

What is a Charter School?

- A public school funded with public money – No tuition
- Non-sectarian, non-religious, and may not discriminate in student admissions
- Operated by parents, educators, and/or community leaders
- Free to be a unique school designed to meet the needs of the students it intends to serve
- Provides special education services to student who meet the state's eligibility requirements
- Operates under a contract with a sponsor
- Accountable for academic and non-academic outcomes
- The same transportation as local district schools can be provided
- The same graduation standards as other schools
- Commits to improving achievement as a condition of its charter