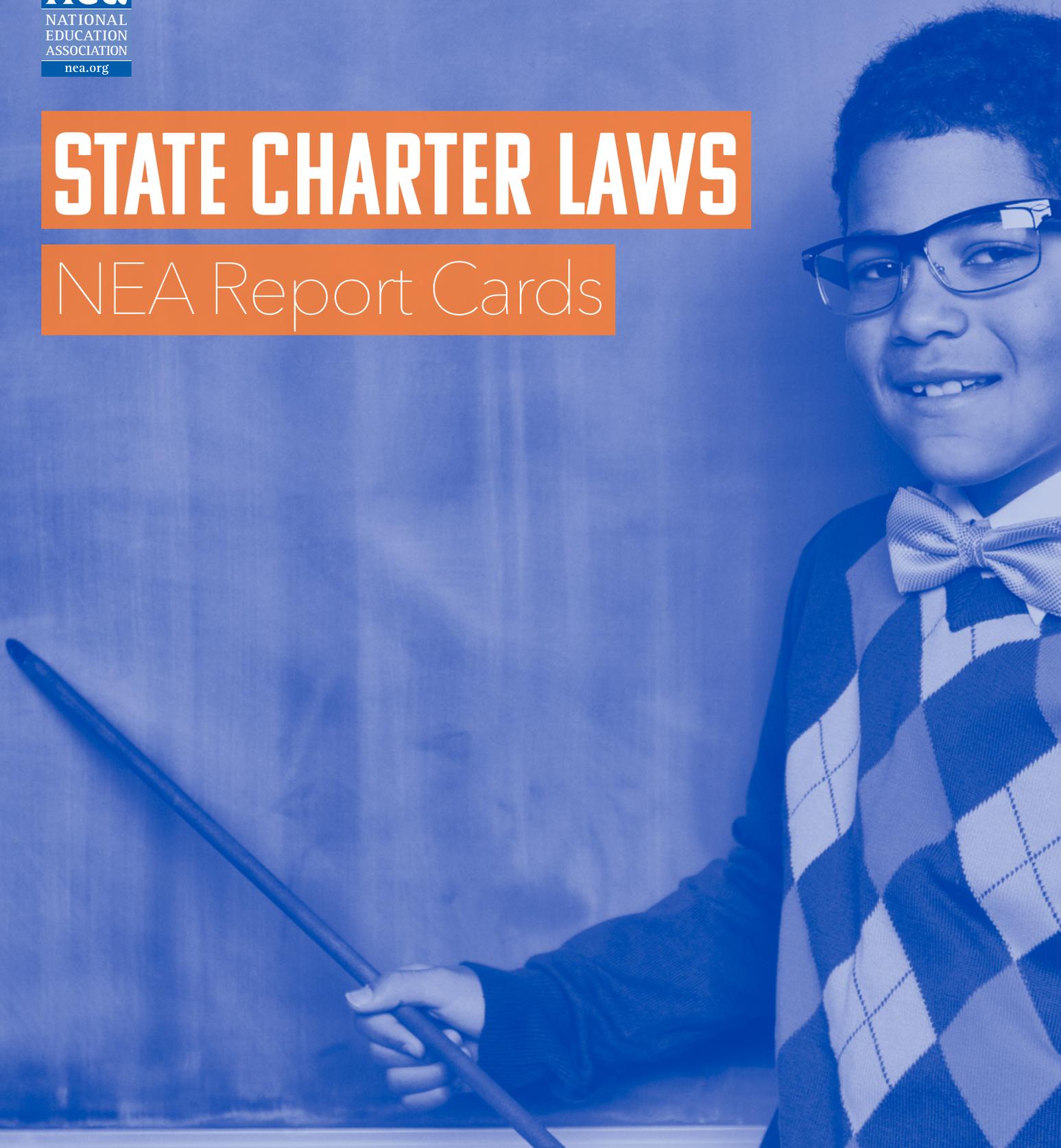




STATE CHARTER LAWS

NEA Report Cards



NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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NEA believes that public charter schools must meet four key requirements: they must be (1) genuinely public schools in every respect; (2) accountable to the public via open and transparent governance; (3) approved, overseen, and evaluated by local school boards; and (4) providers of high quality education for their students. In 2017, these four key requirements were identified by the elected leaders of NEA's three million members and detailed in the [NEA Policy Statement on Charter Schools](#).

NEA reviewed the charter statutes for each state¹ and posed the questions on page 3, which emanate directly from the four key requirements set by the Policy Statement. The number of points allocated for a particular question reflects the relative importance of the factor according to the Policy Statement. Affirmative answers were awarded full or partial points, depending on the degree to which the legislation met the Policy Statement requirements.

¹ Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, and West Virginia do not have charter school laws.

