Frequently Asked Questions

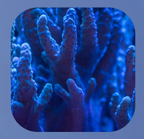
What Grades Does Coral serve?

PreKindergarten (PreK)

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade



3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade

Pre-K students must be 4 years old by August 31, and kindergarten students must turn 5 by midnight on September 1 to register for kindergarten for the school year.

Can I choose Coral Community Charter School if it is not in my district?

Yes!

Families are allowed to explore public school options beyond the school assigned to them by address, and Coral Community Charter School is a tuition-free public charter school serving Pre-K through 5th grade students who reside anywhere in New Mexico.

Like other New Mexico charter schools, Coral uses a lottery process when there are more applicants than available seats. Families can submit a lottery form, ask questions, schedule a tour, and learn more about Coral.

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How Do I Enroll?

The first step is to complete the lottery form for the 2026/2027 school year.
If you need help, Coral can walk you through the process.

Contact the Registrar, Kehaulani Garcia Lang
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or
Director of Family and School Operations, Hannah Force -Lang
hforcelang@coralcharter.com
with any registration/enrollment questions!

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Is it too late to enroll?

No.
It is not too late to choose a better school for your child.
Coral Community Charter School is accepting lottery forms for the 2026/2027 school year, and students continue to be placed as spots become available.

If your child is struggling, bored, overlooked, overwhelmed, or simply needs a school that fits them better, now is the time to take the next step.

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Why Should I Consider Changing Schools?

Because the right school can change everything.
Some children do fine in a large, traditional classroom. Others need more movement, more structure, more confidence, more challenge, more support, or a teacher who truly knows how they learn.
Coral is built for students who need more than a one-size-fits-all education.

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What Makes Coral Different?

Coral is built for how children actually learn.

We are a tuition-free public charter elementary school with a private-school feel, individualized learning plans for every student, boys' and girls' classrooms, strong academics, and a safe, supportive environment where children are known.

Our education style is research-backed.

At Coral, students are not treated like numbers. They are seen, supported, and challenged. With individualized education plans, we meet students where they are. We excel at catching students up and supporting students who may need more of an academic challenge.

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Is Coral Really Free?

Yes. Coral is a tuition-free public charter school. That means families can access a high-quality, individualized education no matter where you live in NM without paying private school tuition.

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Does Every Child Really Get a Personalized Education Plan (PEP)?

Yes. Every Coral student receives a Personal Education Plan, or PEP. This is one of the most important things families should know about Coral.

Each student's plan is shaped by academic data, learning style, interests, teacher insight, and input from parents. The goal is simple: meet the child where they are and help them grow.

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What if my child is behind?

Coral offers a third option beyond holding students back or simply pushing them through to the next grade.

We help students stay connected to peers in their grade while receiving individualized instruction that meets their actual ability level.

Not held back. Not pushed through. Personally supported.

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What if my child is gifted?

Coral is also built for students who need more challenge. Because each child has an individualized plan, teachers can better identify strengths, monitor growth, and give students opportunities to keep moving forward.

Coral is not only for students who are struggling. It is for students who need to be known.

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What is Coral's Schedule?

Coral operates on a four -day school week, Monday through Thursday. Friday care is also available. Care options are available to help families who need additional support outside of regular school hours.

Click here to view the school calendar.

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Why have school Monday - Thursday instead of Monday - Friday?

Coral's Monday through Thursday schedule is designed to make school time more focused, intentional, and effective for young students.

A four-day school week does not mean Coral does "less school." In New Mexico, schools still have to meet instructional -time requirements, and research on four -day school weeks shows that protecting strong instructional time is what matters most. Coral's model is built around focused instruction, individualized learning plans, and a school environment where teachers know each child well.

The schedule also gives families more flexibility for appointments, enrichment, tutoring, rest, and family time without constantly pulling students out of class during the academic week. Coral also offers care options, including all day Friday care, to help support working families.

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Does Coral have 5 day -a-week childcare & before and after care?

Yes!

Coral now offers full day childcare on Fridays from 6:45 am to 6:00 pm.

Coral Community Charter School staff provide FREE before care from 7:00 AM to 7:49 AM.

Rio Grande Educational Collaborative (RGEC) provides after school care from 2:40 PM to 6:00 PM at Coral Community Charter School. If you do not want to pay out of pocket for After School Care or Friday Care, please contact RGEC prior to signing up so they can walk you through the process of getting an ECECD contract.

Click here to sign up for Before School Care

Click here to sign up for After School Care and/or Friday Care

Why does Coral have a longer school year than others?

Because Coral students learn four days a week instead of five, they have shorter summer breaks. However, research shows that long summer breaks can make it harder for children to keep academic momentum, especially in the early grades when students are building the foundation for reading, math, confidence, and classroom routines.

