

Charter School Funding

Charter schools are public schools that receive less funding than traditional public schools. While most charter schools receive state and federal funds in the same manner as traditional public schools, Indiana **charter schools can not collect any local property tax dollars.**

Traditional public schools receive roughly \$3,200 per student in local property tax dollars to construct and maintain buildings, pay for utilities and provide transportation. **Charter schools must divert some of their state tuition support dollars from classroom teachers and student instruction expenses to pay for buildings and other items that are typically covered by property taxes in a traditional public school.**

The 2015 state budget included for the first time a \$500 per pupil facility grant for certain charter schools. This funding was continued in the 2017 state budget and increased to \$750 per pupil in the 2019 state budget. **Only charters that meet specific performance metrics are eligible to receive this funding. Unlike traditional public schools which receive property tax funds regardless of their performance.**

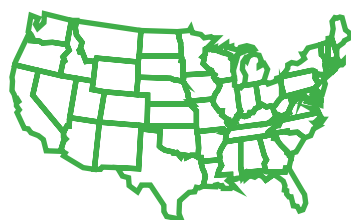
Brick and mortar charter schools receive funding via the state school funding formula, like all other public schools.

Virtual charter schools are also funded via the school funding formula. However, they currently only receive 85 percent of the per pupil tuition support.

Adult charter high schools are funded via a separate line item in the state budget. The current state budget appropriates \$6,750 per student.

Charter schools do not receive funding from vouchers; only accredited private schools may participate in the state scholarship program. **Charter schools are public schools that do not charge tuition.**

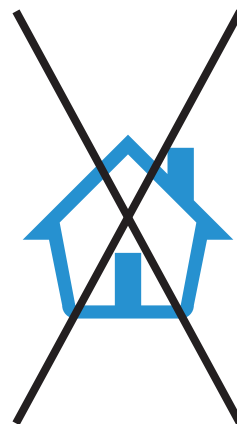
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charter
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Federal



State



Local