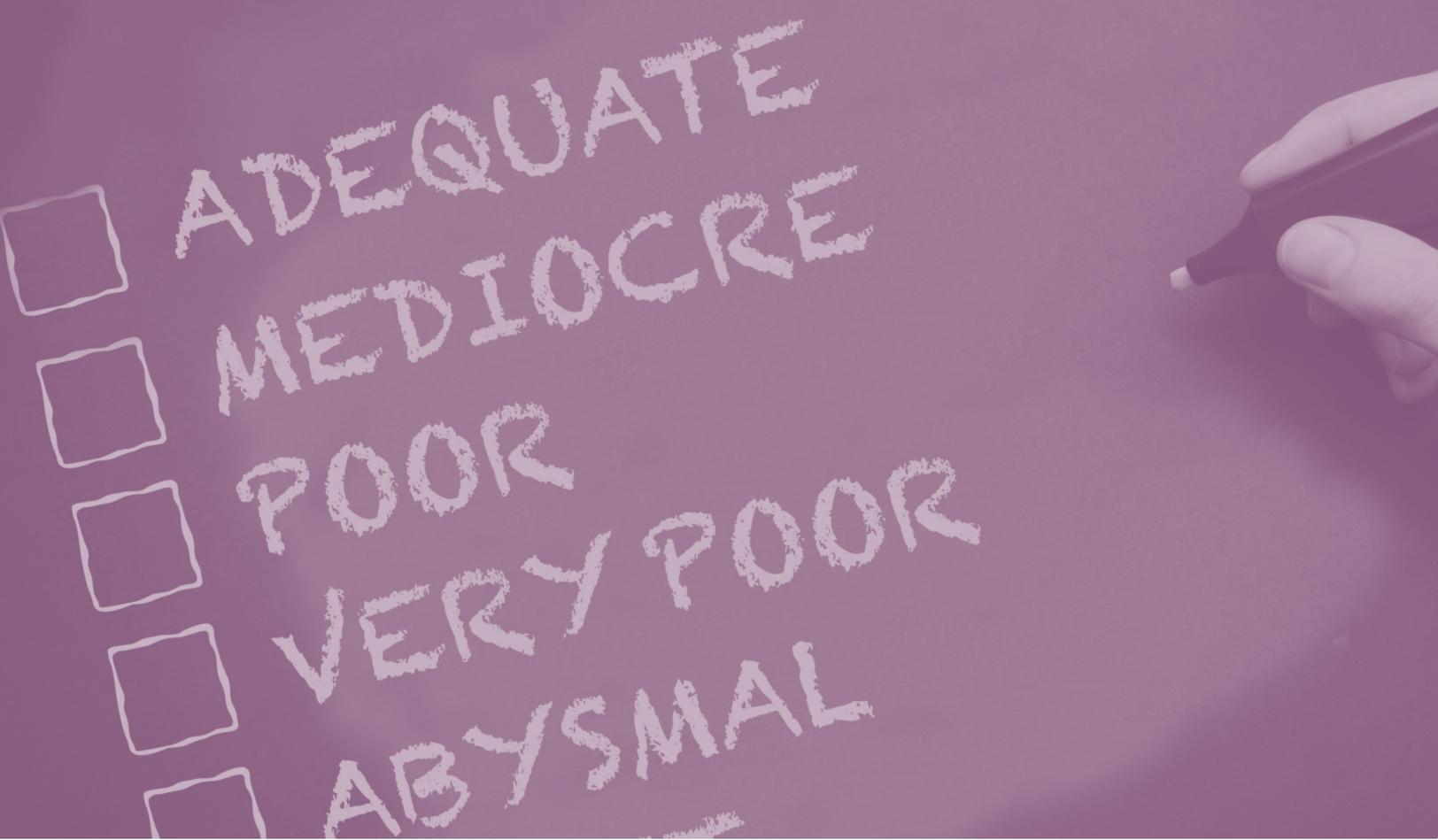


Points were tallied and converted into letter grades using a total of 100 potential points and a traditional A - F scale. Only six states garnered enough points to avoid an “F,” and all of those were “D” grades except for Maryland (“B-”) and Tennessee (“C-”). To better distinguish among the state laws, the large majority of which simply failed to meet NEA’s standards, NEA divided states into sub-groups according to their overall score.² By referring to these sub-group ratings, it is possible to better distinguish between, for example, the District of Columbia (“worst” with 20 out of 100 points) and Arkansas (“poor” with 59 out of 100 points), both of which received failing grades. This evaluation reflects the laws in existence as of November 9, 2018.

NEA’s assessment of charter school laws was limited by necessity to the terms of the statutes themselves. On some occasions, external sources were consulted to resolve ambiguity or when the statute was silent. While this review captures the statutory landscape of charter schools in any given state, it does not attempt to reflect actual compliance by charters or state or local government entities with those laws.

As the states’ report cards sadly show, states have a long way to go to ensure that charter schools actually function to improve public education offerings for students.

