

FundEd: Charters

Charter School Policies in Each State



Funding Distribution

Charter schools may receive funding from the state, from a local school district, or some combination of both. This map describes the sources through which charter schools may receive funding.

Alabama	<p>Charter schools in Alabama receive funding directly from the state, as well as from the local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools receive state funding directly from the state and local tax revenue from their students' school district(s) of residence. For more information on the types of local tax revenue that charter schools are eligible to receive, see "Local funding."</p>
Alaska	<p>Charter schools in Alaska receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools receive all funding through the local school district through which they are authorized.</p>
Arizona	<p>Charter schools in Arizona receive all funding directly from the state.</p>
Arkansas	<p>Some charter schools in Arkansas receive all funding directly from the state, while others receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools in Arkansas that did not previously exist as traditional public schools are funded directly by the state, while charter schools that had been converted from being a traditional public school are funded through the local school districts where they are located.</p>
California	<p>Some charter schools in California receive funding from the state as well as from local school districts, while others receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>All charter schools in California receive funding from the local school district where they are located. In addition, they may elect to receive state funding either directly from the state or from the school district which oversees them.</p>
Colorado	<p>Some charter schools in Colorado receive all funding directly from the state, while others receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools authorized by the state receive all funding directly from the statewide charter school authorizer. Meanwhile, charter schools authorized by a local school district receive funding through the local school district.</p>
Connecticut	<p>Some charter schools in Connecticut receive all funding directly from the state, while others receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools authorized by the state receive all funding from the state. Charter schools authorized by local school districts receive funding primarily from the local school district where they are located. However, locally authorized charter schools may also receive a per student grant from the state. (See "Funding Calculation.")</p>
Delaware	<p>Charter schools in Delaware receive funding directly from the state, as well as from local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools receive state funding directly from the state. They also receive a share of tax revenue raised by local school districts through local school district(s) where their students reside.</p>
District of Columbia	
Florida	<p>Charter schools in Florida receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools receive funding through the local school district where they are located.</p>

Georgia	<p>Some charter schools in Georgia receive all funding directly from the state, while others receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools authorized by the state receive all funding directly from the state Department of Education. Meanwhile, charter schools authorized by local school districts receive all funding through the district where they are located.</p>
Hawaii	<p>Charter schools in Hawaii receive all funding directly from the state.</p> <p>Charter schools are funded directly through legislative appropriation.</p>
Idaho	Charter schools in Idaho receive all funding directly from the state.
Illinois	<p>Some charter schools in Illinois receive all funding directly from the state, while others receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools authorized by the State Charter School Commission are funded directly by the state. Charter schools authorized by local school districts are funded through local school district.</p>
Indiana	Charter schools in Indiana receive all funding directly from the state.
Iowa	Charter schools in Iowa receive all funding through local school districts.
Kansas	Charter schools in Kansas receive all funding through local school districts.
Kentucky	Kentucky does not currently have any charter schools and its previous policy on charter funding ended in 2018.
Louisiana	Charter schools in Louisiana receive all funding directly from the state.
Maine	Charter schools in Maine receive all funding directly from the state.
Maryland	<p>Charter schools in Maryland receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools receive funding through the local school district through which they are authorized.</p>
Massachusetts	<p>Charter schools in Massachusetts receive all funding directly from the state.</p> <p>The state provides funding for charter schools in Massachusetts by withholding an equivalent amount of state aid for school districts that send students to charters.</p>
Michigan	Charter schools in Michigan receive all funding directly from the state.
Minnesota	Charter schools in Minnesota receive all funding directly from the state.
Mississippi	<p>Charter schools in Mississippi receive funding directly from the state, as well as from local school districts.</p> <p>The state directly provides charter schools with state aid and with its share of local property tax revenue for students who attend a charter school located outside the district where they reside. However, local school districts provide local property tax revenue for students who attend a charter located in the district where they reside.</p>
Missouri	Charter schools in Missouri receive all funding directly from the state.
Montana	<p>Montana does not have a law establishing charter schools.</p> <p>The State Board of Public Education in Montana has established a process whereby school districts may apply to have one of their schools designated a charter. However, Montana has no state law pertaining to charter schools or charter school funding. Schools designated as a charter continue to be funded through their local school district in the same way as for traditional public schools.</p>

