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Wisconsin Charter Schools Fact Sheet

Charter Schools are tuition free public schools that are allowed to be more innovative, yet provide a structured, disciplined learning environment and are held accountable for improved student achievement.

Wisconsin's charter schools:

- Are free to the public and offer choice
- Are non-religious
- Are open to all children in the state
- Employ fully-qualified teachers
- Participate in statewide testing programs
- Must comply with No Child Left Behind

Wisconsin's charter schools focus on a wide variety of areas:

- Arts/culture
- Technology
- Math/science
- Language studies
- Environmental/"Green"
- Project-based learning
- At-risk students
- Montessori philosophy
- Virtual studies
- Core knowledge
- Direct instruction

...and more

Wisconsin has:

- More than 220 charter schools
- Approximately 35,000 students enrolled in charter schools

Wisconsin's charter schools focus on the areas of critical thinking, creativity, and innovation, and serve as a "testing ground" for new curriculums and teaching methods. These methods are modified and developed into successful models that are then rolled out to conventional (non-charter) public schools.

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