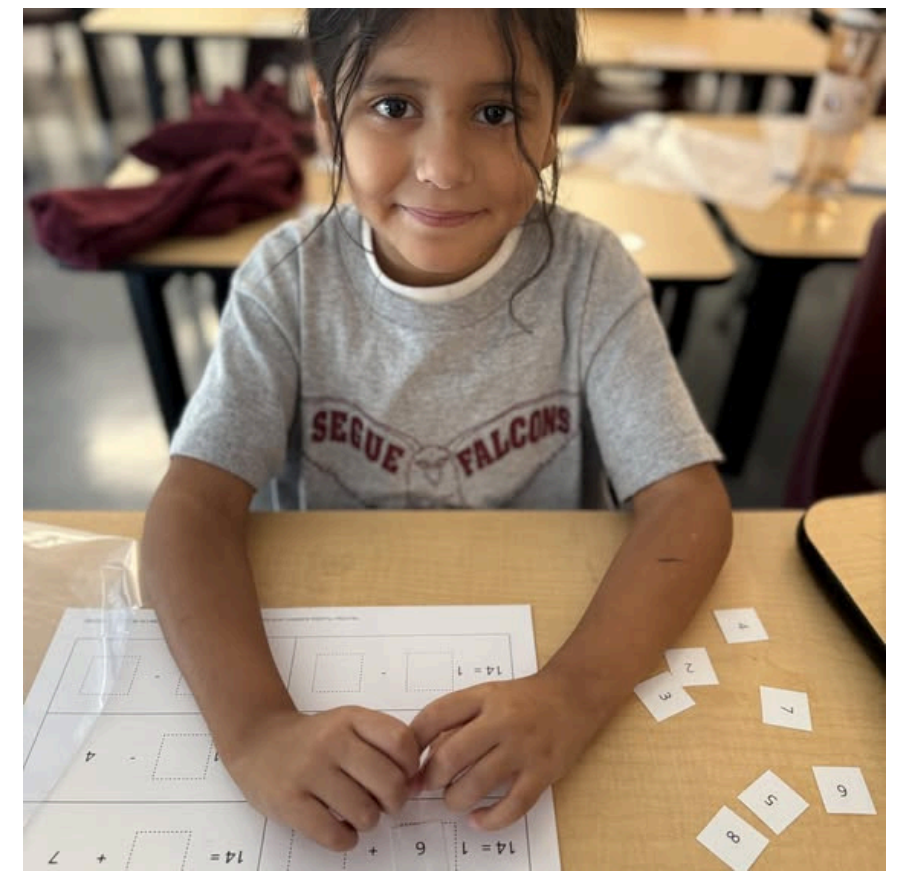


Rhode Island's charter public schools are held to the highest accountability standards of any public school in the state.

Rhode Island's single authorizer system, where only the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education can approve and renew charter public schools, means a stringent and transparent process. Like all public schools in the state, charter public schools are ultimately accountable to the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) and the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education.



Rhode Island's charter public schools are community-led.

A volunteer board of directors, made up of community members and other local stakeholders, governs charter public schools. These public board members volunteer their time to serve, and share a deep commitment to ensuring every child in Rhode Island has access to a high-quality public school. Like school committees and boards of education, charter public school boards are subject to the open meeting law, conflict of interest law, and public records requirements.



Charter public schools must meet all the same annual requirements as district public schools...

Report Card

RIDE reports data for every public school on a variety of metrics, including:

- Academic performance
- Educator data
- Finance
- Postsecondary enrollment
- Civil rights compliance
- School climate

Accountability System

RIDE assigns every public school a star rating based on performance on six indicators:

- Achievement and Growth
- Graduation Rates
- English Language Proficiency
- Diploma Plus Measures
- School Quality and Student Success
- Low-Performing Subgroups

Plans and Reports

All public schools are required to submit Annual Plans and Annual Progress Reports to RIDE.

...and are subject to additional requirements that apply to charter public schools but not district public schools.

Charter Performance Review System

Since 2010, charter public schools in Rhode Island have been subject to additional, rigorous evaluation criteria. They receive additional oversight in terms of academic, financial, and organizational performance, and legal, regulatory, and charter contract compliance.

Evaluation and Renewal Process

All charter public schools must go through a rigorous renewal process at least once every five years in order to continue to serve their community. This process includes a data review, site visits, and a vote by the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education.

Annual Performance Review Report

RIDE evaluates and issues an Annual Performance Review Report to every charter public school in the state. Charter public schools' performance is thoroughly documented and readily available to the public.