Nebraska	Nebraska does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Nevada	<p>Charter schools in Nevada receive all funding directly from the state.</p> <p>Charter schools in Nevada receive both state and local funding directly from the state as the state withholds a sum equivalent to the charter schools' local funding from the charter students' district(s) of residence.</p>
New Hampshire	<p>Some charter schools in New Hampshire receive all funding directly from the state, while others receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools that are authorized by the state will receive all funding directly from the state. In addition, the state will pay the state's formula amount for students attending a charter school authorized by a local school district that is not their district of residence. However, a charter school authorized by a local school district will receive funding for students who reside in that district through that district.</p>
New Jersey	<p>Charter schools in New Jersey receive most funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools receive local funding and most state funding through local school districts. However, they may receive certain forms of funding, such as for students not included in projected enrollment, directly from the state.</p>
New Mexico	<p>Charter schools in New Mexico receive funding directly from the state, as well as from local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools receive state funding directly from the state, and local funding from local school districts. Charter schools authorized by local school districts also receive some federal funding through local school districts.</p>
New York	<p>Charter schools in New York receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>School districts where resident students attend charter schools pay a per student amount to the charters and are reimbursed by the state.</p>
North Carolina	<p>Charter schools in North Carolina receive funding directly from the state, as well as from local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools typically receive state funding from the state and local funding from the district(s) where their students reside. When charters are first established or when they experience growth of more than 20%, the state Department of Public Instruction withholds state funding from local school districts to direct to charter schools.</p>
North Dakota	North Dakota does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Ohio	<p>Charter schools in Ohio receive all funding directly from the state.</p> <p>The state deducts charter funding from state funding to the charter students' district(s) of residence and transfers it to charter schools.</p>
Oklahoma	<p>Some charter schools in Oklahoma receive all funding directly from the state, while others receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools that are authorized by the State Board of Education, the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board, a higher education institution, or another entity other than a local school district will receive all funding directly from the state. Charter schools that are authorized by a local school district will receive funding through the local school district.</p>
Oregon	<p>Charter schools in Oregon receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools in Oregon receive funding from the local school district where they are located.</p>
Pennsylvania	<p>Charter schools in Pennsylvania receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools receive funding from the local school district(s) where charter students reside.</p>

Rhode Island	<p>Some charter schools in Rhode Island receive funding directly from the state, as well as from local school districts, while others receive funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools operated by nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, or mayors of city or towns receive state funding from the state and local tax revenue from their students' district(s) of residence. Charter schools operated by local school districts receive funding through that district.</p>
South Carolina	<p>Some charter schools in South Carolina receive all funding directly from the state, while others receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools authorized by an entity other than local school districts receive funding directly from the state. Charter schools authorized by local school districts receive funding through their authorizing school districts.</p>
South Dakota	<p>South Dakota does not have a law establishing charter schools.</p>
Tennessee	<p>Some charter schools in Tennessee receive all funding directly from the state, while others receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools authorized by the state receive funding directly from the state. The state withholds from the district in which the charter school is located the state funding due to the charter school and the district provides the state the share of local funding due to the charter school. The charter schools then receive the sum of this funding from the state. Charter schools authorized by local school districts receive almost all their funding (with the exception of funding for capital outlay) through the local school district that authorized them.</p>
Texas	<p>Some charter schools in Texas receive all funding directly from the state, while others receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools authorized by the State Commissioner of Education receive funding directly from the state while charter schools authorized by local school districts receive funding through local school districts.</p>
Utah	<p>Charter schools in Utah receive all funding directly from the state.</p>
Vermont	<p>Vermont does not have a law establishing charter schools.</p>
Virginia	<p>Charter schools in Virginia receive all funding through local school districts.</p> <p>All charter schools in Virginia are authorized by local school districts, and they receive funding through the school district that authorized them.</p>
Washington	<p>Charter schools in Washington receive all funding directly from the state.</p>
West Virginia	<p>West Virginia does not have a law establishing charter schools.</p>
Wisconsin	<p>Some charter schools in Wisconsin receive funding directly from the state, while others receive funding through local school districts.</p> <p>Charter schools authorized by entities other than local school districts, such as institutions of higher education and eligible cities and counties, are funded directly by the state. Charter schools authorized by local school districts receive funding from their students' district(s) of residence.</p> <p>Though charter schools authorized by entities other than local school districts are funded directly by the state, the state covers the cost by proportionally reducing state aid payments for all school districts or by having the districts where charter students reside bear the cost.</p>
Wyoming	<p>Charter schools in Wyoming receive funding through local school districts.</p> <p>All charter schools in Wyoming are authorized by local school districts, and they receive funding through the school district that authorized them.</p>

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

