



ELMORE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ALL ABOUT CHARTER SCHOOLS

Elmore County Public School Systems became a charter school authorizer in 2021. As a charter school authorizer, ECPS is responsible for the approval, monitoring, and closure of charter schools in Elmore County.



What is a charter school?

Charter schools are public schools that operate under a written contract. They are freed from many of the rules that govern other public schools.

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How is a charter school different from traditional public schools?

Charter schools receive more **autonomy** in exchange for more accountability. They have greater autonomy in terms of curriculum, textbooks, instructional methods and class schedules as well as financial and personnel decisions.

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How are charter schools held accountable for results?

Like other public schools, charters must follow all state laws related to accountability, student testing, content standards, health, and safety. If they do not meet the performance measures laid out in their charter contract, they can be closed.

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Can charter schools be selective about which students attend?

Absolutely not. Charter schools must serve all students who wish to attend, regardless of race, income level, disability, academic achievement, or athletic ability.

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Why were charter schools developed?

They have emerged as an important component of a larger school choice movement.

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What type of funding do charter schools receive?

Charter schools are eligible for federal and state funding, which is typically distributed on a per-pupil basis.

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More questions about
charter schools?



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