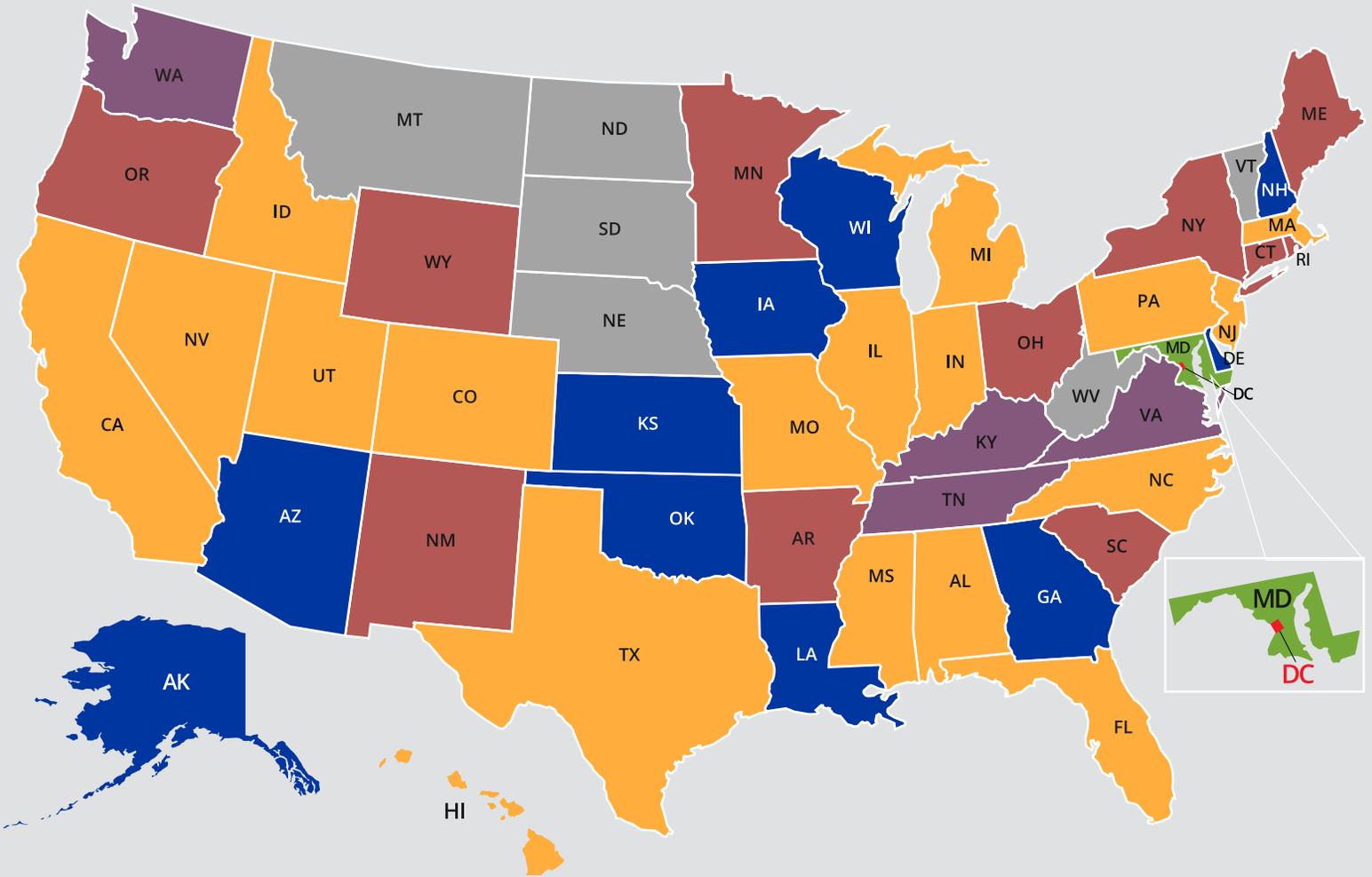
² NEA’s sub-groups are labeled as follows, based on states’ points out of a maximum of 100: Excellent (95-100); Good (86-94); Adequate (74-85); Mediocre (63-73); Poor (54-62); Very Poor (45-53); Abysmal (0-44); and, of note, D.C. is Worst by a margin of 15 points, earning a total of only 20 out of 100.



NEA graded each state’s charter law based on the following questions and accompanying points:

	QUESTION	Points
PUBLIC	1. Are for-profit entities excluded from applying to open a charter school?	8
	2. Are for-profit management organizations excluded from contracting with charter schools?	7
ACCOUNTABLE	3. Do Open Meetings Act standards apply to charter schools?	8
	4. Do Public Records Act standards apply to charter schools?	8
	5. Do conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements apply to charter school boards?	7
	6. Are charter schools subject to regular audits?	7
LOCAL	7. Are charter schools only authorized by a single local public agency such as the school district?	13
	8. Is an appeal of a local authorization decision limited to procedural grounds?	6
	9. Must the impact of opening a charter school be assessed prior to authorization?	6
QUALITY	10. Must charter educators be certified?	8
	11. Are virtual charter schools excluded from authorization?	10
	12. Can authorizers be evaluated/sanctioned?	6
	13. Are charter students subject to state assessments?	6
		Total Points: 100

GRADE AND RATING MAP



ADEQUATE			MEDIocre			POOR			VERY POOR			ABYSMAL			WORST		
Maryland	82	B-	Wyoming	59	F	Utah	52	F	New Jersey	48	F	New Hampshire	44	F			
Tennessee	72	C-	Minnesota	58	F	Alabama	51	F	North Carolina	48	F	Kansas	42	F			
Kentucky	68	D+	Connecticut	57	F	Colorado	50	F	Illinois	47	F	Oklahoma	42	F			
Washington	65	D	Maine	57	F	Hawaii	50	F	Nevada	47	F	Iowa	41	F			
Virginia	63	D	New York	57	F	Indiana	50	F	Texas	47	F	Wisconsin	41	F			
Rhode Island	61	D-	Ohio	56	F	Michigan	50	F	California	45	F	Delaware	40	F			
Arkansas	59	F	South Carolina	54	F	Pennsylvania	50	F	Florida	45	F	Georgia	39	F			
New Mexico	59	F	Idaho	52	F	Mississippi	49	F	Alaska	44	F	Arizona	35	F			
Oregon	59	F	Massachusetts	52	F	Missouri	49	F	Louisiana	44	F	District of Columbia	20	F			

■ Represents states that do not have charter laws.

ALABAMA

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Ala. Code § 16-6F-4(1)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Ala. Code § 16-6F-7(a)(10)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ala. Code § 16-6F-9(d)(3)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ala. Code § 16-6F-9(d)(3)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Ala. Code § 16-6F-9(a)(9)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Ala. Code § 16-6F-10(b)(4)(b)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Ala. Code § 16-6F-6(a)(1)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school on school desegregation efforts is required prior to authorization, but other factors not considered. Ala. Code § 16-6F-7(c)(1)	1 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are not required to be certified. Ala. Code § 16-6F-9(e)(1)	0 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Ala. Code § 16-6F-6(l)-(m)	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Ala. Code § 16-6F-9(d)(2)	6 of 6
Total points: 51 out of 100	

ALASKA

Grade "F"

