



# FIVE CHARTER SCHOOL FACTS

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## **FACT: CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Charter schools are tuition-free, independently run public schools and open to all students. They are granted greater flexibility in operations for greater accountability for performance. Their “charter” is a contract detailing the school’s mission, program, the students they serve, performance goals, and methods of assessment.

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## **FACT: CHARTER SCHOOLS SERVE ALL STUDENTS**

Charter schools do not have selective admission requirements. They accept every student who wish to attend, including English Learners, students with special needs, and students of color. Unfortunately, due to the high demand for charter schools, over one million students are currently on wait lists.

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## **FACT: CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE ACCOUNTABLE**

Charter schools are granted more educational flexibility in exchange for higher accountability. They must meet both state and federal education standards as well as rigorous student achievement, financial, and managerial standards to retain their charter.

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## **FACT: CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE DIVERSE**

Charter schools are incredibly diverse, providing unique learning opportunities for students. Some cater to children with special needs, some to students who require credit recovery, while some have specific educational foci such as math, science, art, or the performing arts.

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## **FACT: CHARTER SCHOOLS GET RESULTS**

By meeting students exactly where they are and tailoring the educational experience to their particular needs, charter schools allow kids to reach their full potential. Studies show that charter schools often outperform their district traditional school counterparts. They are also graduating ready for college and careers at higher rates.



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