Get the Facts about Charter Public Schools



Misconception #1

"Charter schools are private schools."

FACT: Charter schools are public schools.

In Colorado, there are over **1,900 public schools** serving over 886,000 students. These public schools may be:



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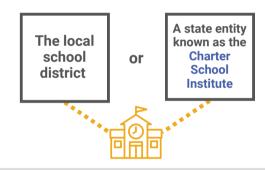
Traditional Schools

Charter Schools

Innovation Schools

Within the state, there are over **260 charter public schools**. These charter public schools are either overseen by:





Misconception #2

"Charter schools are not part of the local community." FACT: Charter schools have been a piece of Colorado's public education community for nearly 30 years.

Charter public schools **serve and partner** with their local communities.

Those applying to open a charter school must demonstrate **community need and support**.

Schools are overseen by their boards of education, which can be comprised of parents and community members.

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Misconception #3

"Charter schools are not held accountable."

FACT: The state holds all public schools, including charter public schools, accountable for academic performance.

Each public school, including charter public schools, receives a plan rating based on its academic performance by the state.



CSI schools are evaluated against additional measures, including performance in academics, finance, and operations.

Misconception #4

"Charter schools do not serve all students."

FACT: Charter public schools serve all students.

Charter public schools are open to all.

- Public schools must use a fair & transparent enrollment selection process.
- Rule and law prohibit discrimination based on academic ability or the need for special education services.
 - Charter public schools offer unique educational models to meet the unique needs of their communities.

CSI schools serve students that are reflective of the state average for emerging multilingual learners, students of color, and students with a 504 plan, and continue to increase service to students with special needs.

