

NEW YORK CHARTER SCHOOL FACT SHEET

The New York Charter Schools Act of 1998 (the Act) and its amendments in 2007, 2010 and 2015 established limits (caps) on the number of charters each charter entity (authorizer) may issue. As set forth in the Act, charter entities are certain school districts, the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY) and the Board of Regents (BOR) (see Education Law §2851[3]).

1998	In 1998, the numerical limit was 100, 50 charters to be issued by SUNY and 50 to be issued by the other charter entities described in the Act. All authorizers reached the 1998 cap.
2007	Pursuant to the 2007 amendments, the numerical limit on the number of charters was increased to 200, 100 to be issued by SUNY and 100 to be issued by the other charter entities described in the Act. Up to 50 of the additional charters were reserved for NYC. SUNY has 1 remaining charter under the 2007 cap; the other charter entities reached the 2007 cap.
2010	Pursuant to the 2010 amendments, the numerical limit on the number of charters to be issued was set at 460, 200 from the 2007 cap plus an additional 260, 130 to be issued by SUNY and 130 to be issued by the BOR. Numerical limits were placed on the number of charters issued to charter schools in NYC. There are 158 remaining charters under the 2010 cap.
2015-2016	The 2015 amendments retain the numerical limit of 460 charters, provide that the charters be issued by either SUNY or the BOR, and limit to no more than 50, the number of charters that can be issued to charter schools in NYC on or after July 1, 2015. There were 159 charters remaining under the 2007 and 2010 caps. The 2015 amendments also provide for the reissuance by SUNY or the BOR of up to 22 charters that have been surrendered, revoked, terminated or not renewed. As of May 2016, 6 charters have been issued under the 2015 amendments, as shown on the second page. Based on the original 460 cap there are 153 charters remaining (159 - 6), plus the 22 that may be reissued, resulting in a total balance of 175 (153 + 22).

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Charters Issued Towards 2015 Legislative Cap

Charter Authorizer	Charters Permitted Per 2015 Legislation Statewide		Charters Approved by Authorizer Under 2015 Legislation	Charters Remaining 2015 Legislation	
	Statewide*	NYC		Statewide	NYC
Board of Regents	181	50 (of 181)	4	175	45 (of 175)
SUNY			2		
Total			6		

*Includes 22 charters that may be reissued pursuant to the 2015 amendments to the Article 56 of the Education Law.

Charter Schools in New York State

Charter Authorizer	Charters Open with students in 2015-16	Charters Scheduled to open in 2016-17 or later	Charters Closed to Date *	Total Charters Approved To Date **
Board of Regents	67	7	7	81
SUNY	132	24	15	171
NYCDOE	55	0	7	62
Buffalo BOE	2	0	0	2
Total	256	31	29	316

* 3 of the 29 charter schools closed were NYCDOE conversions.

** 9 of the total charters approved to date were conversion charter schools.

Charter Schools in New York City

Charter Authorizer	NYC Charters Open with students in 2015-16	NYC Charters Scheduled to open in 2016-17 or later	NYC Charters Closed to Date	Total NYC Charters Approved To Date
Board of Regents	39	6	3	48
SUNY	111	23	3	137
NYCDOE	55	0	7	62
Total	205	29	13	247

Note: Based on data provided by NYCDOE, 121 of the 205 (59%) operating charter schools in NYC are co-located with other schools for 2015-16 school year. An additional 15 charter schools are located in DOE partnership buildings.