# FundEd: Charters A Detailed Look at Idaho's Charter Funding Policies

## Idaho



# **P** 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 Idaho may be authorized by local school districts, the Public Charter School Commission, and other entities such as institutions of higher education.

#### Funding Formula

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

Like traditional public schools, charter schools in Idaho are funded through a resource-based funding formula that determines assumes different staff ratios for students in different grade level, students with disabilities, and small schools. Charter schools are also eligible for most program-specific allocations, such as grant funding for English-language learners.

Virtual charter schools are funded based on either students' actual hours of attendance or the percentage of coursework completed at the charter, whichever is more advantageous to the charter.

## **≔** Funding Distribution

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

#### Withholdings

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

Entities that authorize charter schools, including local school districts, the Public Charter School Commission, and institutions of higher education may charge charter school a fee to defray the cost of monitoring, evaluation, and oversight.

#### Local Taxes

Charter schools in Idaho do not receive a share of local tax revenue.

# 🖹 Data and Reporting

#### Legal Status

Some charter schools in Idaho constitute their own local education agencies, while others are a part of local education agencies.

#### Student Count

 $Charter \, school \, students \, in \, Idaho \, are \, counted \, as \, students \, of \, the \, charter \, they \, attend \, for \, state \, reporting \, purposes.$ 

#### **Funding**

State funding for charter schools in Idaho 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

