

Think Charter Schools it's all about the students



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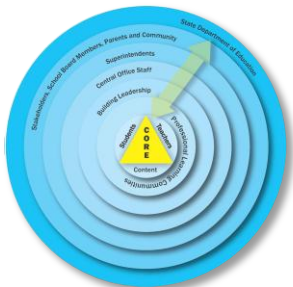




Nine Characteristics

of High-Performing Schools

1. **Clear & shared focus**
2. **High standards & expectations for all students**
3. **Effective school leadership**
4. **High levels of collaboration & communication**
5. **Curriculum, instruction & assessments aligned with state standards**
6. **Frequent monitoring of learning & teaching**
7. **Focused professional development**
8. **Supportive learning environment**
9. **High level of family & community involvement**





What are Charter Schools?

Charter Schools are:

- Legislatively authorized **public** schools
- Free and available for all students
- Funded according to the per pupil funding formula
- Held accountable for student achievement
- Held accountable for all federal and state laws
- Entrepreneurial and reform oriented
- Non-profit corporations
- Operated by independent board of directors





What is the foundation of charter schools?



- Choice
- Accountability
- Freedom



Charter Schools Provide Choice

- Establish unique learning opportunities
- Open enrollment
- Create sense of ownership for all stakeholders
- Provide opportunities to start over
- Utilize resources outside the traditional education community
- Empowers stakeholders





How are Charter Schools Accountable?



- Contents of the Charter
 - Student achievement
 - Curriculum
 - Philosophy
- Requirements of federal and state government
 - Education laws
 - Public entities
- Non-profit public business
- Stakeholder satisfaction



How do Charter Schools Provide Freedom?

- Drive changes in instruction and learning environment
- Eliminate bureaucracy
- Tap into educators' motivations
- Flexibility within the law





What is happening in Idaho currently?

- Charter Law Review
- Current Schools
- Future Schools





Charter School Finances



- **State Funding**
 - Size of school – ADA
 - Student mix – grades served
 - Staff hired – experience and education
- **Federal Funding**
 - Title funds
 - IDEA funds
- **Fundraising**
 - Donations
 - Grants
- **No Local Funding**
 - **Property tax**
 - **Levy/Voted leeway**

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Questions

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