

Charter School Information

The Charter School Law, 24 P.S. §17-1701-A et seq., was first enacted by the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1997. While initial charter applications, renewals and annual reporting are procedures involving the local public school district, the primary responsibility for the success or failure of a charter school rests with the board of trustees, administration and staff of the charter school itself. In this regard, charter schools are largely self-managed. Public school districts such as the Avon Grove School District do not have day-to-day management responsibility or control over a charter school. Charter school funding is mandated by the Pennsylvania Charter School Law, and not by individual public school districts. In addition, some charter schools, known as “cyber” charter schools, are approved directly by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. For more information on charter schools, view the Pennsylvania Department of Education website at www.pde.state.pa.us.