

## Rhode Island charter public schools are...

- ✓ Tuition-free, public, and open to all.
- ✓ Part of Rhode Island's public education system.
- ✓ Led by Rhode Island community members.
- ✓ Held to the highest accountability standards of any public school in the state.
- ✓ In demand, with over 9,000 families requesting to enroll their children in 2025-26.



**24**  
charters



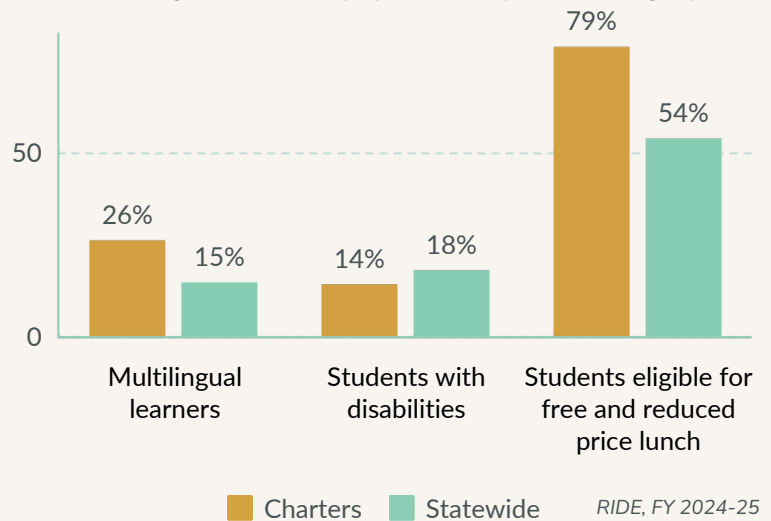
**13,000+**  
students and families  
served annually

### Rhode Island charter public schools offer specialized programming.



### Rhode Island charter public schools serve all learners.

Percentage of student population by need category



### Rhode Island charter public schools are held to the highest oversight and accountability of any public school in the state.

Strong accountability means strong results: **In 2023, CREDO found that Rhode Island charter public schools had the strongest academic gains nationally.** RIDE holds charter public schools accountable through:

- Rigorous expectations for new charter school approvals.
- A comprehensive charter renewal process that occurs no less frequently than once every five years and can lead to the revocation of the charter.
- The same statewide report card system.

### Rhode Island charter public schools receive less per pupil dollars than their district public school peers.

Education dollars are intended to serve students, not specific public schools. Districts can retain up to 14 percent of per-student funding when a child attends a charter public school (RI Gen L § 16-7.2-5). **On average, charter public schools operate with \$4,354 less per pupil than the state average.**

***Come see our schools in action!***  
**Contact [lauren@richarterpublicschools.org](mailto:lauren@richarterpublicschools.org)**  
**to coordinate a visit.**

# Rhode Island's charter public schools are recognized for their excellence.

## Charter public schools support strong academic outcomes for Rhode Island students.

- Charter public school students in Rhode Island achieved an **additional half year of learning** each year in reading and math compared to their district peers, according to a 2023 national study by CREDO at Stanford University. The
- Compass School had the **2nd highest proficiency rating statewide** on the Next Generation Science Assessment in Spring 2025.

## Charter public schools continue to chip away at pandemic-era challenges, including chronic absenteeism.

- Beacon Charter High School, Blackstone Valley Prep High School, and Excel Academy Charter were **3 of the only 5 schools statewide** that **cut chronic absenteeism by 5 points** and **boosted academic performance in both ELA and math by 5 points** in 2024-25.
- Segue Institute for Learning had the **best attendance rate statewide** and The Greene School had the **lowest chronic absenteeism rate** among Rhode Island public high schools in 2024-25.
- Paul Cuffee School had the **highest percentage of students statewide who showed high growth on the math SAT** in Spring 2025.
- **More than 50% of students** at Kingston Hill Academy, Blackstone Valley Prep, and Excel Academy **showed high growth on the math RICAS**.

## Charter public schools serve as models of excellence.

- Kingston Hill Academy is 1 of only 19 public schools statewide that earned **five stars on the state's accountability system**.
- International Charter School was recently **visited by the Secretary of State for the Portuguese Communities** and recognized as a **model of multilingual instruction**.
- The Greene School is a **national model Expeditionary Learning school**.

# Rhode Island's charter public school educators provide hands-on instruction that meets student needs.

Charter public school educators are **dedicated, passionate, and held to the same certification requirements as all public school educators**. Meet some of our amazing charter public school teachers:



**John Rosenbaum, a social studies teacher at Segue Institute for Learning, received a Milken Educator Award in 2021 for his outstanding instructional practices that emphasize hands-on learning and cross-curricular learning opportunities.**

**Julie Maruska, a science teacher at The Compass School, received the 2024 Rhode Island Elementary School STEAM Educator Award for her commitment to integrated STEAM education.**



**Rosa Tomlinson, the school nurse teacher at International Charter School, was nationally recognized as a 2025 Immunization Champion for her commitment to sharing information and supporting families.**

