

FundEd: Charters

A Detailed Look at Arizona's Charter Funding Policies



Arizona



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 Arizona may be authorized by the State Board of Education, the State Board for Charter Schools, or other entities, like institutions of higher education.

Funding Formula

Funding for charter schools in Arizona 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 Arizona receive additional funding for students in certain grade levels and English-language learners. However, the formula for calculating charter schools does not take into account teacher experience and calculates additional funding for small schools differently.

Funding Distribution

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Charter schools in Arizona receive all funding directly from the state.

Withholdings

State law in Arizona does not specify that a share of charter funding is withheld.

Local Taxes

Charter schools in Arizona do not receive a share of local tax revenue, but they do receive state funding that may be meant to replace local funding.

Charter schools in Arizona do not have access to revenue raised by local school districts. However, the state provides additional funding to charter schools at the rate of \$1,807 for students in grades K-8, and \$2,106 for students in grades 9-12, which may be meant to replace local tax revenue.

Data and Reporting

Legal Status

Charter schools in Arizona constitute their own local education agencies.

Student Count

Charter school students in Arizona are counted as students of the charter they attend for state reporting purposes.

Funding

State funding for charter schools in Arizona is reported separately from state funding for any district.

Expenditures

Charter school expenditures in Arizona are reported separately from expenditures of any school district.

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

