Parent Guided Learner Path:

- Individual learning plans for each child embracing quality learning at home, in the community and in small classes.
- Support resources and oversight to teach your child's classes.
- Menu of opportunities and resources.
- Enrichment activities and field trips.

Class Based Learner Path:

- Classes with highly qualified VCA teachers and community businesses.
- Classes available for grades K-12 at the Delta and Surface Creek Campuses.

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Our Community:

Vision Charter Academy (VCA) is a public school of choice in Western Colorado with three campuses located in Cedaredge, Delta and Paonia, Colorado, serving four counties, and averaging an enrollment of 400 students in grades K-12. Our rural community is composed primarily of small businesses and agriculture with a total population of 30,000 in Delta County and a median income of \$42,000.

Our School:

At Vision Charter Academy, we partner with our learners and families to pursue the best individualized learning opportunities for each child. We are the regional leaders and known resource center for individualized education. We support learners and parents through coordinated efforts with our Highly Qualified Coordinators (HQCs) and Advisors (for high school). Partnerships and Individualized Learning Plans allow us to provide exciting and unique opportunities that offer more freedom and flexibility for learners to demonstrate their **choice**, and have a **voice** in how they learn and **achieve** their goals. VCA supports individualized education while incorporating the Colorado Academic Standards and participating in all required state testing to assess our learners' achievements and academic growth.

VCA is governed by an elected Board of Stewards, authorized by the Delta County School District 50J, and a fully accredited public school. We hold a "performance rating" from the State of Colorado on our School Performance Frameworks. As a public school our funding is provided by the State of Colorado through the Public School Finance Act. Learners may enroll either full-time or part-time. Part-time learners are considered home school students and must comply with the Colorado Home School Law.

Delta Campus
1080 Pioneer Road
Delta, Co. 81416
970-874-8226
970-874-8336 Fax

Surface Creek Campus
230 NW Cedar Ave.
Cedaredge, CO. 81413
970-856-6193
970-856-6197 Fax

North Fork Campus
218 4th Street/PO Box 636
Paonia, Co. 81428
970-527-8766
970-527-8768 Fax

Diploma Pathways:

VCA offers a Credit pathway, Honors pathway and Community pathway toward graduation. To graduate, all learners must work with a Graduation Committee that ensures the learner meets minimum proficiency levels and is ready to take their next step after graduation. All graduates are issued a Delta County School District Diploma.

Graduation Requirements:

Learners will meet or exceed the state requirements for graduation and receive a Delta County School District diploma. All graduates are required to complete a Public Presentation, write a Personal Essay and a Resume and prove academic proficiency. Credit Diplomas require a minimum of 24 credits completed.

Scholarship Statistics:

Vision Charter Academy graduates are eligible for highly competitive scholarships and have earned the esteemed Boettcher Scholarship plus many others. Our graduates have received over \$358,500 total in scholarship funds.

GPA and Class Rank:

VCA does not weight their classes. GPA is based on a 4.0 grading scale. VCA does not rank students. Class credits are based upon Carnegie Units; 1 credit = 120 hours.

School Population Data:

45% Qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch

91% Non-Hispanic, 9% Hispanic

Academic Opportunities:

VCA high school learners have the opportunity to complete Concurrent Enrollment courses for college credit while earning high school credit. Learners who earn 12 or more college credits while in high school are eligible to participate in the ASCENT college tuition program.

VCA learners may take crossover classes at area schools to assist in Individualized Learning Plan goals. Some classes High School learners participate in include; marching band, JROTC, and Advanced Placement or College classes.

Learners may create an Individualized Learning Plan that includes online classes, on campus classes and at home classes, all overseen by a Highly Qualified Consultant.

New Expeditionary project based learning to spark wonder and curiosity in our learners, we offer classes at our Delta and Surface Creek Campuses for grades K-12.

National Honor Society:

High School learners with a 3.5 GPA are eligible to apply for membership in the Vision Vanguard Chapter of National Honor Society.

Academic Lettering:

High School learners with two semesters of a 3.75 GPA will earn Academic Lettering Award.

Student Council:

VCA offers an on campus class for Student Council offering opportunities for leadership and community service.

We are Vanguard! *Vanguards lead the way in new developments or ideas. The term Vanguard comes from "avant garde" or advance guard. Avant garde refers to the forefront in any movement, field or activity. Our culture and identity support and motivate us to be the leaders in pursuit of our Mission and Vision.*

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