



Monitor Charter School Implementation

To Ensure They Are Established with an Emphasis on Improving Outcomes for All Students

Every child deserves a chance to succeed in college, careers, and life, which starts with a great education. Unfortunately, many Kentucky children are not succeeding in their public school, with students of color and low-income students being disproportionately left behind.

With the passage of HB 520 in 2017, Kentucky now has the opportunity to establish charter schools that could offer an alternative pathway to achievement for students. Kentucky's nonprofit public charter schools should help students who face the most barriers succeed, be tuition-free, and open to any child who wants to attend. Strong accountability in exchange for autonomy is Kentucky's charter school promise.

Public charter schools in Kentucky should set all students up for success:

- Enrollment prioritizes students who may face more barriers to educational success, including students of color, students from low-income families, and students with learning challenges.
- Accept all students regardless of their prior academic performance, disability, or English language status.
- Be free to develop and implement innovative strategies to boost student achievement.
- Meet the same operational and financial performance standards as other public schools.
- Embrace a rigorous accountability standard around student outcomes, just as charter schools embrace the autonomy offered.
- Ensure there is no implementation of full-time virtual charter schools.
- Be accountable to the laws and regulations regarding health, safety, budget, audit requirements, and background checks as all other public schools.
- Adequate and equitable per-pupil funding.

Blueprint for Kentucky's Children Solution:

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