

# MINNESOTA

CHARTER SCHOOL LAW ENACTED IN 1991

MODEL LAW STATE RANKINGS

**4<sup>th</sup>**

OUT OF 45

**178**

TOTAL POINTS

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Minnesota’s law does not cap public charter school growth, includes multiple authorizers, and provides a fair amount of autonomy and accountability. However, it also provides inequitable funding to charter schools.

The biggest areas for improvement in Minnesota’s law are ensuring equitable funding and strengthening accountability for full-time virtual charter schools.

## STATE CHARTER SCHOOL OVERVIEW

### CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS (2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR)

Number of Students	59,492
Public School Student Enrollment Share	7%
Student Demographics	
White	40%
Black	27%
Hispanic	11%
Asian	16%
Other	6%

FRPL Participation Rate 53%

### CHARTER SCHOOLS (2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR)

Number of Schools	233
Public School Share	10%
School Openings	19

## MODEL LAW COMPONENT SCORE

COMPONENT	RATING x WEIGHT		TOTAL
1 No Caps	4	3	12
2 A Variety of Charter Schools Allowed	4	2	8
3 Non-district Authorizers Available	4	3	12
4 Authorizer and Overall Program Accountability System Required	3	3	9
5 Adequate Authorizer Funding	4	2	8
6 Transparent Charter Application, Review, and Decisionmaking Processes	3	4	12
7 Performance-based Charter Contracts Required	3	4	12
8 Comprehensive Charter School Monitoring and Data Collection Processes	3	4	12
9 Clear Processes for Renewal, Nonrenewal, and Revocation Decisions	3	4	12
10 Transparency Regarding Educational Service Providers	3	2	6
11 Fiscally and Legally Autonomous Schools with Independent Charter School Boards	4	3	12
12 Clear Student Enrollment and Lottery Procedures	4	2	8
13 Automatic Exemptions from Many State and District Laws and Regulations	2	3	6
14 Automatic Collective Bargaining Exemption	4	3	12
15 Multischool Charter Contracts and/or Multicharter Contract Boards Allowed	4	2	8
16 Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities Eligibility and Access	4	1	4
17 Clear Identification of Special Education Responsibilities	3	2	6
18 Equitable Operational Funding and Equal Access to All State and Federal Categorical Funding	1	4	4
19 Equitable Access to Capital Funding and Facilities	2	4	8
20 Access to Relevant Employee Retirement Systems	2	2	4
21 Full-time Virtual Charter School Provisions	1	3	3
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>			<b>178</b>