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Charter School Policies in Each State



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Charter schools require authorization by some state/local government or third-party entity to open. Charter funding policies and reporting practices may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. This report indicates the types of entities which may authorize charter schools in each state.

Alabama	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Alabama may be authorized by local school districts and the Alabama Charter School Commission.
Alaska	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Alaska may be authorized by local school districts, with approval of the State Board of Education.
Arizona	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Arizona may be authorized by the State Board of Education, the State Board for Charter Schools, or other entities, like institutions of higher education.
Arkansas	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Arkansas may be authorized by the Department of Education and the State Board of Education.
California	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in California may be authorized by local school districts, the State Board of Education, or other entities, like county boards of education.
Colorado	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Colorado may be authorized by local school districts or the State Charter School Institute.
Connecticut	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Connecticut may be authorized by both the local or regional school district and the State Board of Education, or by the State Board of Education only.
Delaware	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Delaware may be authorized by local school districts and the State Department of Education.
District of Columbia	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in the District of Columbia may be authorized by the board of education, the Public School Board, and any other entities designated as authorizers by the D.C. Council.
Florida	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Florida are authorized by local school districts. Universities have limited authority to authorize charter lab schools.
Georgia	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Georgia may be authorized by local school districts, the State Board of Education, and the Charter Schools Commission.

Hawaii	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Hawaii may be authorized by State Public Charter Commission, and other entities approved by the board, including institutions of higher education, county or state agencies, and nonprofit organizations.
Idaho	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Idaho may be authorized by local school districts, the Public Charter School Commission, and other entities such as institutions of higher education.
Illinois	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Illinois may be authorized by local school districts or the State Charter School Commission.
Indiana	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Indiana may be authorized by local school boards with the authority to do so, the Indiana Charter School Board, and other entities, such as institutions of higher education or executives of consolidated cities.
Iowa	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Iowa must be authorized by both the local school district and the State Board of Education.
Kansas	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Kansas must be authorized by both the local school district and the State Board of Education.
Kentucky	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Kentucky may be authorized by local school districts and other entities, like certain chief executives of local governments or a collaborative of local school districts.
Louisiana	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Louisiana may be authorized by local school districts or the State Board of Education.
Maine	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Maine may be authorized by local school districts, the State Charter School Commission, or other entities, such as a collaborative of local school districts.
Maryland	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Maryland may be authorized by local school districts.
Massachusetts	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Massachusetts may be authorized by the State Board of Education.
Michigan	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Michigan may be authorized by local school districts and other entities, such as intermediate school districts, community colleges, and state public universities.
Minnesota	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Minnesota may be authorized by local school districts and other entities, such as intermediate school districts, nonprofit organizations, and institutions of higher education.
Mississippi	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Mississippi may be authorized by the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board.

Missouri	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Missouri may be authorized by local school districts, the Missouri Charter Public School Commission, and other entities, such as institutions of higher education.
Montana	Montana does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Nebraska	Nebraska does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Nevada	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Nevada may be authorized by local school boards (with approval from the state Department of Education), State Public Charter School Authority, and a college or university within the Nevada System of Higher Education (with approval from the state Department of Education).
New Hampshire	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in New Hampshire may be authorized by local school districts, with the approval of the State Board of Education or State Board of Education alone.
New Jersey	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in New Jersey may be authorized by the State Commissioner of Education.
New Mexico	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in New Mexico may be authorized by local school districts and the New Mexico Public Education Commission.
New York	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in New York may be authorized by local school districts, the Board of Regents of the New York State Department of Education, and other entities such as the State University of New York or the chancellor of a city school district in a city of over one million.
North Carolina	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in North Carolina may be authorized by the State Board of Education.
North Dakota	North Dakota does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Ohio	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Ohio may be authorized by local school districts and other entities, such as state universities, qualified tax-exempt entities or mayors of cities.
Oklahoma	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Oklahoma may be authorized by local school districts, the State Board of Education on appeal, and other entities, such as institutions of higher education. Virtual charter schools may be authorized by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board
Oregon	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Oregon may be authorized by local school districts and the State Board of Education, on appeal.
Pennsylvania	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Pennsylvania may be authorized by local school districts, and virtual charter schools may be authorized by the state Department of Education.
Rhode Island	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Rhode Island may be authorized by the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education.

South Carolina	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in South Carolina may be authorized by local school districts, the State Board of Education, or another entity, such as institutions of higher education.
South Dakota	South Dakota does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Tennessee	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Tennessee may be authorized by local school districts or, in certain circumstances, the State Board of Education.
Texas	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Texas may be approved by local school districts or the State Commissioner of Education.
Utah	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Utah may be authorized by local school districts, the State Charter School Board, or another entity, such as institutions of higher education.
Vermont	Vermont does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Virginia	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Virginia may be authorized by local school districts, with approval from the State Board of Education.
Washington	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Washington may be authorized by the Washington State Charter School Commission, and local school districts, with the approval of the State Board of Education.
West Virginia	West Virginia does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Wisconsin	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Wisconsin may be authorized by local school districts, as well as other entities, such as institutions of higher education and eligible cities and counties.
Wyoming	Charter funding policies and reporting practices within each state may vary depending on the entity that authorized the charter school. Charter schools in Wyoming may only be authorized by local school districts.

For a complete list of primary sources, please see the appropriate state page at charters.funded.edbuild.org

