

NEW YORK'S PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

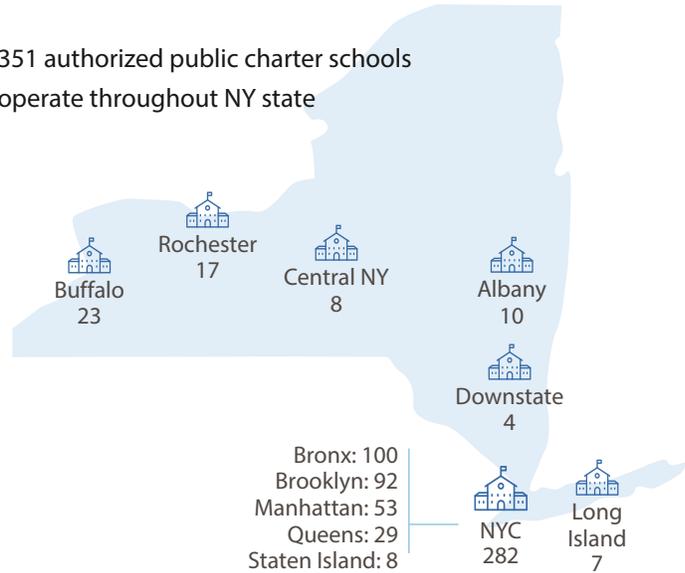
Innovative schools that are as unique as your student.



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 Central New York:

4,307

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 Syracuse & CNY

As of Spring 2025, there are 8 public charter schools operating in Syracuse serving more than 4,300 students. Like their counterparts throughout the state, each of the public charter schools currently operating in Syracuse 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 Syracuse students

New Roots Charter School

Creating a model of secondary education that **integrates best practices in sustainability education**, enabling students to address local environmental issues and **engage in their community**.

Syracuse Academy of Science Charter School

Providing a rigorous curriculum **focused on math, science and technology** to empower students to think critically and creatively.

OnTECH Charter High School

Joining **career and technical education** with project-based learning for students who thrive in **non-traditional school settings** with a focus on **agri-business, renewable energy and the sustainable sciences**.

Truxton Academy Charter School

Dedicated to **hands-on, project based learning** that incorporates a **research-based curriculum** for language arts, math, science and social studies.