

FundEd: Charters

A Detailed Look at Minnesota's Charter Funding Policies



Minnesota



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 Minnesota may be authorized by local school districts and other entities, such as intermediate school districts, nonprofit organizations, and institutions of higher education.

Funding Formula

Funding for charter schools in Minnesota 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 funding formula, adjusted for certain student characteristics, like grade level, English-language learners, and students from low-income households. For some types of funding, including funding for English-language learners and students from low-income households, the charter school's level of funding is calculated separately for each charter, based on the characteristics of the charter students. For other types of funding, like for gifted and talented programs and for schools in sparsely populated areas, charter schools receive the per student state average for those types of funding.

In addition, charter schools receive state funding meant to compensate for property wealth disparities, in an amount that depends on the charter students' district(s) of residence.

Funding Distribution

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

Withholdings

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

Local Taxes

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

Data and Reporting

Legal Status

Charter schools in Minnesota constitute their own local education agencies.

Student Count

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

Funding

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

Expenditures

Charter school expenditures in Minnesota 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

