WASHINGTON STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

Charter Schools Are Proud to Be Public

Public charter schools help strengthen the Washington education landscape

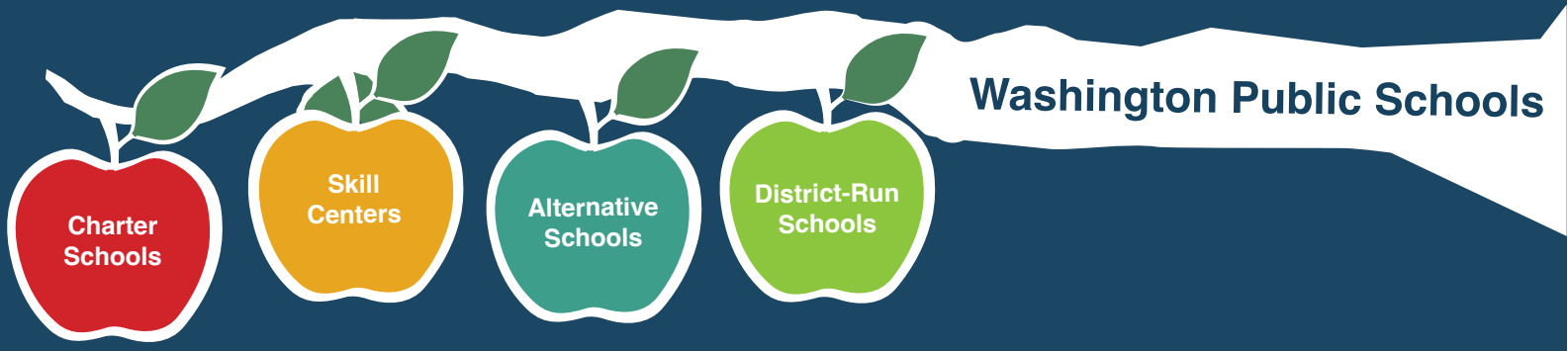
These unique public schools are free and open to all. In exchange for meeting the rigorous terms of their charter contracts, they're empowered to innovate and tailor curriculum to their students' needs.

10+ Years of charters being a part of Washington's public education ecosystem — giving every student, no matter their zip code, access to a public school option that works for them.

One Public System, Many Options for Families

Washington families access public education in many ways. District schools, alternative schools, skill centers, and public charter schools all rise from the same public foundation.

Families should be able to pick among a variety of excellent public school options, and charter schools help make that happen.



Serving Diverse Communities

85% OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS ENROLL STUDENTS FROM 15 OR MORE SURROUNDING ZIP CODES

For six years running, four groups of students with the greatest academic challenges have had success in these unique public schools. Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, English Learners, and students from low-income households in public charter schools have outperformed their statewide peers in English Language Arts, Math, and Science.



In 2024–25: Black/African American students represented 27.4% of public charter enrollment, compared with 5% statewide.

+15.5 pts

In 2025–26, Black/African American students in public charter schools recorded a Math proficiency rate 15.5 percentage points above their peers statewide.

SOURCE: OSPI Assessment - SBAC Proficiency Scores 2025; Spring 2026 School Data Collection Survey
Skill centers are regional secondary schools that serve high school students from multiple school districts, providing instruction in career and technical education (CTE) programs that are too expensive or too specialized for individual districts to offer on their own. SOURCE: Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

For more info contact info@wacharters.org

WASHINGTON STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

Charter Schools Are Proud to Be Public

Each of Washington's 16 public charter schools is designed around community needs

Catalyst Public Schools
COMMUNITY-DESIGNED, SMALL GROUP LEARNING

Bremerton · K–12

"Our child feels excited to come to school every day and has built such strong relationships with their teachers and classmates." - Catalyst parent

Impact Public Schools
PERSONALIZED LEARNING, SCHOOLS WHERE EVERY CHILD BELONGS

Des Moines, Renton, Seattle, Tacoma, Tukwila · K–8

"I feel good knowing that my child is learning in an environment that supports diversity and meets the unique needs of my scholar and other students." - Impact parent

Innovation High School
HANDS-ON, CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING

Spokane · 9–12

"My children absolutely love their classes - they receive a wide variety of experiences that I don't think they would get from a regular public school." - Innovation parent

Lumen High School
TWO-GENERATION SUPPORT FOR TEEN PARENTS

Spokane · 9–12

"Here, I didn't have to choose between being a student and being a parent. My child was right here with me, and I could focus on finishing school knowing they were taken care of." - Lumen student

Pinnacles Prep
PLACE-BASED, COMPETENCY-ORIENTED LEARNING

Wenatchee · 6–12

"My teachers know my name, my story, and who I want to become - and that makes all the difference. I never thought I'd say this about school, but I actually want to be here." - Pinnacles student

Rainier Prep
CHOICE, CHALLENGE, AND A PATHWAY TO A COLLEGE DEGREE

Seattle · 5–8

"Rainier Prep is absolutely amazing and my daughter is thriving. Thanks to the teachers and staff at Rainier Prep, my daughter talks about college and her future." - Rainier Prep parent

Rainier Valley Leadership Academy
RIGOROUS, JUSTICE-CENTERED LEADERSHIP & COLLEGE PREP

Seattle · 9–12

"Being a scholar here has impacted my growth by teaching me how to be myself. I have friends and teachers that care about me and support me." - RVLA student

Rooted School Vancouver
EARLY COLLEGE, TECH CREDENTIALS & PAID INTERNSHIPS

Vancouver · 9–12

"I came here to graduate. I'm leaving with a college acceptance, a tech credential, and real work experience. Nobody told me high school could look like this." - Rooted student

Spokane Int'l Academy
GLOBALLY MINDED LEARNING, ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

Spokane · 9–12

"We chose SIA because we wanted our child to see the world as bigger than their backyard. They're learning Spanish, studying global issues, and doing real community service." - SIA parent

Summit Public Schools
PERSONALIZED, RIGOROUS, FUTURE READY

Seattle · 6–12

"It feels warm, personal, and connected when we walk through the doors. Summit creates a community where my child and his learning needs belong - and best of all, where he's successful." - Summit parent

Whatcom Intergenerational HS
INTERGENERATIONAL, CROSSCULTURAL, COMMUNITY LEARNING

Bellingham · 9–12

"At WIHS, it's not just teachers teaching us. I learn from elders, from my classmates, and from the community. I feel like I actually belong here." - WIHS student



SOURCE: Washington State Board of Education Charter School Qualitative Data Project Report, December 29, 2025

For more info contact
info@wacharters.org