

KANSAS

(Law passed in 1994; last amended in 2004;
4th weakest of the nation's 42 charter laws)

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19 charters serving 3,066
students.

22 charter schools closed as of
December 2011.

INDEPENDENT OR MULTIPLE AUTHORIZERS - NO

APPROVAL	State Board of Education with school board approval/designation.
APPEAL	None

OPERATIONAL AUTONOMY

STATE	No. Exemptions from particular laws, regulations, and policies must be specified in charter, and the State Board of Education approves or denies the requests. Virtual schools are allowed.
LOCAL	No. Ultimate control over charter remains with school district. Charter must file for specific waivers from school district regulations, and the state board must approve them.
TEACHER FREEDOM	No. Teachers are considered employees of the district. Teachers are required to participate in state's retirement program.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ALLOWED

CAP	No legal limit on number of schools that may be approved.
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EQUITY

STUDENT FUNDING	Funding for charter schools is not addressed in the charter law, leaving it entirely to the discretion of the school district.
FACILITIES FUNDS	No Additional Funds.

IMPLEMENTATION POINTS

- 3	Three points are deducted because the state has imposed a de facto cap by not encouraging or working to improve the charter environment.
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[LINK TO THE KANSAS
CHARTER SCHOOL LAW](#)