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A Detailed Look at Alaska's Charter Funding Policies

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Alaska

Funding Basics

Authorizer

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.

Funding Formula

Funding for charter schools in Alaska is calculated based on a formula similar to the one used to calculate funding for traditional public schools.

Like traditional public schools, charter schools are funded through a student-based formula that considers the characteristics of students they educate. Charter schools in Alaska have contracts with their authorizing school districts that specifies how much funding they will receive. However, state law specifies that charters must receive at least the funding generated by the students enrolled at the charter school, excluding certain administrative costs retained by the local school district. This reflects any additional funding for English-language learners, students with disabilities, gifted and talented students, or students in career and technical education programs.

Funding Distribution

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Charter schools in Alaska receive all funding through local school districts.

Charter schools receive all funding through the local school district through which they are authorized.

Withholdings

Charter schools in Alaska will have a share of their funding withheld, with the maximum set by state law.

Local school districts in Alaska that authorize charter schools may withhold up to 4% of charter funding to cover administrative costs.

Local Taxes

All charter schools in Alaska receive a share of local tax revenue.

Charter school funding in Alaska is calculated based on both state and local funds attributable to students attending the charter school. This includes revenue generated by required local property tax rates and any additional local property taxes imposed by local governments for education.

Data and Reporting

Legal Status

Charter schools in Alaska are part of local education agencies.

Student Count

Charter school students in Alaska are counted as students of the school district in which the charter school is located for state reporting purposes.

Funding

State funding for charter schools in Alaska is reported as part of state funding for the school district where the charter school is located.

Expenditures

Charter school expenditures in Alaska are reported as part of expenditures of the school district where the charter school is located.

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