

NEW YORK'S PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

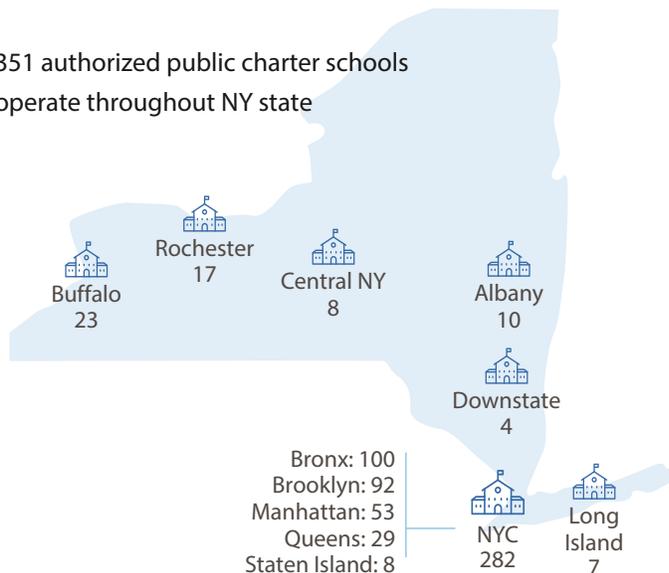
Innovative schools that are as unique as your student.



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 Queens:

17,167

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 Queens

As of Spring 2025, there are 29 public charter schools operating in Queens, serving 17,167 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 Queens

Growing Up Green Charter School

Providing a **hands-on, interdisciplinary** education focused on **environmental sustainability** and an engaging “green” culture.

New Dawn Charter High School II

An **alternative high school** for over-aged, under-credited youth ages 16 to 21 years, those who are English Language Learners, and those with special needs.

Forte Preparatory Academy

Offering engaging enrichment opportunities in the **performing arts** every day through an integrated curriculum that aligns with the content of the school’s literacy and history programming.

Our World Neighborhood Charter School II

Providing an elementary curriculum based on **active inquiry, experiential learning,** and social justice to inspire future learning and engagement.