

# OREGON

(Law passed in 1999; 18th weakest of the nation's 43 charter laws)



## INDEPENDENT OR MULTIPLE AUTHORIZERS - NO

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| APPROVAL | School boards   |
| APPEAL   | Yes. Applications denied by the school board may be appealed to the State Board of Education, which may become the sponsor. |

## OPERATIONAL AUTONOMY

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| STATE           | Limited. Charters receive a blanket waiver from most traditional public school rules and regulations. Virtual schools are allowed but there are operational restrictions. Management contracts with ESPs are not restricted. |
| LOCAL           | No. School boards have discretion.   |
| TEACHER FREEDOM | Yes. Teachers may negotiate as a separate unit with the charter school governing body, or work independently. Employees are required to participate in the retirement system.  |

## NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ALLOWED

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| CAP | No cap on number of charter schools. For online schools, no more than three percent of a district's students can enroll without permission from their home district. |
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## EQUITY

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| STUDENT FUNDING  | <p>Funds pass through district. Formula funds charters anywhere between 80-95 percent based on daily expenditures, not revenue. If enrollment drops annually, funding decreases, but the same is not true for conventional schools.</p> <p>"A school district shall contractually establish, with any public charter school that is sponsored by the board of the school district, payment for provision of educational services to the public charter school's students. The payment shall equal an amount per weighted average daily membership (ADMw) of the public charter school that is at least equal to: (a) Eighty percent of the amount of the school district's General Purpose Grant per ADMw as calculated under ORS 327.013 for students who are enrolled in kindergarten through grade eight; and (b) Ninety-five percent of the amount of the school district's General Purpose Grant per ADMw as calculated under ORS 327.013 for students who are enrolled in grades 9 through 12." [ORS § 338.155(2)]</p> |
| FACILITIES FUNDS | No Additional Funds.   |

[LINK TO THE OREGON CHARTER SCHOOL LAW](#)