

## Charter Schools

### Question:

What happens if cuts are made to charter schools? If the 11th graders don't have a school for 12th grade in what happens? Where do they go? Is additional funding to charters just to cover this scenario or are there additional funds for new schools and increased funds to current classes as well? What is per pupil allocation from state for charter student vs magnet school student vs traditional public school student?

### Response:

SDE has prepared a spreadsheet that shows charter school enrollments and grade ranges for the current year as well as for both years of the biennium (projected). Grade expansion is addressed on the spreadsheet, and the Governor's proposed budget includes funding to accommodate the enrollments shown. If grade expansions are not accommodated and students "age out" of a charter, those students would return to their home districts or avail themselves of other choice options which could include the Connecticut Technical High Schools, magnet schools, other charter schools, vocational agriculture centers, and the OPEN Choice program. Note that the appropriate application process would be required, and there would be no guarantee that these students would be accommodated through an alternate choice program. As well, there are nonpublic school options which might be considered.

With regard to per-pupil grants, note that the state does not have a specific grant for traditional public school students in the same way that we have charter and magnet school grants. Here are the current law charter and magnet per-student grant amounts:

#### CHARTER SCHOOLS

State Charter Schools	\$11,000 per student
Local Charter Schools	\$3,000 per student

#### MAGNET SCHOOLS

Magnet Host Model	\$7,085 for nonresident students; \$3,000 for resident students
Magnet RESC Model	\$7,900 per student
Magnet Sheff, Hartford	\$13,054 for nonresident students; \$0 for Hartford students
Magnet Sheff, Other-than-Hartford	\$10,443 per student
Magnet, Edison	\$8,180 per student

Please be reminded that in some instances, there are requirements for tuition and/or local contribution beyond the state share. Also, a magnet school may shift from one category to another, depending upon the percentage of students from each sending town.

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								Approps Workgroup
Charter Schools		Opening Date	FY 2015 Grades	Prelim FY2015 (Oct PSIS)	New Grade(s)	Projected FY2016	New Grade(s)	Projected FY2017
<b>Existing State Charter Schools</b>								
AF Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Fall 2007	K-4 & 5-8, 9-12	977		1,002		1,007
AF Hartford	Hartford	Fall 2008	K-4, 5-8, 9-11	954	6, 12	1,225	7	1,343
Amistad	New Haven	Fall 2006, Fall 1999	K-4, 5-8, 9-12	984		1,053		1,070
The Bridge	Bridgeport	Fall 1997	7-12	275		275		275
Common Ground	New Haven	Fall 1997	9-12	180		195		210
Elm City College Prep	New Haven	Fall 2004	K-4,5-8, 9-12	635		677		686
Explorations	Winsted	Fall 1997	9-12	88		88		88
Highville	Hamden	Fall 1998	PK-10	403	11	440	12	480
Integrated Day	Norwich	Fall 1997	PK-8	331		363		363
ISAAC	New London	Fall 1997	6-8	262		302		350
Jumoke	Hartford	Fall 1997, 2010, 2012	PK-5, 6-8, 9-11	716	12	775		795
New Beginnings	Bridgeport	Fall 2002	PK-8	473		534		574
Odyssey	Manchester	Fall 1997	K-8	328		327		327
Park City Prep	Bridgeport	Fall 2006	5-8	360		375		385
Side by Side	Norwalk	Fall 1997	PK-8	235		236		236
Stamford Academy	Stamford	Fall 2004	9-12	142		150		150
Trailblazers	Stamford	Fall 1999	6-8	119		165		180
Brass City	Waterbury	Fall 2013	PK-2	150	3	182	4	216
Path Academy	Windham	Fall 2014	9-12	136	*	200	*	200
Great Oaks	Bridgeport	Fall 2014	6	127	7	250	8	375
Booker T. Washington	New Haven	Fall 2014	K-1	91	2	180	3	240
<i>Subtotal, Existing State Charter Schools</i>				7,966		8,994		9,550
<b>State Board Approved Charters - April 2014 meeting</b>								
Two new SBE 4/2/14 approved Yr1, Growth Yr2								
Stamford Charter School for Excellence	Stamford	Fall 2015	PK-5			168		224
Capital Prep Harbor School	Bridgeport	Fall 2015	PK-12			250		250
<i>Subtotal New State Charters</i>						418		474
<b>TOTAL STATE CHARTER STUDENTS</b>						<b>9,412</b>		<b>10,024</b>

\* Path Academy is a school serving over-aged, under-credited students. It opened in FY2015 serving Grades 9-12 and will reach full capacity of 200 students in FY2016.