



Charter Schools 101

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By the end of our time today, I can...



Briefly describe charter schools in Maryland.

Understand the charter school approval process.

Understand the budgetary differences of charter schools in MD.

Describe the role of the district in oversight.



Charter Schools in Maryland

- Maryland charter schools are public schools operated by independent nonprofit organizations.
- The charter is awarded by the local board of education and grants the school more operational autonomy than non-charter (traditional) public schools.
- Public charter schools are tuition-free and open to all students.
- LEAs manage the application, renewal, and revocation/closure processes in a similar manner to traditional nonpublic schools, while honoring the autonomy in the respective charter agreements.

CCPS Charter School Process

Intention Form- Two-page Non-profit,
focus, grades served

Prospectus- Mission, needs of community,
curricular approach, finances

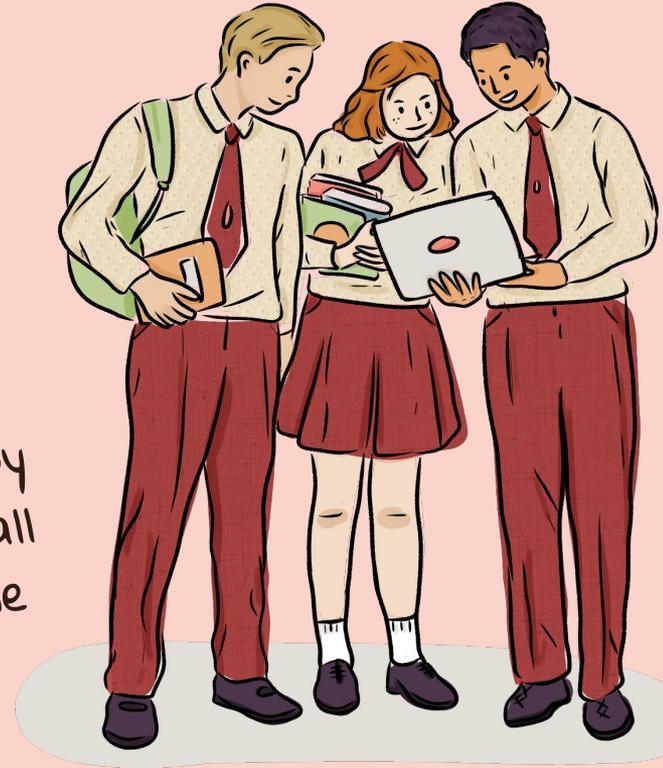


CCPS Charter School Process

Application

Part I: Overview	Part II: Instruction & Student Services	Part III: Business & Management Services
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Executive Summary2. Profile of Founding Group3. Background Information4. Governance Structure5. School Management and Administrative Structure6. Student Population and Admissions7. School Calendar8. School Recruiting and Marketing Plan9. Private School Conversion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Educational Plan2. Academic Programs, Standards, and Curriculum3. Student Assessment4. Student Support Services5. Code of Student Conduct6. Family Involvement and Community Participation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Personnel2. Human Resources Information3. School Facilities4. Finances5. Schools Safety and Security6. Transportation7. Food and Nutrition Services8. Accountability Plan9. Final Documentation

Charter Agreement- contract that is binding by law and explains in detail the responsibilities of all the parties involved in the implementation of the public charter school.





Charter School

Budgeting

- Per Student Allotment (PSA) is given to charter schools
- PSA is determined by the cost per student in the district, minus title funds
- PSA is given quarterly
- Charter school must follow the same rules and policies for procurement, etc.
- Charter school creates a budget



Charter School Budgeting

- Budget includes rent/mortgage, utilities, salaries, insurance, MOI, furniture, etc.
- Transportation: \$1,000 per student
 - 2% administrative fee
 - In-kind services

District Oversight

Family & Comm Support

Partnerships with community and families

Business & Management

Financial resources and sound business decision-making

School Climate

Inclusive of staff, families, and students

Student Services

S/E learning, extra-curricular, health services, etc.

Governance & Mngmt

Board composition and competency

Instructional Programs

Educational options and programs

Operational Compliance

Compliance of charter agreement and application



More Information

CCPS Charter Application

<https://www.ccboe.com/community/charter-school-application>

MSDE Charter School Website

<https://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/pages/charter-schools/index.aspx>

National Network for Charter School Authorizing

<https://nnfda.org/>

Maryland Alliance of Public Charter Schools

<https://mdcharters.org/>

