

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to attend a conversion charter school?

First priority is given to students who are currently enrolled in the school and will be returning to the school.

**Charter schools must comply with racial balance requirements.

How are students selected to attend a charter school?

Any student who wishes to attend a charter school must turn in an application.

If the number of students who apply is greater than the number of available seats, students have an equal chance of being admitted during a random selection process.

Are there special costs or requirements to attend a charter school?

Charter schools may not charge students to attend the school.

Some charter schools do require parents and students to sign contracts and have dismissal policies with regard to academic performance, attendance, and behavior.

Will my child still have to take the FCAT?

Yes. Students at charter schools are not exempt from standardized testing requirements. They must meet the FCAT requirements for graduation and promotion.

Who determines how money is spent at a charter school?

Each charter's governing board must annually approve a budget for that school.

The budget must be balanced based on appropriate revenue projections and reflect generally accepted standards of fiscal management.

Five percent of the dollars generated by the first 500 students is returned to the sponsoring school district (Polk County).

There are specific services the school board must provide in return for these dollars.

The remainder of the budget is used to meet all of the operational needs of the school.

This includes salary and benefits of staff, electricity, telephones, supplies, etc.

Do you have more questions? Please contact our school office at 863 968 5024!