Rating "Abysmal"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. N/A	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. N/A	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Alaska Stat. § 14.03.255(a); Alaska Admin. Code tit. 4, § 33.115	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Alaska Stat. § 14.03.255(a); Alaska Admin. Code tit. 4, § 33.115	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Alaska Stat. §§ 14.03.255(a); 29.20.010	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Alaska Admin. Code tit. 4, § 33.115	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Alaska Stat. § 14.03.250(c)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Alaska Stat. § 14.03.290(5)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Alaska Stat. § 14.03.255(a)	6 of 6
Total points: 44 out of 100	

ARIZONA

Grade "F"

Rating "Abysmal"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-183(B)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Ariz. Op. Att’y Gen. No. I04-006, 2004 WL 1708196 (July 20, 2004)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ariz. Op. Att’y Gen. No. I95-10, 1995 WL 870820 (Sept. 15, 1995)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ariz. Op. Att’y Gen. No. I95-10, 1995 WL 870820 (Sept. 15, 1995)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do not apply to charter school boards. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-183(E)(5)	0 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-183(E)(6)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-183(C)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are not required to be certified. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-183(E)(5)	0 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-808(A)	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-183(II)	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-183(E)(4)	6 of 6
Total points: 35 out of 100	

ARKANSAS

Grade "F"

Rating "Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-103(6)(D)(ii)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. N/A	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-103(6)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ark. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 2005-181, 2005 WL 1995935 (Aug. 16, 2005)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Ark. Admin. Code 005.08.2-6.11.2.7	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-403	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-23-103(3), 6-23-701	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school on school desegregation efforts is required prior to authorization, but other factors not considered. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-106	1 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified, but the requirement can be waived. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-701(c)	4 of 8
Virtual charter schools are excluded from authorization. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-908(c)(1)	10 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-404(b)(1)	6 of 6
Total points: 59 out of 100	

CALIFORNIA

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. 2018 Cal. Legis. Serv. Ch. 291 (A.B. 406) (effective July 1, 2019)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are excluded from contracting with charter school boards. 2018 Cal. Legis. Serv. Ch. 291 (A.B. 406) (effective July 1, 2019)	7 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do not apply to charter schools. Cal. Educ. Code § 47610	0 of 8
Public Records Act standards do not apply to charter schools. Cal. Educ. Code § 47610	0 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. ³ Cal. Educ. Code § 47610; Cal. Fair Pol. Prac. Comm'n A-98-234, 1998 WL 753303 (Oct. 26, 1998)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Cal. Educ. Code § 47604.33	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Cal. Educ. Code §§ 47605.5, 47605.6, 47605.8	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
A limited assessment of the racial and fiscal impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization, but other factors not considered. Cal. Educ. Code § 47605(b)(5)(G), (g)	3 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified, with limited exceptions. Cal. Educ. Code § 47605(l)	7 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Cal. Educ. Code § 47612.5(d)(1); Cal. Code Regs. tit. 5, § 11963.5	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Cal. Educ. Code §§ 47605(c)(1), 47612.5(a)(3)	6 of 6
Total points: 45 out of 100	

³The statute provides that charter schools are exempt from all laws governing school districts, and does not make an exception for conflict-of-interest requirements. However, multiple FPPC advice letters state that charter school boards are subject to the conflict-of-interest provisions of California's Political Reform Act.

COLORADO

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter, except for conversion schools. Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 22-30.5-105(b), 22-30.5-303(2)(a)	4 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 22-30.5-103(3.5), 22-30.5-104(4)(b), 22-30.5-507(4)(b)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 22-30.5-104(2)(b), 24-6-402(1)(a)(III)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 22-30.5-104(2)(b), 24-72-202(5)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 22-30.5-104(2)(b), 24-18-102(5)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-30.5-104(4)(a)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-30.5-504(1)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified, but the requirement can be waived. Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-30.5-104(6)(a)-(b)	4 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-30.5-104(8)	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-30.5-504(7.5)	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Colo. Rev. Stat. § 22-30.5-104(6)(c)(II)	6 of 6
Total points: 50 out of 100	

CONNECTICUT

Grade "F"

Rating "Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-66bb(b)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-66aa(4)	7 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-66kk	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-66aa(1)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-66oo	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-66cc(b)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-66bb(a)(1), (e)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
A limited assessment of the racial, ethnic, and economic impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-66bb(c)	2 of 6
QUALITY	
At least half of charter educators are required to be certified, while the other half must have alternative or temporary certification. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-66dd(b)(2)	4 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-66bb(d)(9)	6 of 6
Total points: 57 out of 100	

DELAWARE

Grade "F"

Rating "Abysmal"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 502	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 512(14)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 503	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 503	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do not apply to charter school boards. Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 505(a)	0 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 513(a)(3)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 511(c)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization. Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 511(b)(3); 14-275 Del. Admin. Code § 3.10.1	6 of 6
QUALITY	
At least 65% of charter educators are required to be certified. Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 507(c)	5 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 512(4)	6 of 6
Total points: 40 out of 100	

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Grade "F"

Rating "Worst"



PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. D.C. Code § 38-1800.02(16)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. D.C. Code § 38-1800.02(30C)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do not apply to charter schools. D.C. Code § 2-574(3)(C)	0 of 8
Public Records Act standards do not apply to charter schools. D.C. Code § 38-1802.04(c)(3)(B)	0 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. D.C. Code § 38-1802.04(c)(1A)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. D.C. Code § 38-1802.04(c)(11)(B)(ix)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. D.C. Code § 38-1800.02(17)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are not required to be certified. D.C. Code § 38-1802.04(c)(3)(B)	0 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. D.C. Code § 38-1802.02(1)	6 of 6
Total points: 20 out of 100	

FLORIDA

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. Fla. Stat. § 1002.33(3)(a)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Fla. Stat. § 1002.33(20)(a)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Fla. Stat. § 1002.33(16)(b)(1)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Fla. Stat. § 1002.33(16)(b)(2)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Fla. Stat. § 1002.33(26)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Fla. Stat. § 1002.33(9)(g)(2)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. ⁴ Fla. Stat. § 1002.33(5)(a)(2)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the racial impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization, but other factors not considered. Fla. Stat. § 1002.33(7)(a)(8)	1 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Fla. Stat. § 1002.33(12)(f)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Fla. Stat. § 1002.33(1)	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Fla. Stat. § 1002.33(7)(a)(4)	6 of 6
Total points: 45 out of 100	

⁴ Generally, charter schools in Florida must be authorized by the local school board. The only exception is for charter lab schools, which may be authorized by a state university.

