Legal Status

In some states, charter schools constitute their own local education agencies, for federal accountability purposes, while in other states, charter schools are considered part of local education agencies. This report indicates the states in which charter schools are their own local education agencies and which are part of local education agencies.

Alabama	Some charter schools in Alabama constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies. Charter schools that had not previously been a traditional public school constitute their own local education agencies. Charter schools that had been converted from being a traditional public school to being a charter school remain a part of the local education agencies of the school district to which they belong.
Alaska	Charter schools in Alaska are part of local education agencies.
Arizona	Charter schools in Arizona constitute their own local education agencies.
Arkansas	Some charter schools in Arkansas constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies. Charter schools that had not previously been a traditional public school constitute their own local education agencies. Charter schools that had been converted from being a traditional public school remain a part of the local education agencies of the school district to which they belong.
California	Some charter schools in California constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies. Charter schools that elect to receive their state funding directly from the state constitute their own local education agencies, while those that elect to receive their funding from a school district are a part of the district's local education agency.
Colorado	Charter schools in Colorado are part of local education agencies.
Connecticut	Charter schools in Connecticut constitute their own local education agencies.
Delaware	Charter schools in Delaware constitute their own local education agencies.
District of Columbia	
Florida	Some charter schools in Florida constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies. Charter schools in Florida are generally part of the district's local education agency. However, a charter system that has all of its schools within the same county, has a total enrollment exceeding at least one district in the state, and has a single governing board may constitute its own local education agency.
Georgia	Some charter schools in Georgia constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies. Charter schools that had not previously been a traditional public school constitute their own local education agencies. Charter schools that had been converted from being a traditional public school to being a charter school remain a part of the local education agencies of the school district to which they belong.

Hawaii	Charter schools in Hawaii are part of local education agencies.
Idaho	Some charter schools in Idaho constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies.
Illinois	Some charter schools in Illinois constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies. Charter schools authorized by the Illinois State Charter School Commission constitute their own local education agency, while charter schools authorized by local school districts are part of that district.
Indiana	Charter schools in Indiana constitute their own local education agencies.
Iowa	Charter schools in Iowa are part of local education agencies. Charter schools in Iowa are part of the local education agency of the district where they are located.
Kansas	Charter schools in Kansas are part of local education agencies. Charter schools in Kansas are part of the local education agency of the district where they are located.
Kentucky	Kentucky does not currently have any charter schools.
Louisiana	Some charter schools in Louisiana constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies. Some types of charter schools, including those authorized by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and operated by a nonprofit organization and those that were transferred from the Recovery School District back to the local school district, constitute their own local education agencies. All other types of charter schools, including those operated by local school districts, are part of local education agencies.
Maine	Charter schools in Maine constitute their own local education agencies.
Maryland	Charter schools in Maryland are part of local education agencies. Charter schools in Maryland are part of the local education agency of the district where they are located.
Massachusetts	Charter schools in Massachusetts constitute their own local education agencies.
Michigan	Charter schools in Michigan constitute their own local education agencies.
Minnesota	Charter schools in Minnesota constitute their own local education agencies.
Mississippi	Charter schools in Mississippi constitute their own local education agencies.
Missouri	Charter schools in Missouri constitute their own local education agencies. However, there is one Kansas City charter school which is sponsored by the Kansas City School District and is a part of the district's local education agency.
Montana	Montana does not have a law establishing charter schools. 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 the state and through their local school district in the same way as for traditional public schools.
Nebraska	Nebraska does not have a law establishing charter schools.

Nevada	Charter schools in Nevada are part of local education agencies. Charter schools authorized by a local school district are part of the district's local education agency. The Nevada State Public Charter School Authority is considered the local education agency for the charter schools it authorizes.
New Hampshire	State contacts did not confirm whether charter schools in New Hampshire constitute their own local education agencies.
New Jersey	Charter schools in New Jersey constitute their own local education agencies.
New Mexico	Some charter schools in New Mexico constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies. Charter schools authorized by the state Public Education Commission constitute their own local education agencies while charter schools that are authorized by local school districts are part of the districts' local education agencies.
New York	Charter schools in New York constitute their own local education agencies.
North Carolina	Charter schools in North Carolina constitute their own local education agencies.
North Dakota	North Dakota does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Ohio	Charter schools in Ohio constitute their own local education agencies.
Oklahoma	Charter schools in Oklahoma constitute their own local education agencies. Charter schools 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 constitute their own local education agencies. Charter schools authorized by local school districts are considered a district within that school district but constitute local education agencies for purposes of federal funding.
Oregon	Charter schools in Oregon are part of local education agencies. Charter schools in Oregon are part of the local education agency where the charter is located.
Pennsylvania	Charter schools in Pennsylvania constitute their own local education agencies.
Rhode Island	Some charter schools in Rhode Island constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies. Charter schools operated by nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, or mayors of any city or town constitute local education agencies. However, charter schools operated by local school districts are part of local education agencies.
South Carolina	Charter schools in South Carolina are part of local education agencies. Charter schools authorized by a local school district are a part of the district's local education agency. For charter schools authorized by a statewide sponsoring agency, the agency serves as the local education agency.
South Dakota	South Dakota does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Tennessee	Charter schools in Tennessee are part of local education agencies. Charter schools authorized by a local school district are part of the district's local education agency. Charter schools authorized by the state are part of the local education agency of the state achievement school district.

Texas	Some charter schools in Texas constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies. Charter schools that are authorized by the State Board of Education constitute their own local education agencies while charter schools that are authorized by a local school district are a part of the district's local education agency.
Utah	Charter schools in Utah constitute their own local education agencies.
Vermont	Vermont does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Virginia	Charter schools in Virginia are part of local education agencies.
Washington	Charter schools in Washington constitute their own local education agencies.
West Virginia	West Virginia does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Wisconsin	Some charter schools in Wisconsin constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies. Charter schools authorized by entities other than local school districts, such as institutions of higher education and eligible cities and counties, constitute their own local education agencies, while charter schools that are authorized by a local school district are a part of local education agencies.
Wyoming	Charter schools in Wyoming are part of local education agencies.

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