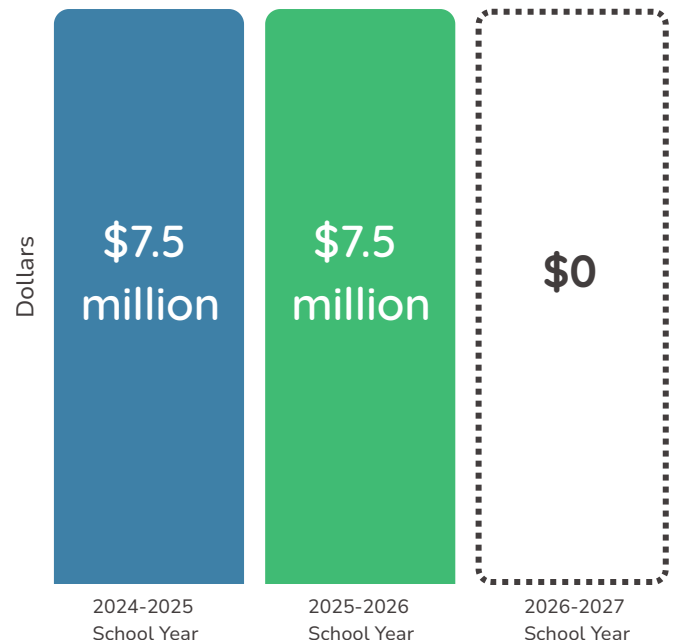




Fund the 2026-2027 School Year

Charter public school students are public school students

- **Every year**, the legislature must act to close the funding gap that specifically impacts charter public school students.
- **2024-25 SY**: Charter public schools received one year of funding.
- **2025-26 SY**: Charter public schools received one year of funding.
- **2026-27 SY**: TBD – state legislature has not yet allocated funding for the next school year.



- Charter public schools are not asking for add-on, extra funding. They are asking for the same level of funding that helps them meet the basic needs of students and provide a high-quality public education.

“\$1,550 will be distributed in the 2025-26 school year. Half (\$775) will be provided in October 2025 and the balance in April 2026.”

Email from Shawn Lewis, OSPI, 7/30/2025

Without \$7.5 million for the 2026-2027 school year, charter public schools are left with zero enrichment funding.



**2025-27 Omnibus Operating Budget
Conference Proposal
Public Schools
Charter Schools Apportionment**
(Dollars in Thousands)

	FTEs	NGF-O	Total
2025-27 Carryforward Level	0.0	184,954	184,954
2025-27 Maintenance Level	0.0	192,285	192,285
Policy Other Changes:			
1. Charter Enrichment	0.0	7,715	7,715
2. Materials, Supplies and Op Costs	0.0	418	418
3. Special Education Multiplier	0.0	1,012	1,012
Policy -- Other Total	0.0	9,145	9,145
Policy Comp Changes:			
4. Pension Rate Adjustments ED	0.0	-1,765	-1,765
5. Updated SEBB Rate	0.0	2,108	2,108
Policy -- Comp Total	0.0	343	343
Total Policy Changes	0.0	9,488	9,488
2025-27 Policy Level	0.0	201,773	201,773

Comments:

1. Charter Enrichment

Charter schools are provided with \$1,500 per pupil for enrichment in FY 2026. (WA Opportunity Pathways Account-State) (Custom)

OSPI Email Dated July 30, 2025

"Based on conversations with the Charter School Commission, we have agreed that a strict use of the LEA formula is not appropriate – but instead we will use a similar predictable and reliable formula for distribution when funds are provided by the Legislature. This formula, beginning with the 2025-26 school year, will provide 50% of the annual allocation in October and 50% of the annual allocation in April. The enrollment to be used for the allocation will be the greater of the prior year AAFTE or the current year AAFTE through March."

Follow-Up Email from OSPI Dated July 30, 2025

From: Shawn Lewis <shawn.lewis@k12.wa.us>
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 1:36 PM
To: Mitch Price <mitch@wacharters.org>
Cc: Chris Korsmo <chris@wacharters.org>, Barbara Gilchrist <barbara@wacharters.org>, Julie Kennedy <julie@excellentschoolswa.org>
Subject: RE: [External]Re: Charter School Enrichment Funding in the 2025-27 Biennial Budget (Section 520(4)); Apportionment Advances

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