GEORGIA

Grade "F"

Rating "Abysmal"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-2062(2)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-2065(b)(1)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-2072	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-2072	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-2065(b)(5)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-2065(b)(7)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-2064.1(b)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are not required to be certified. Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-2065(a); Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 505-2-.01(5)	0 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-2065(b)(1)	0 of 10
Authorizers must be evaluated; no provision for authorizers to be sanctioned. Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-2063.3(b)(1), (c)	3 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Ga. Code. Ann. § 20-2-2065(b)(8)	6 of 6
Total points: 39 out of 100	

HAWAII

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302D-13(b)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. N/A	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302D-12(h)(1)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do not apply to charter schools. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302D-25(a)	0 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Haw. Rev. Stat. §§ 302D-12(i), 302D-25(c)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302D-32	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302D-4	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302A-805	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302D-1	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302D-11(d)	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302D-16(a)	6 of 6
Total points: 50 out of 100	

IDAHO

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Idaho Code Ann. § 33-5205(1)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Idaho Code Ann. § 33-5202A(4)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Idaho Code Ann. § 33-5204(2)(d)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Idaho Code Ann. § 33-5204(2)(e)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Idaho Code Ann. § 33-5204(2)(a)-(c)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Idaho Code Ann. § 33-5206(7)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Idaho Code Ann. § 33-5202A(1)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Idaho Code Ann. § 33-5210(4)(a)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Idaho Code Ann. § 33-5205(6)	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Idaho Code Ann. § 33-5206(13)	6 of 6
Total points: 52 out of 100	

ILLINOIS

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/27A-7(b)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/27A-5(h)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/27A-5(c)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/27A-5(c)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/27A-10.5(b)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/27A-5(f)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/27A-7.5(a), 5/27A-8(f)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
At least 50–75% of charter educators are required to be certified. 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/27A-10(c-5), (c-10)	5 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/27A-5(b-5)	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/27A-12	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/27A-6(b)	6 of 6
Total points: 47 out of 100	

INDIANA

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Ind. Code § 20-24-3-2(a)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Ind. Code § 20-24-1-6.1	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ind. Code §§ 5-14-1.5-2(a)(3)(B); 20-24-4-1(a)(15)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ind. Code §§ 5-14-3-2(q)(3)(B); 20-24-4-1(a)(13)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do not apply to charter school boards, but applicants must disclose any potential conflicts of interest with the intended management organization or education service provider. Ind. Code §§ 20-24-8-4; 20-24-3-2.5(3)	2 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Ind. Code § 20-24-8-5(1)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Ind. Code § 20-24-1-2.5	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
At least 90% of charter educators are required to either be certified or in the process of being certified. Ind. Code § 20-24-6-5(a)	5 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Ind. Code § 20-24-7-13(b)	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Ind. Code § 20-24-2.2-6(a)	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Ind. Code § 20-24-8-5(17)	6 of 6
Total points: 50 out of 100	

IOWA

Grade "F"

Rating "Abysmal"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Iowa Code § 256F.3; Iowa Admin. Code r. 281-68.3	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. N/A	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards apply to charter schools' advisory councils only. Iowa Code § 256F.4(2)(j)	4 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Iowa Code §§ 256F.4(2)(f), 256F.4(2)(j), 256F.10(1)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do not apply to charter school boards. Iowa Code § 256F.4(2)	0 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Iowa Code § 256F.4(2)(f)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Iowa Code § 256F.3(6)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Iowa Code § 256F.7(1)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Iowa Code § 256F.5(3)	6 of 6
Total points: 41 out of 100	

KANSAS

Grade "F"

Rating "Abysmal"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-4208(b)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-4206(a)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 75-4318(a)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 45-217(f)(1)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 75-4301a(f)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-4208(c)(9)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-4208(f)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the racial and socio-economic impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization, but other factors not considered. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-4208(d)(2)	2 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified, but waivers are allowed. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-4208(h)	4 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-4208(c)(11)	6 of 6
Total points: 42 out of 100	

KENTUCKY

Grade "D+"

Rating "Mediocre"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 160.1593(1); 701 Ky. Admin. Regs. 8:020, §§ 4(1)(a)(1), 4(1)(b)(1)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 160.1590(8)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 160.1592(3)(k)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 160.1592(3)(k)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 160.1592(4), (7)(c)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 160.1592(3)(h)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 160.1590(13), 160.1594(9)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 160.1590(14)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are excluded from authorization. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 160.1591(4)	10 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 160.1596(3); 701 Ky. Admin. Regs. 8:020, § 10	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 160.1592(3)(e)-(g)	6 of 6
Total points: 68 out of 100	

LOUISIANA

Grade "F"

Rating "Abysmal"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 17:3983(A)(1)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 17:3997(A)(1)(b)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 17:3996(B)(9)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 17:3996(B)(10)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 17:3996(B)(20)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 17:3996(F)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 17:3983(A)(2)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are not required to be certified. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 17:3991(C)(6)	0 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 17:4002.2(6)	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 17:3991(C)(2)	6 of 6
Total points: 44 out of 100	

