



NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

Fun Facts about North Carolina's Charter Schools

DID YOU KNOW?

- Authorized by the State Board of Education, Charter Schools are tuition-free public schools of choice that are operated by independent non-profit boards of directors.
- There are 173 charter schools in the state, educating nearly 7% of all public school students which is over 100,000 students this year. Charter Schools are held to the same accountability standards as district schools.
- The North Carolina Association for Public Charter Schools (NCAPCS) is the leading Charter School membership organization in the state. NCAPCS is dedicated to advancing quality educational opportunities for all children in North Carolina by supporting and expanding successful Charter Schools. NCAPCS serves as an advocate on behalf of all North Carolina public Charter Schools in addition to providing a broad spectrum of technical support, mentoring, training, networking, and purchasing services to its membership.

Charter School stakeholders have identified the following areas as legislative priorities:

- ***Expand Transportation Grant funding to allow all Charter Schools offering transportation, regardless of the percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, to apply. Expanding the transportation costs eligible for reimbursement through the Grant would further advance the mission of increasing diversity, so it should include bus driver salaries.***
- ***Allow County Commissioners to fund capital and technology projects at Charter Schools.***
- ***Increase parity of Charter Schools in grant and funding opportunities.***

How are Charter Schools funded in North Carolina?

	Charter Schools	District Schools
Local Funds excluding Capital Expenses	YES	YES
Local Funds for Capital Expenses	NO	YES
State Funds	YES	YES
Federal Funds	YES	YES
Buses	NO	YES
Facilities	NO	YES

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