

The Classical Academy

PARENTAL LETTER OF COMMITMENT

Welcome to The Classical Academy (TCA), a community of learners comprised of students, parents, teachers, and staff. Our hope is that this letter will help solidify your decision to join the TCA 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 – a sought-after educational partner for parents in El Paso County and one of the highest performing schools in the state and 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 not provide transportation, state of the art facilities, technology-focused learning, or some of the other activities, programs, or electives found at other local schools.

As a charter public 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. That approach also requires significantly smaller class sizes, which again leads to less revenue.

As a result, TCA depends on the generous, tax-deductible donations of our community to augment our yearly state-provided budget, and we also ask our parents to give of their time and other resources in order to benefit from the education our students receive. We invite you to join the TCA community, while being fully informed of our shared commitments:

TCA Commitment to Family	Family Commitment to TCA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniquely effective learning environment • Small class sizes • Partner with and support parents’ role in developing students • Professional, loving, and caring teachers and staff • Classically oriented curriculum and methods; focusing on engagement with the greatest thinkers, writers, artists, and musicians • Responsive administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • To resolve conflict per TCA Conflict Resolution Policy

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 Parental Letter of Commitment box on the Online 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ".

Dr. Russ Sojourner, President