

# FundEd: Charters

## A Detailed Look at Maryland's Charter Funding Policies



## Maryland



### 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 Maryland may be authorized by local school districts.

#### Funding Formula

Funding for charter schools in Maryland is calculated based on local school district expenditures.

Maryland state law requires that charter schools should be funded at a rate commensurate with other schools in the district. Based on this requirement, the Maryland State Board of Education has established guidance to local school system authorizers to calculate charter funding based on the local school district's total operating budget per student count. Certain parts of the budget, such as debt service and funding for adult education, are excluded from the calculation, and any state and federal funding for which the charter is not eligible is subtracted at the end of the calculation.

### Funding Distribution

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

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

#### Withholdings

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

The State Board allows the local district to withhold up to 2% of the per pupil amount for administrative costs.

#### Local Taxes

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

Maryland state law requires that charter schools should be funded at a rate commensurate with other schools in the district. Based on this requirement, the Maryland State Board of Education calculates charter funding in a way that includes funding raised by local governments for local school districts.

### Data and Reporting

#### Legal Status

Charter schools in Maryland are part of local education agencies.

Charter schools in Maryland are part of the local education agency of the district where they are located.

#### Student Count

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

#### Expenditures

Charter school expenditures in Maryland 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](http://charters.funded.edbuild.org)

