FundEd: Charters Charter School Policies in Each State



Student Count

In some states, students in charter schools are counted as students of the school district where the charter school is located or as students of the school district where charter students reside. This report describes how student counts for charter schools are reported.

Alabama	Some charter school students in Alabama are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes, while other charter school students are counted as students of the school district in which the charter school is located.
	Students attending charter schools that had not previously been a traditional public school are counted as students of the charter school. Students attending charter schools that had been converted from a traditional public school to a charter school are counted as students of the school district.
Alaska	Charter school students in Alaska are counted as students of the school district in which the charter school is located for state reporting purposes.
Arizona	Charter school students in Arizona are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes.
Arkansas	Some charter school students in Arkansas are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes, while other charter school students are counted as students of the school district in which the charter school is located.
	Students attending charter schools that had not previously been a traditional public school are counted as students of the charter school. Students attending charter schools that had been converted from a traditional public school are counted as students of the school district.
California	Some charter school students in California are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes, while other charter school students are counted as students of the school district where the charter school is located.
	Charter schools in California may choose to receive their funding directly, or through a local school district. Students of charters that elect to receive state funding directly are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes, while students of charters that elect to receive funding through a local school district are counted as students of that school district.
Colorado	Charter school students in Colorado are counted as students of the school district in which the charter school is located for state reporting purposes.
Connecticut	Charter school students in Connecticut are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes.
Delaware	Charter school students in Delaware are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes.
District of Columbia	
Florida	State contacts did not confirm how charter school students in Florida are reported.

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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. Students of schools designated as a charter would continue to be counted as schools of the district where they are located for state reporting purposes.
Nebraska	Nebraska does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Nevada	Charter school students in Nevada are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes.
New Hampshire	State contacts did not confirm how charter school students in New Hampshire are reported.
New Jersey	Charter school students in New Jersey are counted as students of the school district(s) where the students reside for state reporting purposes.
New Mexico	Charter school students in New Mexico are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes.
New York	Charter school students in New York are counted as students of the school district(s) where the students reside for most state reporting purposes.
	Charter students are counted as students of the district(s) where they reside for most purposes, but charter school students are counted as students of the district where the charter is located for allocation of some program-specific allocations.
North Carolina	Charter school students in North Carolina are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes.
North Dakota	North Dakota does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Ohio	Charter school students in Ohio are counted as students of the school district(s) where the students reside for most state reporting purposes.
	However, the Ohio Department of Education is able to exclude charter students from school district student counts for some purposes.
Oklahoma	Charter school students in Oklahoma are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes.
Oregon	Charter school students in Oregon may be counted as students of the charter they attend or as students of the school district in which the charter school is located, for state reporting purposes.
	Charter school students are counted as students of the district in which the charter is located for the purpose of calculating funding. However, charter school students are counted as students of the charter they attend when the state collects student count data later in the year.
Pennsylvania	Charter school students in Pennsylvania are counted as students of the school district(s) where the students reside for most state reporting purposes.
	Charter school students are counted as students of the charter, but are then attributed to the district(s) where they reside.
Rhode Island	State contacts did not confirm how charter school students in Rhode Island are reported.
South Carolina	Charter school students in South Carolina are counted as students of the school district in which the charter school is located for state reporting purposes.

South Dakota	South Dakota does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Tennessee	Some charter school students in Tennessee are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes, while other charter school students are counted as students of the school district in which the charter school is located.
	Students attending charter schools authorized by the State Board of Education are counted as students of the charter while students attending charters authorized by a local school district are counted as students of that district.
Texas	Some charter school students in Texas are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes, while other charter school students are counted as students of the school district where the charter school is located.
	Students of charter schools that are authorized by the State Board of Education are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes while students of charter schools authorized by a local school district are counted as students of that district.
Utah	Charter school students in Utah are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes.
Vermont	Vermont does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Virginia	Charter school students in Virginia are counted as students of the school district in which the charter school is located for state reporting purposes.
Washington	Charter school students in Washington are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes.
West Virginia	West Virginia does not have a law establishing charter schools.
Wisconsin	Some charter school students in Wisconsin are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes, while other charter school students are counted as students of the school district where the charter school is located.
	Students of charter schools authorized by entities other than local school districts, such as institutions of higher education and eligible cities and counties, are counted as students of the charter they attend. Meanwhile, students of charter schools that are authorized by a local school district are counted as students of the authorizing district.
Wyoming	Charter school students in Wyoming are counted as students of the school district in which the charter school is located for state reporting purposes.

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