Research on summer learning loss shows that long breaks from school can contribute to students losing skills or starting the next school year needing to review material they already learned. That is why Coral believes consistent, meaningful learning time matters. A longer school year can help students stay connected to learning, reduce the “summer slide,” and start each new school year ready to move forward instead of catching up.

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What are Boys' and Girls' Classrooms?

Coral offers boys' classrooms and girls' classrooms because children do not all learn the same way.

This model allows teachers to create learning environments that better support movement, confidence, communication, collaboration, emotional growth, and academic success.

This is not about limiting children. It is about helping every child participate, grow, and reach their potential.

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Why Does Coral use a Boys' and Girls' Classroom Model?

Because Coral puts education research into practice. Our classrooms are designed around how students learn, behave, communicate, and build confidence. For some students, that means more movement. For others, it means more space to speak up, connect, collaborate, and lead. Coral is different for a reason.

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My Child is already in Upper Elementary - is it too late to switch?

No.

Many families assume school choice is only for younger students, but Coral serves students through 5th grade. If your child is in upper elementary and needs a better fit, it is still worth exploring Coral. A school switch can be especially helpful when a student is falling behind, losing confidence, needing more challenge, or not getting the attention they need.

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Is Coral a good fit for students with ADHD, autism, learning differences, behavioral needs, or special education needs?

For many families, yes.

Coral's smaller environment and whole-child approach can be a strong fit for students who need more individualized academic, behavioral, emotional, or special education support.

If your child has been overlooked, misunderstood, or treated like a problem instead of a learner, we encourage you to schedule a tour and talk with us.

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Does Coral support English Learners?

Yes.
Coral's small -school environment helps teachers know students individually, monitor progress closely, and communicate with families.

Coral also has TESOL-endorsed and bilingual endorsed teachers and staff to support English Learners.

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How does Coral help students with behavior and emotional growth?

Coral teaches more than academics.
Students are supported in learning how to regulate emotions, manage conflict, communicate respectfully, build confidence, and grow into responsible learners.
We understand that many children are still carrying the effects of disrupted learning, stress, anxiety, and behavior challenges from the past several years. Coral is structured to help students grow academically and emotionally.

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I’m worried about Coral not having enough student amenities. How will my student be supported?

As a small school, we don’t have many of the luxuries that larger schools do. However, our students are still fully supported and we have built community partnerships to support our school structure.

For example, while we don’t have a main library, we have libraries in every classroom and frequently take students on trips to the public library as well. We use Highland Practice Field, and we also regularly take students to the local parks as well. It is our intention at Coral to help each student become the best versions of themselves, and these experiences help support that.

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Does Coral take away recess or outside time as punishment?

No.

Children need movement, fresh air, healthy routines, and time to regulate. Coral does not take away outside time as a punishment.

We believe movement helps children learn. We use social emotional learning and a restorative justice -style approach to support students through any behavioral challenges. For example, back to the research of how boys and girls learn differently, they respond to different behavioral strategies as well. For girls, conflict resolution is best achieved through connection, collaboration, and listening. For them, we offer them structured support to reconnect with their peers. Meanwhile, did you know that looking a boy in the eyes while they are being accused of something puts them into fight or flight? For them, they prefer to talk out conflict standing side -by-side. Boys are also more action -oriented than feelings -oriented.

Overall, our approach to discipline focuses on helping students learn from their mistakes, while keeping empathy and care top -of-mind.

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How involved can parents/guardians be?

At Coral, parents and guardians have a real role in their child's education.

Families help set academic and behavioral goals, receive regular updates through the Bloomz app, participate in parent meetings, and have opportunities to be involved in the school community.

You should not have to wonder how your child is doing. At Coral, we take communication seriously and make sure parents have opportunities to learn about their child's success at our school. Parents/guardians can communicate with teachers directly through meetings and the Bloomz app.

Families can also get involved by getting a background check to volunteer, chaperone an OSI (off site instruction), or join the PTA or Watch DOGS.

PTA | Watch D.O.G.S.

Is Coral Safe?

Yes. Coral takes student safety seriously.
Our campus includes the below features and other safety procedures designed to protect students.
We know safety is one of the first questions parents ask. We welcome those questions and encourage families to come see the s cho ol for themselves.

Controlled Access

Single Point of Entry

Locked and gated Parking

Bullet - Proof Glass

High Block Fencing

Solid Metal Gates in Community Area

Access Control

Cameras

Staff Communication Platform for Emergencies

Low chaperone - student ratios

Why should I choose Coral instead of staying where we are?

Because “good enough” may not be good enough for your child. If your child is not being academically challenged enough, not being supported, falling behind, losing confidence, or coming home frustrated, you have options.

