

FundEd: Charters

A Detailed Look at Oregon's Charter Funding Policies



Oregon



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 Oregon may be authorized by local school districts and the State Board of Education, on appeal.

Funding Formula

Funding for charter schools in Oregon 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 formula that considers the characteristics of students they educate. Charter schools authorized by a local school district receive from that district 80% of the school district's weighted per student funding for students in grades K-8, and 95% for students in grades 9-12. Charters that are authorized by the State Board of Education will receive, from the school district where they are located, 90% of the district's weighted per student funding for students in grades K-8, and 95% of the district's per student funding for students in grades 9-12. As with that of traditional public schools, charter schools' student count is weighted to provide increased funding for English-language learners, students from low-income households, students with disabilities, and other student groups.

Local school districts may also share local funds with charter schools.

Funding Distribution

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

Charter schools in Oregon receive funding from the local school district where they are located.

Withholdings

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

Local school districts may withhold between 5% and 20% percent of the school districts funding per student for administrative and fixed costs associated with having a charter in their district.

Local Taxes

Some charter schools in Oregon may receive a share of local tax revenue, while other charter schools may not.

Distribution of local tax revenue is left to individual districts, so charter schools in some districts may receive a share of local revenue.

Data and Reporting

Legal Status

Charter schools in Oregon are part of local education agencies.

Charter schools in Oregon are part of the local education agency where the charter is located.

Student Count

Charter school students in Oregon may be counted as students of the charter they attend or as students of the school district in which the charter school is located, for state reporting purposes.

Charter school students are counted as students of the district in which the charter is located for the purpose of calculating funding. However, charter school students are counted as students of the charter they attend when the state collects student count data later in the year.

Funding

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

Expenditures

Charter school expenditures in Oregon 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

