

The State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA)

Created in 2011, the purpose of the State Public Charter School Authority is

Authorize charter schools of high-quality throughout this State with the goal of expanding the opportunities for pupils in this State, including, without limitation, pupils who are at risk.

Provide oversight to the charter schools that it sponsors to ensure that those charter schools maintain high educational and operational standards, preserve autonomy and safeguard the interests of pupils and the community.

Serve as a model of the best practices in sponsoring charter schools and foster a climate in this State in which all high-quality charter schools, regardless of sponsor, can flourish.

NRS 388A.150

Quick Facts

9 Member appointed board

25 Full time employees

2 Offices, one in Carson City and one in Las Vegas

Estimated pass-through of \$22M Estimated pass annual grants for FY22*

*Excludes emergency funding

Schools Sponsored by the State Public Charter School Authority

There are 70 charter school campuses sponsored by the SPCSA located across five counties: Churchill, Clark, Elko, Washoe, and White Pine. Of the school campuses sponsored by the SPCSA, about 86% are located in Clark County.

Student Enrollment

(2021-22) School Year)



SPCSA-sponsored schools serve approximately 55,000 students or 11% of Nevada's public-school students

Star Ratings (2018-19 School Year)



of SPCSA schools rated 3 stars or better



4- and 5-star schools

Graduation Rate

(Class of 2021)



4-year graduation rate



2.6 point increase compared to prior year

Additionally, there are a total of 17 charter schools sponsored by county school districts (Carson City School District, Clark County School District, and Washoe County School District).

Public Charter Schools are

- Tuition-free, public schools
- Students enrolled through a lottery (school may not impose any admission criteria)
- Required to take all state assessments (Smarter Balanced, ACT, etc.)
- ✓ Governed by volunteer board of directors
- ✓ May not operate for profit
- ✓ Subject to a performance contract with a charter school sponsor