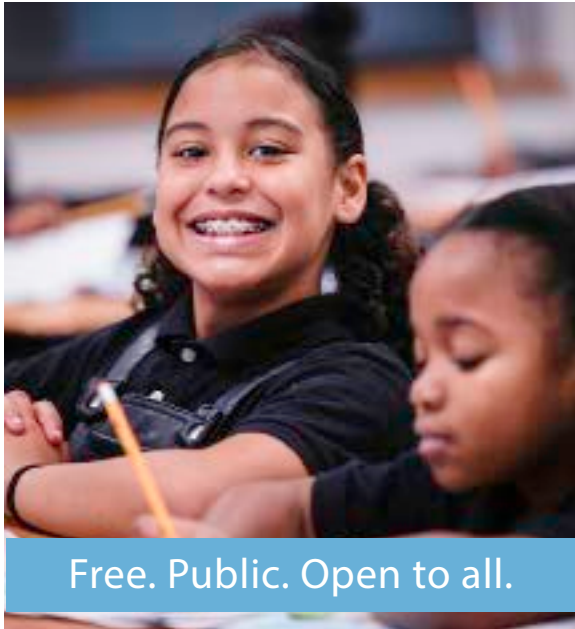


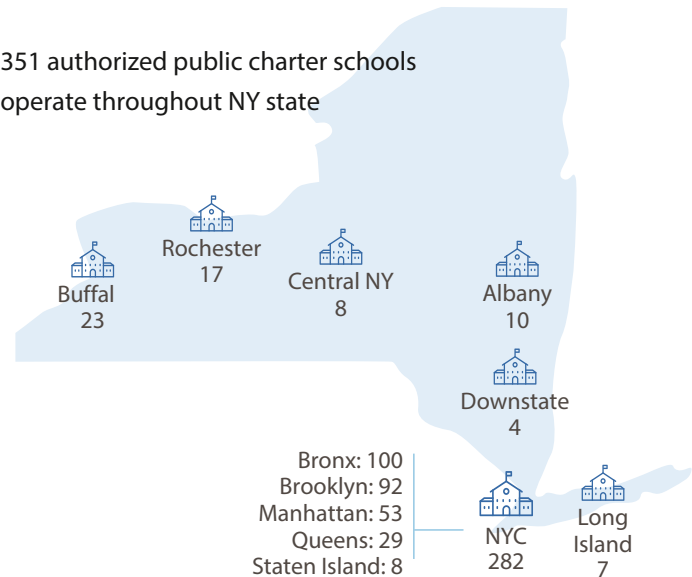
# NEW YORK'S PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

Innovative schools  
for students who  
need them most.



## About Our Schools

351 authorized public charter schools  
operate throughout NY state



## About Our Students

More than

# 187,400

total public charter school students in NY



## 94%

are students of color,  
compared to 58% statewide

## 81%

come from economically disadvantaged  
families, compared to 56% statewide

## 17%

are students with disabilities,  
compared to 18% statewide

## 6%

are English-language learners,  
compared to 10% statewide

Data based on SY24-25 counts from [NYSED Information and Reporting Services](#)

All parents should have the freedom to decide on 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, innovative options that can inspire their educational journeys.



## What Charters Offer Students

Public charter schools have the freedom to innovate in their educational approaches, while remaining accountable to the same standards of public district schools. Public charter schools offer rigorous academic programs aimed at addressing learning gaps, preparing students for success in the next levels of their education and careers, and delivering skills needed for the 21st century economy. Often serving students for whom traditional schools were ineffective, public charter schools develop personalized learning approaches and interventions. Their autonomy over staffing, budget, programs, school culture, and professional development.

NY's public charter schools specialize in areas such as:

- Addressing achievement gaps
- Serving diverse student populations
- A wide range of student needs, including:
  - Autism
  - Dyslexia
  - Literacy Acquisition
- Over-age and under-credited students
- Computer engineering / computer science
- Law and social justice
- Military preparation
- Music and performing arts
- STEM / STEAM education



### PUBLIC

Charter schools are public schools that are tuition-free and open to all



### INNOVATIVE

Freedom to develop programming that meets unique student needs, circumstances, and learning styles



### ACCOUNTABLE

Held to the highest standards and subject to regular review

## DID YOU KNOW?

Fast facts about NY's public charter schools

Public charter schools are **tuition-free public schools** that are open equally to all, regardless of race, ethnicity, zip code, income, or ability.

They have the freedom to innovate, while being held to the same standards as district schools.

Public charter school educators offer **individualized support** that **targets learning gaps** and sets students on a path to success in the next levels of their education and their careers.

Charter schools **do not require entrance exams** or have special requirements for admission.

Charter school students and staff **reflect the diversity** of their communities.

When a charter school opens, it **does not decrease funding** for other public schools.