

NEW YORK'S PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

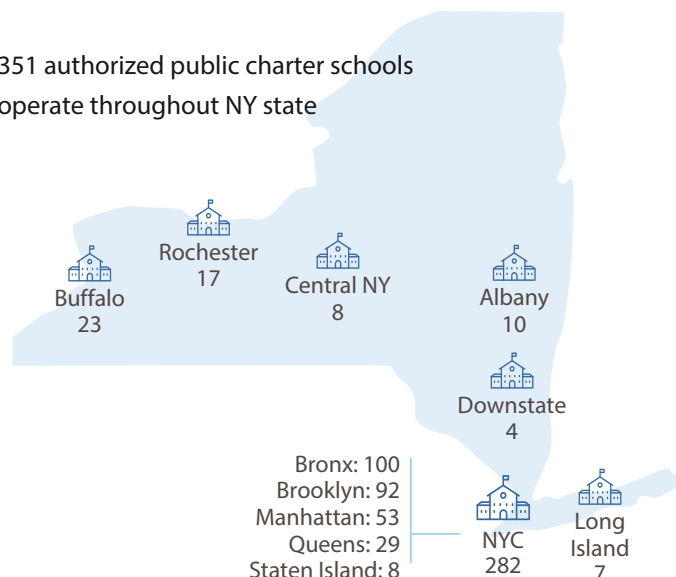
*Innovative schools
that are as unique
as your student.*



Free. Public. Open to all.

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

In NY's Capital & Downstate Regions:

6,040

public charter school students in 24-25



Statewide Demographics

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%

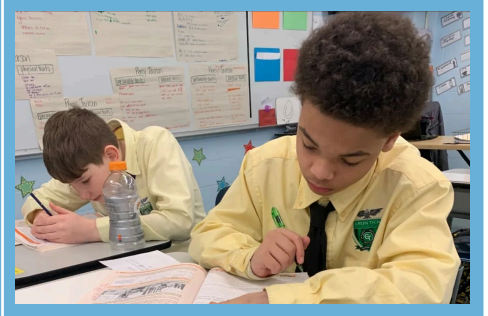
are English-language learners,
compared to 10% statewide

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 and **prepare them for the next levels of education and career.**

About Public Charter Schools in Capital Region & Downstate NY

As of Spring 2025, there are 14 public charter schools operating in NY's Capital & Downstate Regions, serving 6,040 students. Like their counterparts throughout the state, each of these public charter schools 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.



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 through their autonomy over staffing, budget, programs, culture, and professional development.

Unique charter school options in the Capital & Downstate Regions

Little Water Prep Charter School

*Infusing the **arts and real-world, project-based learning** throughout every component of the school day to develop well-rounded students who are engaged in their educational journey.*

Henry Johnson Charter School

*Providing an **extended focus on English Language Arts**, with up to three hours daily devoted to reading and writing to ensure students are equipped to succeed.*

Green Tech High Charter School

*Providing **young men in grades 6-12** with a **hybrid learning environment** of four days of on-campus instruction and one day of virtual instruction each week throughout the school year.*

Albany Leadership Charter School for Girls

Designed to prepare students for a successful transition to post-secondary education, ALCS aims to make high-quality education attainable for all girls.