

FundEd: Charters

A Detailed Look at New Hampshire's Charter Funding Policies



New Hampshire



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 New Hampshire may be authorized by local school districts, with the approval of the State Board of Education or State Board of Education alone.

Funding Formula

Funding for some charter schools in New Hampshire is calculated based on a formula similar to the one used to calculate funding for traditional public schools, while funding for other charter schools is calculated based on local school district expenditures.

Like traditional public schools, charter schools authorized by the state are funded through a student-based funding formula, with additional funding for English-language learners, students from low-income households, and for third grade students who score below proficiency in reading. In addition, state authorized charter schools will receive an additional \$3,411 per student, beginning in 2018-19. Charter schools authorized by local school districts receive at least 80% of the per student cost in the district. The state Department of Education will determine the cost per student in each district based on data of district expenditures reported to the state.

Funding Distribution

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Some charter schools in New Hampshire receive all funding directly from the state, while others receive all funding through local school districts.

Charter schools that are authorized by the state will receive all funding directly from the state. In addition, the state will pay the state's formula amount for students attending a charter school authorized by a local school district that is not their district of residence. However, a charter school authorized by a local school district will receive funding for students who reside in that district through that district.

Withholdings

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

Though state law does not specify a fee, charter schools that are authorized by local school district may receive as little as 80% of the average per student cost in that district.

Local Taxes

Some charter schools in New Hampshire receive a share of local tax revenue, while other charter schools receive state funding that may be meant to replace local funding.

Charter schools that are authorized by local school districts are funded based on local school district expenditures, including funding raised through local taxes. Charter schools that are authorized by the state do not receive a share of local tax revenue, but state statute does require that such charters receive \$3,411 per student in addition to their state funding level.

Data and Reporting

Legal Status

State contacts did not confirm whether charter schools in New Hampshire constitute their own local education agencies.

Student Count

State contacts did not confirm how charter school students in New Hampshire are reported.

Funding

State contacts did not confirm how state funding for charter schools in New Hampshire is reported.

Expenditures

State contacts did not confirm how charter expenditures are reported in New Hampshire.

For a complete list of primary sources, please see the appropriate state page at charters.funded.edbuild.org

