

# The Classical Academy

## PARENT LETTER OF COMMITMENT

Welcome to The Classical Academy (TCA), a community of learners – students, parents, teachers, and staff – working together toward a common mission. Our hope is that this letter will help solidify your decision to join our school community. Thank you for taking the time to read it carefully.

Since opening in 1997, TCA has become one of the largest charter schools in the state. We are a sought-after educational partner for parents in El Paso County and one of the highest performing schools in Colorado and the nation. Our tireless commitment to TCA’s Mission, Creed, and Core Values creates a distinctive, classically oriented learning environment which nurtures curiosity and promotes virtue, wisdom, and a lifelong joy of learning.

The benefits of TCA are life-changing for our students and families, but there are sacrifices and challenges to consider. TCA does implement a strict uniform policy, and does not provide transportation, technology-focused learning, or some electives/activities found at other local schools.

As a public charter school, TCA receives state *Per Pupil Revenue* (PPR) as do all Colorado public schools. However, unlike other traditional public schools, our land and most of our facilities must be funded with that PPR. Thus, we have approximately \$3.5 million a year less to pay staff salaries and support our unique instructional approach – including significantly smaller class sizes, which again leads to less revenue.

Accordingly, TCA depends on the generous donations of our community, and we also ask our parents to give of their time and resources to help our children thrive, while being fully informed of our shared commitments:

### TCA Commitment to Family

- Classically oriented curriculum and methods; focusing on engagement with the greatest thinkers, writers, artists, and musicians
- Partner with and support parents’ role in developing students
- Professional, loving, and caring teachers and staff
- Small class sizes
- Responsive administration

### Family Commitment to TCA

- To know and support TCA’s Mission, Core Values, Creed, and Philosophy of Education
- To support TCA with tax-deductible donations – our goal is 100% participation
- To volunteer time, expertise, and resources to support your child’s education
- To support school and classroom policies per TCA Handbooks

While we do not have annual requirements for volunteer and financial commitments, we ask that you support TCA as you and your family are able. By initialing the Parent Letter of Commitment box on the Admission Form, you acknowledge and affirm that you have read, understand, and agree to all that is contained herein.

Thank you so much and welcome to TCA! I look forward to journeying with you!



Dr. Robert Thomason, President

