

Charter schools are required by law to administer state assessments like ISTEP, ILEARN, IREAD, ECAs, etc. and are subject to the same A-F letter grade system as other public and non-public voucher schools.

Charter schools are required to have a third party financial audit completed every year, unlike traditional public schools who are only audited by the State Board of Accounts every other year.

Authorizers must conduct a public hearing before approving a charter application.

Authorizers must submit annual reports to the DOE. The authorizer, DOE and SBOE are all required to publicly post the annual report on their respective websites. Charter school organizers must publish an annual performance report just like all other public school corporations.

DOE is required to have a charter school page on the department website that includes all authorizers and approved schools, as well as pending applications and other information.