

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a charter school?

A charter school is a public school that is run by a private entity.

How long have we had charter schools in Florida?

Charter schools were first created in Florida in 1996.

Who operates a charter school?

Charter schools are operated by private entities who have charter agreements with the School District of Hillsborough County. Each school is run by a Governing Board who directs the schools administrators.

What type of student attends a charter school?

All types of students attend charter schools. Each school has its own culture and focus.

Is there a tuition fee to attend a charter school?

Since charter schools are public schools, no tuition is charged to attend these schools.

Do charter schools take FCAT or participate in the State A+ Grading System?

Charter Schools do take FCAT and must participate in the State A+ Grading system.

Do charter schools have an "area" or "zone"?

Charter schools students are not limited by attendance zones. Membership in the school population is open to any student in Hillsborough County. Students from adjoining counties may be admitted on a case by case basis. Interested parents are urged to discuss this issue with the administrator of the desired school.

How can I apply to attend a charter school?

Parents should apply directly to the desired school. Addresses and email links are provided on our home page, or parents can visit <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/schools/SelectSchool.asp> and follow the “schools” link on the home page.