



# EXPANDING ACCESS TO CHARTER SCHOOLS IN MISSOURI

## The Policy



Education entrepreneurs throughout the state should be able to go to the Missouri Public Charter School Commission for sponsorship if their application to establish a charter school is turned down by their local school board.

## The Facts



Across the U.S. there are nearly 1,000 rural charter schools and over 2,000 suburban charter schools. Of the 43 states with charter schools, Missouri is the only one with no rural or suburban charters.



A 2023 Stanford University study found that "the typical charter school student had reading (16 days of learning) and math (6 days of learning) gains that outpaced their peers in the traditional public schools that they would have attended."



According to a recent survey, 65 percent of all Missouri adults and 71 percent of Missouri parents support charter schools.



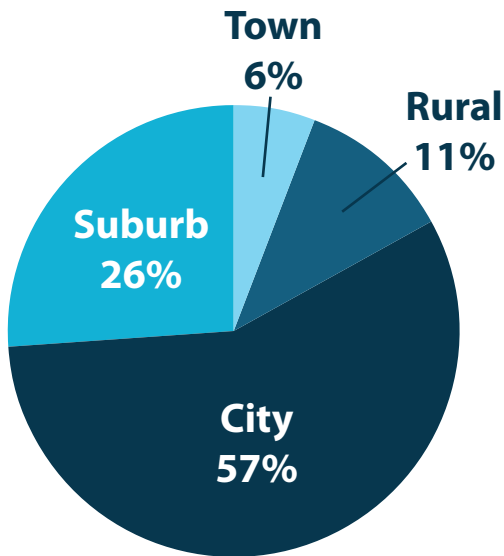
Three of the top 20 high schools in the United States, according to the *U.S. News* 2023 High School Rankings report, are charter schools.

# Good Charter School Policy

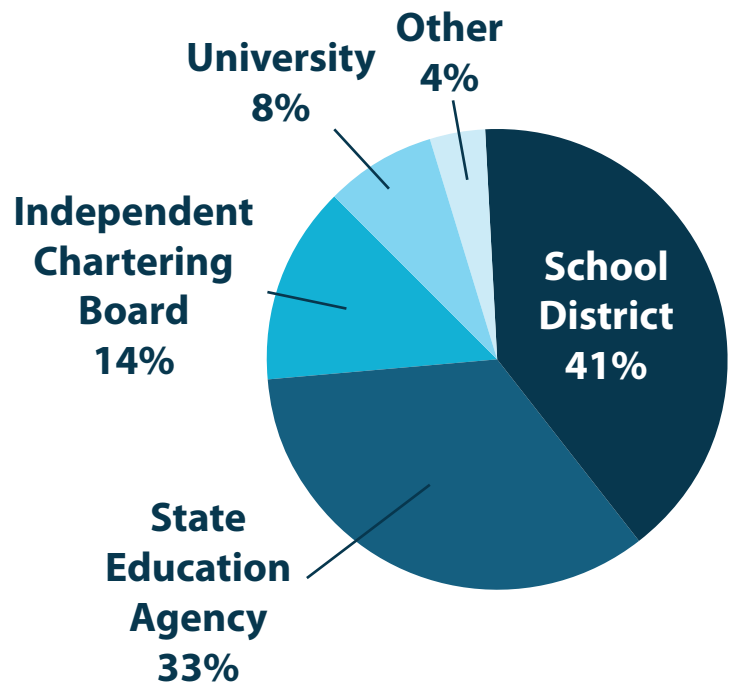


- No limits on the number of charter schools or charter school students
- No restrictions on where charter schools can be located
- Fully funding charter school students just like their peers in traditional public schools
- An appeals process for charter school applicants denied sponsorship by their local school board in fully accredited districts

## Nearly Half of All Charter Schools Are Outside of Urban Areas



## Almost Half of All Charter Schools Are Authorized by Local School Boards



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