

Why we choose charter school education

Our experience and that of our children with Delaware's charter schools is outstanding and we'd like to share a few reasons why.

First, our children are motivated and excited to go to school. They have taken interest in things we never thought possible and we can see marked improvement in specific skill sets, such as public speaking or expression through art.

Second, the environment. The schools' "It takes a village" approach has influenced the way that students, teachers and parents engage in a very positive way. The children are seen as whole individuals and the schools are always looking for new ways to improve the experience for families. This kind of engagement is contagious.

Third, the schools' ability to try new ways of instruction and learning. Anyone can teach children to read, write and add, but how many can encourage them to solve problems, expose them to the world outside their community, and instill a desire to learn and improve? This is the type of educational experience we want for our children and Delaware's charter schools are providing it.

Every child is unique. We know families whose children are thriving at district, parochial and private schools alike. It's not our intention to take away from that. When we celebrate our schools, it's not to the detriment of others, but rather to celebrate the excellence in educational choice in Delaware.

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