



Highline Academy Charter Schools
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Highline Academy Receives Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

{Denver, CO, Nov. 19, 2019}: Highline Academy Charter Schools' Southeast campus has been awarded the Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award for 2019. It is one of 10 schools in DPS to receive the honor.

When asked about the accomplishment, Highline Academy Southeast Principal Sarah Verni-Lau remarked, "We are proud to be recognized by the state for the growth that our students are making. Our staff, teachers, and especially our students have earned this honor."

From the inception of the DPS Student Performance Framework (SPF) in 2008, Highline Academy Southeast has been rated blue or green, meeting or exceeding expectations on the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS). When CMAS scores were released this September, the campus celebrated impressive results. Those scores placed Highline among the 6 highest performing schools for reading and the 7 highest performing for math. Highline is in the top 10 for growth among all DPS schools. "We are thrilled to see the hard work of our students come to life in our data; these results give us an opportunity to reach even farther" reported principal Verni-Lau.

The Southeast campus for Highline Academy Charter Schools serves 525 students from Kindergarten to 8th grade. It is home to a diverse population of students from all across the Denver-metro area, with 26 different languages spoken in the home and 50 countries represented. Highline provides Spanish instruction starting in Kindergarten and develops the whole child with music, art, PE, character development and social emotional curriculum. Students are challenged with rigorous academics at all levels of ability and are inspired to reach new heights in and outside of the classroom. The campus was founded on and is anchored in its REACH values: Responsibility, Empowerment, Aspiration, Citizenship, and Honesty. These values are the core of its program in helping students achieve academic, civic, and personal excellence.

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