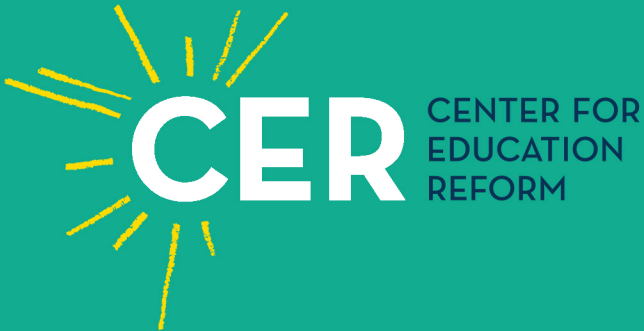
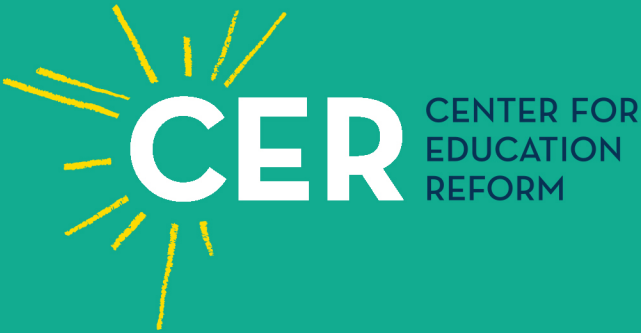


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Grade		A		B																C													
State		FL	AZ	IN	MI	MN	DC	ID	NY	NC	CO	IA	WI	SC	UT	OK	TX	WV	OH	LA	ND	AR	MO	GA	TN	MT	WY	MA	NH	NV	PA		
Year law passed		1996	1994	2001	1993	1991	1996	1998	1998	1996	1993	2002	1993	1995	1998	1999	1996	2019	1997	1995	2025	1995	1998	1993	2002	2023	1995	1993	1995	1997	1997		
AUTHORIZATION		Possible Points																															
Multiple Authorizers		0 - 8	6	7	8	8	6	3	6	5	5	3	5	7	6	6	7	3	6	7	4	2	2	6	4	4	3	3	2	1	5	1	
Independence of Local/State Authority		0 - 7	5	6	6	7	3	4	7	5	3	5	3	4	4	5	5	3	4	2	3	5	2	3	5	2	3	5	2	2	2	2	
Authorization Subtotal		0 - 15	11	13	14	15	9	7	13	10	8	8	8	11	10	11	12	6	10	9	7	7	4	9	9	6	6	8	4	3	7	3	
GROWTH																																	
No Charter Caps		0 - 10	10	10	10	10	10	7	10	5	10	10	10	8	10	7	5	6	3	6	10	10	10	6	10	10	7	10	3	10	10	9	
Scaling Up		0 - 5	5	4	2	2	3	3	3	3	5	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	1	4	3	0	3	2	2	3	0	1	3	1	3	1	
Growth Subtotal		0 - 15	15	14	12	12	13	10	13	8	15	13	13	10	13	10	8	9	4	10	13	10	13	8	12	13	7	11	6	11	13	10	
OPERATIONS																																	
School Autonomy		0 - 8	7	6	7	4	5	6	4	7	5	5	6	6	4	4	5	6	7	4	5	5	4	4	3	3	6	2	5	6	2	5	
Freedom to Innovate		0 - 7	5	7	4	6	5	6	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	6	5	4	2	6	4	5	5	3	5	
Teacher Freedom		0 - 5	5	5	4	3	3	5	3	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	5	4	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	5	3	4	4	3	3	
Operations Subtotal		0 - 20	17	18	15	13	13	17	11	14	13	14	15	14	13	12	14	15	16	12	13	12	15	12	10	8	17	9	14	15	8	13	
EQUITY																																	
Operating Funds		0 - 10	7	6	7	8	8	8	5	6	5	7	7	6	5	8	5	7	8	8	5	10	5	8	6	6	7	8	8	6	6	7	
Pre-K Funds		0 - 2	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Facility Funds/Financing		0 - 5	3	2	1	0	3	4	1.5	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0.5	2	0	0.5	1	
Equity Subtotal		0 - 17	10	8	8	9	13	14	6.5	11	7	8	7	7	6	9	7	10	10	9	6	10	6.5	9	6	10	7	8.5	12	6	6.5	8	
TOTAL SCORE		0 - 67	53	53	49	49	48	48	44	43	43	43	43	42	42	42	41	41	40	40	39	39	39	38	37	37	37	37	36	35	35	34	
Letter Grade		A-	A-	B+	B+	B+	B+	B-	B-	B-	B-	B-	B-	B-	B-	B-	B-	B-	B-	C+	C+	C+	C+	C+	C+	C+	C+	C	C	C	C-	C-	
Score/Percentage		92%	92%	88%	88%	88%	88%	82%	82%	82%	82%	82%	82%	82%	82%	82%	82%	82%	82%	78%	78%	78%	78%	78%	78%	78%	75%	75%	75%	72%	72%		
Rank		1	2	3 ↗	4	5	6 ↘	7 ↗	8 ↘	9 ↗	10	11 ↗	12 ↗	13 ↘	14 ↘	15 ↘	16 ↘	17 ↘	18 ↘	19 ↘	20 ↗	21 ↘	22 ↘	23 ↘	24 ↘	25 ↘	26 ↗	27 ↘	28 ↘	29 ↘	30 ↘		
Rank (2024)		1	2	7	4	5	3	8	6	12	10	31	17	9	13	14	15	16	11	18	0	19	20	21	23	22	45	24	25	26	27		
Number of Charter Schools		733	620	126	287	175	142	77	370	210	277	17	226	117	132	51	921	8	339	146	0	110	81	104	114	17	9	73	38	80	175		
Number of Charter Students		406,830	231,705	46,130	154,490	70,000	47,565	42,570	186,665	142,805	137,720	805	49,460	52,805	81,810	47,535	404,065	3,365	123,580	78,790	0	45,765	24,665	64,580	44,475	1,605	1,280	48,190	6,020	61,885	169,000		

