

Free + Public + Open to All = Charter Schools.

GET THE FACTS



With [285 charter schools](#) across the Mitten, they are an embedded part of Michigan's public school system and are free, public, and open to all that apply. No tuition fees or admissions tests here!



Nearly [all public school teachers \(97%\)](#) agree that one size does not fit all when it comes to educating children, especially traditional district teachers who agree at a resounding 98% according to a national survey of more than 1,200 public school teachers.



Many MI charter schools serve refugee, immigrant, and culturally diverse families all without increased funding even though they provide support like adult language classes, community resources and more to one of the nation's most diverse student populations.

MAPSA'S DIGITAL INFLUENCE

MAPSA's online audience of engaged stakeholders ranges from parents, teachers, school leaders, community influencers, and more. With over [8,500 social media followers](#) and over [one million impressions each month](#), our engaged advocates understand that they each need to have their voice heard by lawmakers.

Learn more at charterschools.org

36
ADD'L
DAYS IN
READING

ARE CHARTER SCHOOLS PERFORMING?

Michigan is a top 10 state that showed the best performance among charter schools nationally. According to Stanford University's CREDO study, a student in a Michigan charter school gains an additional [36 days a year of learning in reading](#) and an additional [24 days a year of learning in math](#). Charter schools are closing the achievement gap for poor, black, and brown students.

32%
COST
EFFICIENT

HOW DOES FUNDING WORK?

Unlike traditional public schools, charter schools receive no state funding for facilities and cannot leverage local bond and millage funding for their buildings. On average, MI public charter schools [receive about 20% less funding](#) per pupil than traditional schools, yet are [32% more cost-effective](#) than the average traditional public school in the same city.

54%
DEMS

WHO SUPPORTS CHARTER SCHOOLS?

Charter schools serve students and families across Michigan ranging in virtually every demographic category - culturally, socioeconomically, etc. - and as such see support from many, diverse Michiganders. A recent poll showed that [54.3% of Democrats, 78.3% of Republicans](#), and 62.8% of Independents support charters - those numbers are up in every category since 2020 (MRG, 2022).

285
MI
CHARTERS

WHY DO FAMILIES CHOOSE CHARTERS?

Charter schools have the flexibility and autonomy to differentiate their curriculum, facilities, and school focus. Some may focus on college prep, Montessori curriculum, fine arts, and more. Some charter schools require uniforms, others teach their entire curriculum in two languages. The possibilities are endless, but charter schools aim to provide a range of options so parents can decide what best fits their child's needs.