MAINE

Grade "F"

Rating "Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 2407(3)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 2401(5)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 2412(5)(c)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 2412(5)(c)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 2412(5)(c)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 2412-A(1)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 2405(1)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified, with limited exceptions. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 2412(6)(B)	7 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 2405(8)(D)	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 2403(5)	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 2412(5)(B)	6 of 6
Total points: 57 out of 100	

MARYLAND

Grade "B-"

Rating "Adequate"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 9-104(a)(2)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. N/A	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 9-106(a)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 9-106(a)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 9-106(a)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 9-106(d)(1)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Md. Code Ann., Educ. §§ 9-103; 9-104(a)(1)	13 of 13
An appeal of a local authorization decision is limited to procedural grounds. Md. Code Regs. 13A.01.05.05(A)	6 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization, but authorizers must inform the operators of the school of the capacity needed to fulfill the school's responsibilities related to children with disabilities. Md. Code. Ann., Educ. § 9-107(c)	1 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 9-105	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are excluded from authorization. Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 9-104(a)(4)(iv)	10 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 9-106(d)(2)	6 of 6
Total points: 82 out of 100	

MASSACHUSETTS

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 71, § 89(d)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 71, § 89(e)(ix)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 71, § 89(s)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 71, § 89(s)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 71, § 89(u)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 71, § 89(jj)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 71, § 89(c)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 71, § 89(ii)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 71, § 94	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 71, § 89(v)	6 of 6
Total points: 52 out of 100	

MICHIGAN

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.502(3)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.503c(2)(b)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.503(7)(a)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.503(7)(b)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.503(6)(j)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.503(6)(g)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Mich. Comp. Laws §§ 380.501(2)(a), 380.502(2)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
A limited assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization. Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.503(1)	1 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified, with limited exceptions for schools authorized by a state university or community college. Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.505	7 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.553a(1)	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.502(5)	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.503(7)(f)	6 of 6
Total points: 50 out of 100	

MINNESOTA

Grade "F"

Rating "Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Minn. Stat. § 124E.06(2)(a)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Minn. Stat. § 124E.07(3)(b)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Minn. Stat. § 124E.03(5a)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Minn. Stat. § 124E.03(5)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Minn. Stat. § 124E.14(a)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Minn. Stat. § 124E.16	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Minn. Stat. § 124E.05(1)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Minn. Stat. § 124E.12(1)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Minn. Stat. § 124E.03(7)(a)	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Minn. Stat. § 124E.05(6)	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Minn. Stat. § 124E.03(2)(b)	6 of 6
Total points: 58 out of 100	

MISSISSIPPI

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. Miss. Code Ann. § 37-28-5(a)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Miss. Code Ann. § 37-28-39(2)	7 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Miss. Code Ann. § 37-28-45(6)(a)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Miss. Code Ann. § 37-28-45(6)(b)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-28-7(8), 37-28-59(3)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Miss. Code Ann. § 37-28-57(2)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Miss. Code Ann. § 37-28-7(1)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
At least 75% of charter educators are required to be certified. Miss. Code Ann. § 37-28-47(1)(a)	6 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Miss. Code Ann. § 37-28-45(2), (6)(x)	6 of 6
Total points: 49 out of 100	

MISSOURI

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 160.405(1)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 160.415(6)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 160.405(13)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 160.405(13)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 160.400(15)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 160.405(4)(4)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 160.400(3)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
At least 80% of charter educators are required to be certified, and noncertified educators must be supervised by certified educators. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 160.420(2)	7 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 160.400(17)	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 160.405(4)(2)	6 of 6
Total points: 49 out of 100	

NEVADA

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 388A.240	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 388A.030	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 388A.366(1)(e)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do not apply to charter schools. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 239.005(5)	0 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 388A.246(20)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 388A.105(8)(a)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 388A.220	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
At least 50–70% of charter educators are required to be certified. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 388A.518(1)	5 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 388A.223(3); Nev. Admin. Code § 386.225	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 388A.366(1)(g)	6 of 6
Total points: 47 out of 100	

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grade "F"

Rating "Abysmal"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 194-B:3(V)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 194-B:5(VII)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 194-B:5(VI)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 91-A:1-a(VI)(d)	8 of 8
Some conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements apply to charter school boards. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 194-B:5(VII)	3 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 194-B:10(II), (III)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 194-B:3-a	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
At least 50% of charter educators are required to be certified. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 194-B:14(IV)	4 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 194-B:11(I)(a), (b)	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 194-B:8(V)	6 of 6
Total points: 44 out of 100	

NEW JERSEY

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:36A-4(a)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:36A-6(e)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:36A-6	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:36A-11(a)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:12-23.1	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:36A-5(l)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:36A-4(c)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the fiscal and racial impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization, but other factors not considered. <i>In re Proposed Quest Acad. Charter Sch. of Montclair Founders Grp.</i> , 80 A.3d 1120, 1124 (N.J. 2013) (citing N.J. Const. art. I, ¶ 5; N.J. Const. art. VIII, § 4, ¶ 1)	4 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:36A-14(c)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:36A-5(d)	6 of 6
Total points: 48 out of 100	

NEW MEXICO

Grade "F"

Rating "Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-8B-6(F)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are excluded from contracting with charter school boards. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-8B-4(R)	7 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-8B-5(C), (D)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-8B-5(C), (D)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-8B-5.2	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-8B-4(C)(1)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-8B-6(C)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-8B-10(a)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-30-2(E)	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-8B-4(M)	6 of 6
Total points: 59 out of 100	

NEW YORK

Grade "F"

