



**Crescent View Academy**  
**10958 E. Bethany Dr., Aurora, CO 80014**  
**Grades: k-7**  
**Director: Dr. Siham Elsegeiny**

Crescent View Academy (CVA), directed by Dr. Siham Elsegeiny, launched a Hope Online Learning Center in 2005. CVA caters to a rising at-risk population in Aurora but also welcomes students from as far away as Castle Rock to participate in the high standards of academic excellence and the encouraging, safe environment that CVA offers.

The Hope Online curriculum is designed to adhere to the model content standards of Colorado. All courses are comprised of online and offline work, allowing students to progress at their own pace, according to their unique skills. “While the online teaching methodology is new and, for now, uncommon, it is the way of the future,” says Dr. Elsegeiny. “Online learning familiarizes students with the technology they will need to utilize to be successful moving forward.”

The Hope Online student population at CVA represents many different cultures. An accompanying challenge of this diversity is language proficiency. Many students are first-generation Americans, and English is their second language. Hope Online’s ESL program provides audio and visual technology for developing critical writing and typing skills. CVA affords students a supportive environment in which they can grow academically, emotionally, and socially. Providing a safe atmosphere where students feel they have a chance to succeed is crucial to educating at-risk students.

Dr. Elsegeiny works hand-in-hand with the Hope Online teacher and CVA mentors to create individual learning plans for students at the beginning of each school year. “Every child learns differently, based on skill set and grade-level. Each student has a unique academic personality. Hope Online’s internet-based curriculum and assessments help our students learn quickly,” says Dr. Elsegeiny. “Last year, a student who struggled to understand many concepts did not actively participate in lessons. This year, he received an honor roll certificate.”

All CVA mentors are certified Colorado teachers. Each member of the staff is committed to education. Fifth grade mentor Candace Steele arrives early and stays late each day for tutoring, and often organizes educational fieldtrips for students on weekends; third grade mentor Christina Baxter uses her creativity to develop engaging classroom activities.

When asked why she is committed to working with the at-risk student population at CVA, Dr. Elsegeiny recalls a favorite axiom: *To teach is to touch someone else’s life forever.* “I got into education because I wanted to give—knowing that what we do here at Crescent View Academy gives our students the confidence they need to be successful is extremely rewarding.”

## **Learning Center Administration**

### **Dr. Siham Elsegeiny - Director**

Dr. Elsegeiny chose a career in education because of her love of children and her desire to cultivate confidence in youth. She obtained a Masters and, later, a Ph.D. in k-12 Educational Administration from the University of New Orleans, before holding a principal position in New Orleans. After Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Elsegeiny accepted a position with Crescent View Academy and soon afterward began coordinating with Hope Online.

## **Hope Online Teacher**

### **Sandra Fritz – Hope Online Teacher**

Sandra Fritz is a skilled teacher with 10 years of teaching experience. Prior to obtaining her Colorado Teacher License, she began her career teaching math at a charter school in Massachusetts where she was also the director of a k-8 math task force and served as a math coach. Upon moving to Colorado, Ms. Fritz taught students in Aurora and Denver public schools. Ms. Fritz received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Rochester in New York and Master of Arts in Education-Elementary Education from Boston College in MA.