



Louisiana Association
of Public Charter Schools

Get to Know Louisiana's Public Schools: Charter and Traditional Models



Charter schools are tuition-free public schools. Charter schools strengthen the public school system by offering more families an opportunity for a great public education by choosing a school that meets their kids' needs. Charter public schools have a deep commitment to ensuring students are prepared for college, career, and life.



Side by Side

	Charters	Traditional
Must serve students in accordance with state and federal laws, including Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners	X	X
Cannot charge tuition or be affiliated with any religion	X	X
Must adhere to state and federal anti-discrimination laws for students and staff	X	X
Must conduct state student assessment tests and participate in the state's school and district accountability system	X	X
Must spend 70% of MFP funds on instructional expenses	X	X
Must comply with Louisiana's Open Meetings Law, Code of Ethics, Public Records Act, Budgetary Act, and Public Bid Law for Public Works Projects	X	X
Must use the state's Compass teacher evaluation tool	X	X
Must enroll certain percentage of students with disabilities and economically disadvantaged students at each school site	X	
May offer private employment benefits to teachers and staff	X	
Must submit quarterly financial reports, in addition to annual financial budget reports	X	
May not renew a charter contract if academic, financial, and/or organizational performance metrics are not met within an allotted time frame of 3-10 years	X	