

FundEd: Charters

A Detailed Look at Michigan's Charter Funding Policies



Michigan



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 Michigan may be authorized by local school districts and other entities, such as intermediate school districts, community colleges, and state public universities.

Funding Formula

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

Charter schools in Michigan receive either the base per student funding equal to that of the district where the school is located or the state maximum charter school allocation, whichever is less. Virtual charter schools receive the base per student funding equal to that of the district that authorized the school or the state maximum, whichever is less. The state maximum charter school allocation is calculated each year. For 2018-2019, the maximum charter school allocation is \$7,871.

However, like traditional public schools, charter schools are eligible for increased funding for students with particular needs, such as English-language learners and students from low-income households.

Funding Distribution

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

Withholdings

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

Entities that authorize charter schools, which include local school districts, intermediate school districts, community colleges, and state public universities, may withhold up to 3% of charter funding for oversight costs.

Local Taxes

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

Data and Reporting

Legal Status

Charter schools in Michigan constitute their own local education agencies.

Student Count

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

Funding

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

Expenditures

Charter school expenditures in Michigan 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



