

Expanding Access to Charter Schools

Charter schools provide a high-quality alternative for students

Wisconsin provides many public school options for families, including public charter schools. These are public schools that have more flexibility and innovation while being held accountable to the contract with the authorizing entity.

But as charter school enrollment grows and demand increases for educational options across the state, it is difficult for charter schools to get authorized and expand because:



School districts see charter schools as competition. Only 22% of all school districts authorize a charter school.



Only 5 of the government entities authorized to create a charter school use their authority.



Enrollment in public charter schools grew by over 6,000 students between 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

AB 967 and AB 968 will help expand more high-quality charter schools throughout Wisconsin.



AB 967 will require school districts to authorize existing high-performing charter schools that want to expand and add additional campuses.



AB 968 will create a charter school authorizing board so more independent charter schools can be authorized in Wisconsin.



Support AB 967 and AB 968 by Representative Wittke and Senator Darling to expand charter schools.