

Charter Overview

In 2002, Berkley Elementary became a conversion charter school and now operates under the name **Berkley Charter School**.

In 2004 Berkley Accelerated Middle School was started under a startup charter. The following is information about conversion charters and start up charters.

Charter Schools

Charter schools are public schools operating under a performance contract or "charter" freeing them from a number of rules and regulations created for traditional public schools. As part of the contract between the charter school and the public school system, charter schools are held strictly accountable for academic and financial results.

Start Up Charter

A start up charter is a school that did not exist prior to becoming a charter school, like Berkley Accelerated Middle School. Parents, community members, and business partners often start these brand new schools. They may offer a specialized curriculum or serve a specific student population.

Conversion Charter

A conversion charter, such as Berkley Elementary, is an existing public school that converts to charter school status. This process requires the support of a majority of teachers and students at a school, the submittal and approval of a charter application by the local school board (Polk County School Board), and the negotiation of a charter contract. Final approval is voted on by the school board after a public hearing.

Would you like more information about our charter school? Please contact our school office at 863 968 5024!



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