

# DISCOVER CHARTER SCHOOLS

## Public Schools That Put Kids First



## Get the facts about charter public schools.

### Is my charter school a public school?

Yes. Our school is public, free and open to all.

### Who can attend charter public schools?

**Anyone!** Our school is open to all students and does not have special eligibility or entrance requirements. Charter public schools are built on the belief that every student should have the chance to go to a great school that puts their needs first, regardless of zip code, income or ability level.

### What makes my charter public school different from other public schools?

We all know a “one-size fits all” approach doesn’t work when it comes to education. Our school offers the personal attention, creativity and passionate teaching that kids need to learn. Our charter public school is free from bureaucratic restrictions and red tape that gets between students, teachers and learning. In exchange, our school is held to high performance standards.

### How are charter public schools held accountable?

Our school puts the needs of students first, not the interests of the bureaucracy. Every family at our school made a choice to be here – and will choose another public school if we don’t meet their needs. To ensure we meet that high standard for all families, we are accountable to the same state and federal public education laws and undergo extensive oversight by a charter school authorizer.

### How are charter public schools funded and managed?

Our school is publicly funded and open to **ALL** students. Like all public schools, we also fundraise and receive donations to help support our students. Charter public schools are free and 99 percent are managed by not-for-profit organizations.

### Who teaches at charter public schools?

The passionate and dedicated teachers at our school are required to have the same credentials as teachers at any other type of public school in California.

### How are charter public schools doing at preparing students for success?

Charter public schools in California school combine the key ingredients for an excellent public education – great teachers, motivated students and involved parents – and focus on preparing students for success in college, careers and life. As a result, charter public schools are graduating more students and sending more kids to college than other types of public schools in the state.

### How do charter public schools help California’s public school system?

Public education is the backbone of the American Dream. Our school is an important part of strengthening California’s public school system. Charter public schools offer more kids an opportunity for a great public education at schools that put their needs first.