PENNSYLVANIA

FOUNDATION FUNDING

POLICY COMPONENT	STATE POLICY DESCRIPTION
Base Funding	The state uses a different formula to calculate the base funding for charter schools than district schools. For non-special education students, the funding amount is based on the district's general fund expenditures per student but excludes certain costs.
Special Education Funding	The adjustment is the same for charter schools and district schools.
English Learner Funding	The adjustment is the same for charter schools and district schools.
At-Risk Funding	The adjustment is the same for charter schools and district schools.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

POLICY COMPONENT	STATE POLICY DESCRIPTION
Local	Charter schools receive some local dollars.
State	Charter schools have access to most state funds outside of the foundation funding offered to district schools.
Federal	Charter schools have access to the proportional share of federal funds for which they are eligible.
Transportation	The law requires a school district to provide transportation to a charter school located up to 10 miles from the school district boundary. However, if a school district is a part of a regional charter school, it must provide transportation to the charter school regardless of distance. A school district providing transportation to a charter school is eligible for transportation funds. If a charter school believes that a school district is not providing legally-mandated transportation for a student, it may submit a request for review to the state secretary of education. If the state secretary of education determines that a school district is not providing the required transportation, the State Department of Education will pay funds directly to the charter school for costs incurred in the transportation of its students. Funds paid to the charter school are deducted from payments made to the school district. Charter schools that receive this funding must use those funds to provide or contract for transportation for students who attend the charter school.