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A Detailed Look at Iowa's Charter Funding Policies

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Iowa

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 Iowa must be authorized by both the local school district and the State Board of Education.

Funding Formula

Funding for charter schools in Iowa is not subject to a specific calculation.

Iowa state law does not specify how charter schools should be funded. Charter schools are considered part of local school districts for funding purposes and the local school district may fund charters as it does any other school within its district. However, charter schools must submit its financial plans as part of its application for a charter.

Funding Distribution

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

Withholdings

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

Local Taxes

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

Iowa state law does not specify how charter schools should be funded. However, charter schools are considered part of local school districts for funding purposes and the local school district funds charters as it does any other school within its district, including by sharing local tax revenue.

Data and Reporting

Legal Status

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.

Student Count

Charter school students in Iowa 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 Iowa is reported as part of state funding for the school district where the charter school is located.

Expenditures

Charter school expenditures in Iowa 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

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