

REPORT: Oregon Public Charter Schools Receive Less Than Half The Funding of Their District Counterparts

Oregon's charter school law shortchanges public charter school students, and it's up to the Oregon legislature to fix this. All students in Oregon's public education system should have access to fairly funded public education options that meet their needs.

Key Findings

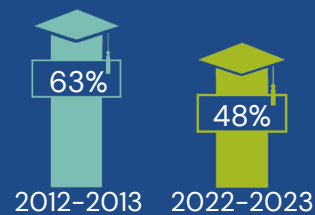
Over the last ten years, charter school enrollment has gone up, but funding relative to enrollment has decreased according to a new report by ECONorthwest. During that time, funding for charter schools dropped to 48% of their district-run counterparts from 63% in 2013. That translates to \$6,000 less per student, and also contributes to a 21% gap in teacher compensation compared to district-run schools.

Total Schools

115–120 in-person charter schools
(no significant change since 2013)

Total Students

25,000 students in 2023, up from **20,000** in 2013.



In 2023, charter schools within districts received only 48% of the per-student funding that district-run schools in the same district received, down from 63% in 2013.

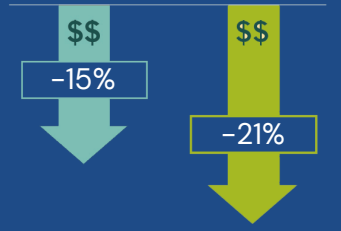
2012-2013 2022-2023



In 2023, charter schools received \$6,000 less per student compared to their district-run counterparts.

In 2023, charter school teachers were compensated 21% less than district teachers, a 6% wider compensation gap compared to 2013.

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The Oregon Coalition of Community Charter Schools is a coalition of community-based, public charter schools representing all corners of our state. Although we are all unique in our pedagogy and practice, what unites us is our commitment to educational innovation and to high-quality schools for all students. Our mission is to provide a voice and sustainable support and guidance for the members of our coalition.