



What You Should Know About Charter Schools

1. They are open to all students.
2. They are pioneers & innovators - they are mission driven schools created by educators who envision a school committed to a particular purpose and philosophy.
3. They are appealing to teachers because they can harness the often stifled energy of innovative and experienced educators.
4. They are meeting parent's needs by providing education CHOICE. Charter school legislation honors the right of parents to make informed choices about their child's education by tying state education money to the child, not to the neighborhood school.
5. They play an important part in school reform by serving as research & development centers for the public education system.
6. They have a record of high student achievement. Most charter schools are succeeding in their mandate. When they fail, they are closed, not unlike a business. To date, less than 9% of charter schools have been closed nationwide.
7. They are committed to improving public education.
8. They are part of the public education system.



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