

Charter schools are:



- Independent, PUBLIC, and tuition-free schools
- Held LEGALLY accountable for advancing student achievement
- Open to ALL CHILDREN, tuition free, NO special entrance requirements
- Offer special education services and serve English Language Learners
- Align the curriculum with Missouri's Learning Standards
- Meet the National and State requirement of 100% of teachers being Highly Qualified
- Educate more children collectively than all but 3 school districts in the State
- Operate under a LEGAL PERFORMANCE CONTRACT with their Sponsor
- Provide Missouri's families with:
 - More high-quality schools
 - Smaller schools
 - Schools where parents are partners.
 - Options