

FundEd: Charters

A Detailed Look at Hawaii's Charter Funding Policies



Hawaii



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 Hawaii may be authorized by State Public Charter Commission, and other entities approved by the board, including institutions of higher education, county or state agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

Funding Formula

Funding for charter schools in Hawaii 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 Hawaii may choose to receive funding through the student-based funding formula that the state uses for traditional public schools, which provides increased funding for students in certain grade levels, English-language learners, students from low-income households, and gifted and talented students. Alternatively, charter schools may propose to the State Board of Education to receive funding through an alternate student-based funding formula.

However, charter schools will not receive funding for special education, which is provided for charter students through the state's traditional public school system.

Funding Distribution

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

Charter schools are funded directly through legislative appropriation.

Withholdings

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

Entities that authorized charter schools may retain up to 10% of charter schools' funding as a contingency balance to ensure fiscal accountability and compliance.

Local Taxes

Hawaii is one, statewide school district and does not raise any local tax revenue.

Data and Reporting

Legal Status

Charter schools in Hawaii are part of local education agencies.

Student Count

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

Funding

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

Expenditures

Charter school expenditures in Hawaii 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

