

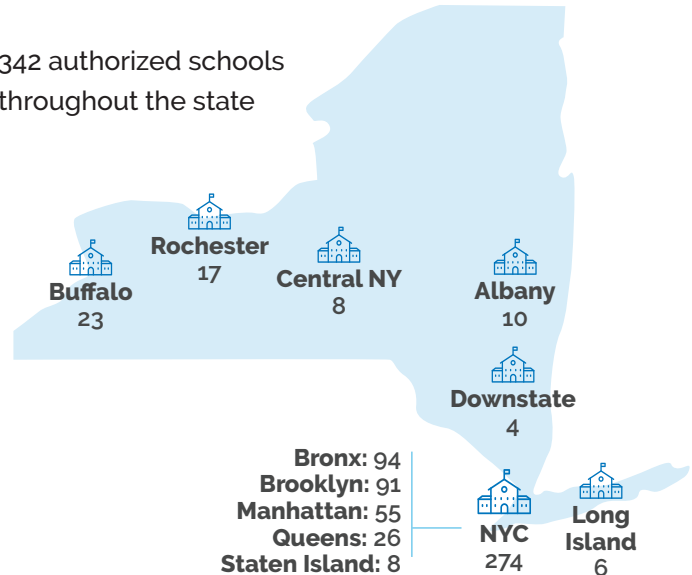
NEW YORK'S PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

Advancing Equity
in Education



About Our Schools

342 authorized schools
throughout the state



About Our Students

More than

182,500

students total



94%

students of color
58% statewide enrollment

81%

economically disadvantaged students
56% statewide enrollment

17%

students with disabilities
18% statewide enrollment

9%

ELL students
10% statewide enrollment

Data based on SY23-24 counts from [NYSED Information and Reporting Services](#)

All parents should have the freedom to pick the right school for their child's individual needs. Many parents in low-income communities do not have any options outside their local traditional public school. New York's public charter schools give these parents and students additional high-quality options that they desperately need.

About Charter Schools in Buffalo

As of Fall 2023, there are **23 public charter schools** operating in Buffalo serving more than **12,700 students**. Like their counterparts throughout the state, each of the public charter schools currently operating in Buffalo completed a rigorous approval process to open and clearly demonstrated an existing community need for their services. And as evidenced by recent [NYS assessment data](#), public charter schools are working. Students in grades 3-8 from public charter schools perform 7 percentage points better than all public schools statewide in both ELA and Math and tested a larger portion of their students with disabilities than any other type of school in the state.



About Our Programming

Schools work best when teachers have the freedom and time to personalize student learning. Public charter schools have more autonomy over their staffing, budget, educational program, school culture, and professional development than traditional public schools. That autonomy is why public charter schools are known for finding new ways to use technology, increase teacher involvement, and craft creative lesson plans.

Families within Buffalo can find unique public charter school options such as:

Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School II...
*Featuring a **STEM- infused college preparatory curriculum** for students in grades K-12.*

Enterprise Charter School...
*Focused on **project based learning, comprehensive arts education, and individualized instruction for enrichment and remediation.***

Charter School of Inquiry...
*Infusing the **heritage and culture of people of African descent**, embracing the concept of **Ubuntu** and promoting academic growth through challenging **student-led investigations.***

Western New York Maritime Charter School...
*Offering a program based on **military code of conduct and chain of command for students looking for a career in the military.***