

# NEW YORK'S PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

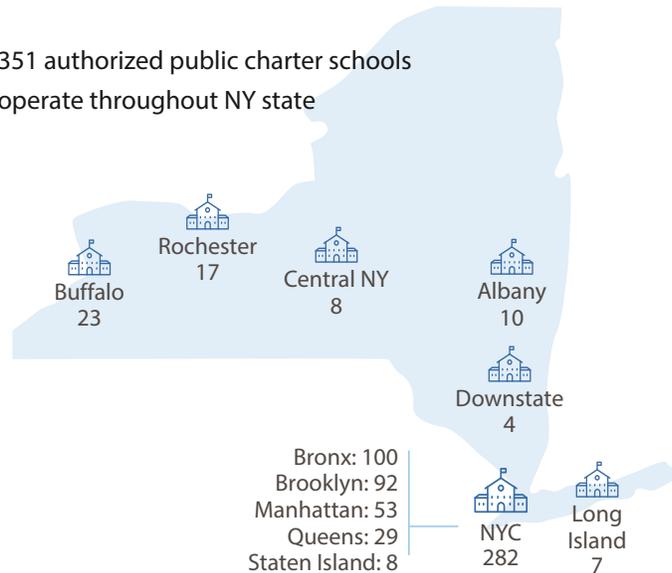
*Innovative schools that are as unique as your student.*



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 Rochester:

# 9,035

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 Rochester

As of Spring 2025, there are 17 public charter schools operating in Rochester serving 9,035 students. Like their counterparts throughout the state, each of the public charter schools currently operating in Rochester 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 available to Rochester students

### Academy of Health Sciences Charter School

Providing a rigorous curriculum through the lens of **health sciences** for students in grades 5-8, this school provides a unique approach to preparing students for college and career.

### Exploration Elementary Charter School for Science and Technology

Engaging students in the processes of **scientific inquiry** and the use of **innovative technology** throughout the curriculum.

### Innova Girls Academy Charter School

Empowering **girls in grades K-6** to excel as innovative leaders and confident problem-solvers through a **focus on STEAM** education and engaging learning methods.

### Renaissance Academy Charter School for the Arts

Providing an enriched and rigorous elementary education through **thematic, arts-integrated** curricula to foster creativity in learning.