



EVERYTHING
YOU NEED
TO KNOW
ABOUT

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools governed by nonprofit boards.

While charter schools are required to teach students to the same standards as state-run public schools, they have more flexibility to personalize curriculums, teaching tools, and school operations based on students' needs.

What does it cost to attend a charter school?

There is no tuition or fee to attend a charter school.



What are the requirements to attend a charter school?

- To attend a locally approved charter school, students must live within the school system of the charter school.
- If a charter school has an attendance zone, enrollment preference is given to students living in those zones. If space is still available, the school can open enrollment to students outside the attendance zone.
- Students anywhere in the state can attend virtual charter schools.
- If a charter school does not provide transportation, families are responsible for transporting their student to and from school.



How can families apply to a charter school?

1. **To find a charter school in your district,** visit <https://scsc.georgia.gov/locations/school>, or scan this code: Many charter schools have open houses in the fall/winter.
2. **Complete the charter school application by the deadline.** Enrollment periods vary from school to school, often beginning in January with deadlines in March or April. Some application deadlines may be as early as the end of January. Contact individual schools early to inquire about admission deadlines.
3. **Following the application deadline,** if the number of applicants does not exceed the available spaces, all eligible applicants will be admitted.
4. **If there are more eligible applicants than available spaces,** the school is required to hold a public lottery. Lotteries are usually held shortly after the school's application deadline, and the results must be made public.