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## KEY FINDINGS

Charter schools **remain a key driving force of the education freedom movement**, leading a wave of bold reforms in 2025 that expand access, promote equity, and spark innovation—giving families more control over how and where their children learn.

**North Dakota** became the 47th state to authorize charters, marking a historic shift and a strong debut at #13 in the national rankings. States like **Iowa** and **Indiana** rose sharply in the rankings due to laws that reduced barriers to entry and addressed long-standing funding disparities.

Across the country, charter schools are **driving student-centered innovation**, from specialized models in **STEM**, **aerospace**, and **autism** education to **entrepreneurship** and **career readiness** programs that meet the diverse needs of families. See more at [yassprize.org/awardees](https://yassprize.org/awardees).

Grade		C					D												F			
State		AL	CA	NM	NJ	HI	MS	OR	KY	DE	AK	KS	IL	VA	CT	ME	RI	MD	WA	NE	SD	VT
Year law passed		2015	1992	1993	1995	1994	2010	1999	2017	1995	1995	1994	1996	1998	1996	2011	1995	2003	2012	n/a	n/a	n/a
AUTHORIZATION	Possible Points																					
Multiple Authorizers	0 - 8	2	1	3	2	3	3	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	2	2	2	1	3	0	0	0
Independence of Local/State Authority	0 - 7	2	2	4	1	2	5	2	2	3	2	3	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Authorization Subtotal	0 - 15	4	3	7	3	5	8	3	3	5	4	3	3	0	3	3	3	1	4	0	0	0
GROWTH																						
No Charter Caps	0 - 10	10	9	5	10	10	3	8	10	2	10	10	0	10	3	0	1	10	3	0	0	0
Scaling Up	0 - 5	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Growth Subtotal	0 - 15	11	11	6	11	11	4	9	10	3	11	11	2	10	3	0	3	10	3	0	0	0
OPERATIONS																						
School Autonomy	0 - 8	5	5	4	3	4	4	5	2	5	2	4	5	2	4	6	3	1	5	0	0	0
Freedom to Innovate	0 - 7	2	2	3	3	4	2	4	3	4	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	0	0	0
Teacher Freedom	0 - 5	5	3	3	3	0	3	3	4	3	0	2	3	1	3	3	2	0	3	0	0	0
Operations Subtotal	0 - 20	12	10	10	9	8	9	12	9	12	4	9	10	5	10	12	8	3	11	0	0	0
EQUITY																						
Operating Funds	0 - 10	5	7	7	6	4	8	4	5	6	7	2	9	8	4	5	7	6	2	0	0	0
Pre-K Funds	0 - 2	0.5	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Facility Funds/Financing	0 - 5	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equity Subtotal	0 - 17	5.5	8	9	8.5	6	8	4	5	6	7	2	9	8	6.5	7	7	6	2	0	0	0
TOTAL SCORE	0 - 67	33	32	32	32	30	29	28	27	26	26	25	24	23	23	22	21	20	20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Letter Grade		C-	C-	C-	C-	C-	D+	D+	D+	D	D	D	D-	D-	D-	D-	D-	D-	D-	F	F	F
Score/Percentage		72%	72%	72%	72%	72%	68%	68%	68%	65%	65%	65%	62%	62%	62%	62%	62%	62%	62%	50%	50%	50%
Rank		31 ↘	32 ↘	33 ↘	34 ↘	35 ↘	36 ↘	37 ↘	38 ↘	39 ↘	40 ↘	41 ↗	42 ↘	43 ↗	44 ↘	45 ↘	46 ↘	47 ↘	48 ↘	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rank (2024)		28	29	29	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	47	39	46	40	41	42	43	44	0	0	0
Number of Charter Schools		17	1,281	104	91	39	12	128	0	27	31	9	137	7	30	9	36	49	17	0	0	0
Number of Charter Students		5,665	709,630	30,000	57,455	13,070	3,680	37,610	0	19,030	7,285	2,485	60,855	1,290	10,885	2,330	13,465	24,800	4,830	0	0	0