Rating "Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are now excluded from applying to open a charter, but for-profit schools in existence prior to 2016 are allowed to remain open. N.Y. Educ. Law § 2851(1)	7 of 8
For-profit management organizations are now excluded from contracting with charter school boards, but the prohibition is not retroactive. N.Y. Educ. Law § 2851(1)	6 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. N.Y. Educ. Law § 2854(1)(e)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. N.Y. Educ. Law § 2854(1)(e)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. N.Y. Educ. Law § 2854(1)(f)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. N.Y. Educ. Law § 2854(1)(c)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. N.Y. Educ. Law § 2851(3)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the programmatic and fiscal impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization, but other factors not considered. N.Y. Educ. Law § 2851(2)(q)	3 of 6
QUALITY	
Approximately 70% of charter educators are required to be certified. N.Y. Educ. Law § 2854(3)(a-1)	5 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. N.Y. Educ. Law § 2854(1)(b), (d)	6 of 6
Total points: 57 out of 100	

NORTH CAROLINA

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-218.1(a)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. N.C. Op. Att’y Gen., 1998 WL 205281 (Feb. 12, 1998)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-218.25	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-218.25	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-218.15(b)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-218.30(a)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-218.5	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
At least 50% of charter educators are required to be certified. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-218.90(a)(1)	4 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-218.85(a)(3)	6 of 6
Total points: 48 out of 100	

OHIO

Grade "F"

Rating "Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Ohio Admin. Code 3301-102-02(I)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3314.02(A)(8)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3314.03(A)(11)(d)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3314.03(A)(11)(d)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3314.03(A)(11)(e)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3314.042	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3314.02(C)(1)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the racial impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization, but other factors not considered. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3314.03(A)(7)	1 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3314.03(A)(10)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3314.013	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3314.015(C)	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments, but charter schools can apply for a waiver to use an alternative assessment system. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3302.15(A)	3 of 6
Total points: 56 out of 100	

OKLAHOMA

Grade "F"

Rating "Abysmal"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 3-134(C)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. N/A	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 3-136(A)(16)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 3-136(A)(16)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 3-136(A)(17)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 3-136(A)(6)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 3-132(A)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are not required to be certified. Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 3-136(A)(5)	0 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 3-145.1	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 3-137(G)(8)	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Okla. Stat. tit. 70, § 3-136(A)(4)	6 of 6
Total points: 42 out of 100	

OREGON

Grade "F"

Rating "Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. Or. Rev. Stat. § 338.005(1)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Or. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 8273, 2000 WL 1464721 (Sept. 13, 2000)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Or. Rev. Stat. § 338.115(1)(d)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Or. Rev. Stat. § 338.115(1)(c)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Or. Rev. Stat. § 338.115(1)(y)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Or. Rev. Stat. § 338.095(3)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Or. Rev. Stat. § 338.035(4)	13 of 13
An appeal of a local authorization decision is not limited to procedural grounds. Or. Rev. Stat. § 338.075(2)(a)	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization. Or. Rev. Stat. § 338.055(3)(f)	6 of 6
QUALITY	
At least 50% of charter educators are required to be certified. Or. Rev. Stat. § 338.135(7)(b), (c)	4 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Or. Rev. Stat. § 338.035(1)(b)	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Or. Rev. Stat. § 338.115(1)(L)	6 of 6
Total points: 59 out of 100	

PENNSYLVANIA

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. 24 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 17-1703-A	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. N/A	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. 24 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 17-1716-A(c)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. <i>Zager v. Chester Cmty. Charter Sch.</i> , 934 A.2d 1227 (Pa. 2007)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. 24 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 17-1715-A(12)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. 24 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 17-1719-A(9)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. ⁵ 24 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 17-1745-A(d)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
At least 75% of charter educators are required to be certified. 24 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 17-1724-A(a)	6 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. 24 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 17-1745-A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. 24 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 17-1715-A(8)	6 of 6
Total points: 50 out of 100	

⁵ Generally, charter schools in Pennsylvania must be authorized by the local school board. The only exception is for virtual charter schools, which must be authorized by the state department of education.

RHODE ISLAND

Grade "D-"

Rating "Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-77-2.1(1)-(3)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are excluded from contracting with charter school boards. R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-77-3.1(d)	7 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-77-6.1(e)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. R.I. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 06-37, 2006 WL 4573877 (Sept. 8, 2006)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 16-77.2-7(19)-(20), 16-77.3-7(19)-(20), 16-77.4-7(17)-(18)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-77-3.1(f)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-77.2-3(f)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the fiscal and programmatic impact of opening an independent charter school or mayoral academy is required prior to authorization. R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 16-77.3-3(f), 16-77.4-3(f)	2 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 16-77.2-7(4), 16-77.3-7(4), 16-77.4-7(4)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 16-77.2-7(13), 16-77.3-7(13), 16-77.4-7(11)	6 of 6
Total points: 61 out of 100	

SOUTH CAROLINA

Grade "F"

Rating "Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-40(3)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-60(F)(8)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do not apply to charter schools. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(A)	0 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(10)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(11)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(3)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-40(4)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the racial impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization, but other factors not considered. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-60(F)(9)	1 of 6
QUALITY	
At least 75-90% of charter educators are required to be certified. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(5)	7 of 8
Virtual charter schools are excluded from authorization. ⁶ S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-65(C)	10 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-60(F)(6)	6 of 6
Total points: 54 out of 100	

⁶ Charter schools can provide up to 75% of their instruction through a virtual instruction program.

