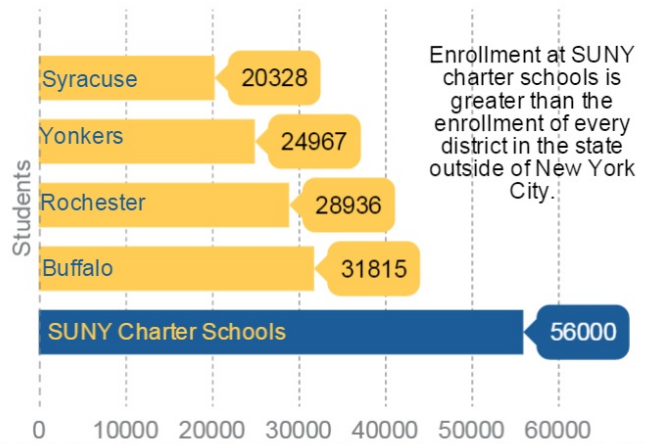


Fast Facts

SUNY Authorized Charter Schools



146 Authorized Charter Schools

7th
Largest Authorizer of Charter Schools in the U.S.

#1
"Best Application Process" from the National Association of Charter School Authorizers in 2010.

17% Approval rate for first-time applicants for new charter schools.
34% Overall approval rate for new charter school applications.

458
Applications received since SUNY began authorizing charter schools in 1999.

87% of SUNY charter schools outperformed their district of location in mathematics.
82% of SUNY charter schools outperformed their district of location in reading and writing.

20 SUNY charter schools scored in the top 10% of public schools statewide in mathematics.

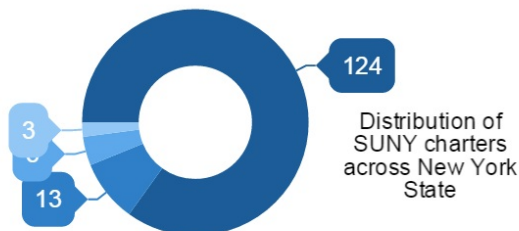
15 SUNY charter schools scored in the top 10% of public schools statewide in English language arts.

35,000
Students are waiting for a seat in a SUNY charter school.

73% of SUNY charter school students are economically disadvantaged.

78 SUNY charter schools have been renewed in the past 5 years.

9% of SUNY charter schools have not been renewed by the SUNY Board of Trustees.



■ New York City (85%) ■ Western/Central New York (9%)
■ Capital District (4%) ■ Long Island (2%)

146
69
66
SUNY is the largest authorizer of charter schools in New York State.

■ SUNY Board of Trustees (52%)
■ NYC Dept. of Education (24%)
■ NYS Board of Regents (23%)
■ Buffalo Board of Education (1%)

About SUNY Authorized Charter Schools

The Charter Schools Act of 1998 grants the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees authorizing power to grant charters for the purpose of organizing and operating independent and autonomous public charter schools. The SUNY Trustees created the Charter Schools Institute in 1999 to assist them in carrying out their responsibilities under the Act.

The Institute is charged with evaluating initial applications for the opening of charter schools, ongoing monitoring of student academic performance and overall school operations, and presenting findings and recommendations regarding the renewal of a school's charter to the SUNY Trustees.

Striking the delicate balance between giving schools autonomy and providing responsible oversight, and between treating schools as independent institutions while still assuring accountability, is the hard work that the Board of Trustees has committed to, and the foundation of the work of the Charter Schools Institute.

The Institute is committed to the creation and operation of highly successful charter schools throughout New York State.

Nationally Recognized Authorizer

The Institute was recognized as having the "Best Application Process" for approving new charter schools by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers.

The U.S. Department of Education featured the Institute's policies and practices for new school approval, school oversight and charter renewal in the report, "Fostering Innovation and Excellence."