Coral gives families a tuition -free public school choice with individualized education, strong academics, and a school community where children are known.

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Can I visit before deciding?

Yes. Families are encouraged to schedule a tour, attend an open house, or contact Coral to learn more.

Upcoming community events can be found at the bottom of our home page on our website.

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How do I know if Coral is the right choice for my child's education?

The best way is to visit.

Schedule a tour, meet our team, ask questions, and see whether Coral feels like the right fit for your family.
You do not have to figure it out alone. We can help you understand the enrollment process and answer your questions.

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What If I still have more questions?

Call Coral Community Charter School at (505) 292-6725 or visit us at 4401 Silver Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108. Choosing a school is a big decision. We are here to help you make the right one for your child.

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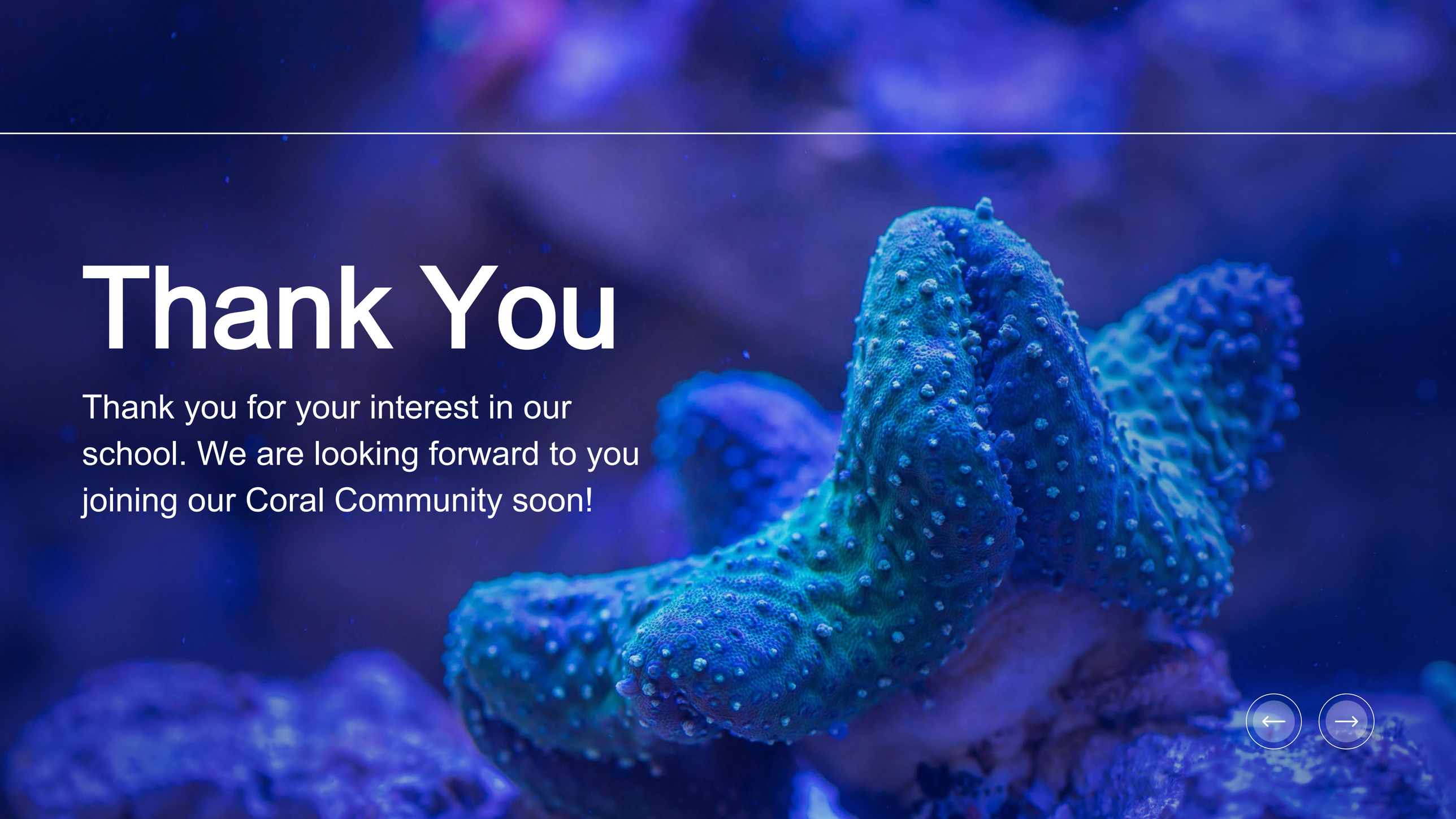
Thank you for your interest in our school. We are looking forward to you joining our Coral Community soon!