TENNESSEE

Grade "C-"

Rating "Mediocre"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-104(12)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-104(4)	7 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 49-13-111(h), 49-13-138(a)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-140	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-111(g)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-111(j)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-104(5)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the fiscal impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization, but other factors not considered. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-108(b), (e)	3 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-111(i)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are excluded from authorization. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-106(c)(2)	10 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-111(a)(5)	6 of 6
Total points: 72 out of 100	

TEXAS

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 12.101(a)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 12.1012(4)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Tex. Educ. Code Ann. §§ 12.012(a), 12.057(a), 12.1051(a)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Tex. Educ. Code Ann. §§ 12.012(a), 12.057(a), 12.1051(a)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 12.1054	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Tex. Educ. Code Ann. §§ 12.016(7), 12.059(7), 12.111(11)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 12.101	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the fiscal impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization, but other factors not considered. Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 12.110(d)(3)(C)	3 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are not required to be certified. Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 12.129(a)	0 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 30A.001(7)(A)	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Tex. Educ. Code Ann. §§ 12.013(b)(3)(P), 12.056(b)(2)(I), 12.104(b)(2)(L)	6 of 6
Total points: 47 out of 100	

UTAH

Grade "F"

Rating "Very Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Utah Code Ann. § 53G-5-302(1)(a)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Utah Code Ann. § 53G-5-305(2)(a)(ii)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Utah Code Ann. § 53G-5-405(5)(a)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Utah Code Ann. § 53G-5-405(5)(b)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Utah Code Ann. § 53G-5-409	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Utah Code Ann. § 53G-5-404(4)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Utah Code Ann. § 53G-5-205(1)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. Utah Code Ann. § 53G-5-304(1)(g)	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Utah Code Ann. § 53G-5-407(4)(a)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Utah Code Ann. § 53F-4-504(1)	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Utah Code Ann. § 53E-4-302(1)(c)	6 of 6
Total points: 52 out of 100	

VIRGINIA

Grade "D"

Rating "Mediocre"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-212.8(A)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-212.6(C)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Va. Code Ann. §§ 22.1-212.6:1(D), 2.2-3707(A)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Va. Code Ann. §§ 22.1-212.6:1(D), 2.2-3704	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-212.8(B)(33)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-212.8(B)(26)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Va. Code Ann. §§ 22.1-212.9(C), 22.1-212.10(E)	13 of 13
A local authorization decision is not appealable. Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-212.10(D)	6 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-212.13	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-212.6:1(C)	6 of 6
Total points: 63 out of 100	

WASHINGTON

Grade "D"

Rating "Mediocre"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are excluded from applying to open a charter. Wash. Rev. Code § 28A.710.010(1)	8 of 8
For-profit management organizations are excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Wash. Rev. Code § 28A.710.030(1)(c)	7 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Wash. Rev. Code § 28A.710.040(2)(i)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Wash. Rev. Code § 28A.710.040(2)(i)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Wash. Rev. Code § 28A.710.130(3)(c)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Wash. Rev. Code § 28A.710.040(2)(f)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Wash. Rev. Code § 28A.710.080	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the impact of opening a charter school is not required prior to authorization. N/A	0 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Wash. Rev. Code §§ 28A.710.040(2)(d); 28A.150.203(7)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
Authorizers can be evaluated/sanctioned. Wash. Rev. Code § 28A.710.120	6 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Wash. Rev. Code § 28A.710.040(2)(b)	6 of 6
Total points: 65 out of 100	

WISCONSIN

Grade "F"

Rating "Abysmal"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. Wis. Stat. § 118.40(7)(am)(3)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Wis. Stat. § 118.40(4)(d)(3)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Wis. Stat. § 118.40(7)(b)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Wis. Stat. § 118.40(7)(b)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do not apply to charter school boards. N/A	0 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Wis. Stat. § 118.40(1m)(b)(11)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are not authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Wis. Stat. § 118.40(1), (2r)(b)(1), (2x)(b)(1), (3m)	0 of 13
Limitations on appeal of a local authorization decision not applicable. N/A	0 of 6
An assessment of the fiscal and racial impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization, but other factors not considered. Wisc. Stat. § 118.40(1m)(b)(9), (2)(a)	4 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Wis. Stat. § 118.40(2r)(d)(1), (2x)(d)(1)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. Wis. Stat. § 118.40(8)	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Wis. Stat. § 118.40(2r)(d)(2), (2x)(d)(2)	6 of 6
Total points: 41 out of 100	

WYOMING

Grade "F"

Rating "Poor"

PUBLIC	Points
For-profit entities are not excluded from applying to open a charter. ⁷ Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-3-306(a)	0 of 8
For-profit management organizations are not excluded from contracting with charter school boards. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-3-304(j)	0 of 7
ACCOUNTABLE	
Open Meetings Act standards do apply to charter schools. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-3-304(b), (e)	8 of 8
Public Records Act standards do apply to charter schools. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-3-304(b), (e)	8 of 8
Conflict-of-interest and ethics requirements do apply to charter school boards. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-3-304(b), (e)	7 of 7
Charter schools are subject to regular audits. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-3-307(a)(viii)	7 of 7
LOCAL	
Charter schools are authorized only by a single local public agency such as the school district. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-3-308(a)	13 of 13
An appeal of a local authorization decision is not limited to procedural grounds. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-3-310(b)(iv)	0 of 6
A limited assessment of the fiscal impact of opening a charter school is required prior to authorization. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-3-308(c)	2 of 6
QUALITY	
Charter educators are required to be certified. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-3-308(h)	8 of 8
Virtual charter schools are not excluded from authorization. N/A	0 of 10
No provision for authorizers to be evaluated/sanctioned. N/A	0 of 6
Charter students are subject to state assessments. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-3-308(g)	6 of 6
Total points: 59 out of 100	

⁷ Wyoming's law is ambiguous with respect to this criterion. It states that "[a]ny person may apply" to open a charter school. "Person" is not defined in the charter law. Because "person" could include for-profit entities, Wyoming received zero points for this criterion.

