



## How Charter Schools Work

In 1996, the Florida Legislature authorized charter schools as part of the program of public education (CH.96-18, Laws of Florida). The legislators authorized the creation of charter schools to improve student learning and increase teaching innovation.

Charter schools are public/nonsectarian schools that operate on a contract (charter) with the Duval County School Board. All schools are publicly funded like other public schools in Florida, receiving funds based on enrollment. Charter schools have their own governing boards and operate independently of the local school district.

Charter schools in Florida are required to participate in the statewide assessment test, called the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). The schools' academic progress is evaluated and outcomes agreed to in a contract with the sponsor school district. All charter schools are evaluated and assigned a school grade by the Florida Department of Education, using the same standards as traditional public schools.



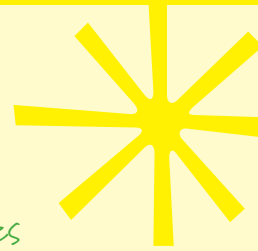
# Exciting Choices For Students And Families

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## Charter School Choices

As any parent knows, it's important to be able to make choices about their children's education. That is why Duval County Public School Choice was created. Our programs offer parents and students a wide range of educational options, one of which is charter schools.

Charter schools are public schools providing instruction in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Because each charter school in Duval County operates under a contract with the District's School Board, it is allocated public educational funds. Charter schools may not charge tuition and may not discriminate against any pupil on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender, or disability. Charter schools are required to hire only certified teachers.

## Application Process

Parents need to make an informed decision. Contact each charter school that interests you and set up a time to visit the school and meet with the school's principal and staff. If you choose to send your child to a charter school, you must contact the school directly and complete an application. Charter schools accept new students during June, July and August. Once school begins, a charter school cannot accept students already in attendance at another Duval County Public School. Students enrolled in a charter school may only withdraw to attend their neighborhood school using the Request to Return to Attendance Area School form provided by the Duval Public Schools Choice Office. Each charter school in Duval County has an enrollment limit and maintains a waiting list of students interested in attending that school.

**For more information, we invite you to call the School Choice/Charter School Office at (904) 390-2039.**

## Charter Schools

### Elementary

#### **River City Science Academy**

3266 Southside Boulevard  
Jacksonville, FL 32216  
(904) 565-0065

#### **Somerset Academy, Eagle Campus**

8985 Lone Star Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32211  
(904) 725-3636

#### **Tiger Academy**

6079 Bagley Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32209  
(904) 309-6840

#### **Wayman Academy of the Arts**

1176 LaBelle Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32205  
(904) 695-9995

### K-8

#### **Global Outreach Charter Academy**

9570 Regency Square Boulevard  
Jacksonville, FL 32225  
(904) 551-7104

#### **Renaissance Charter School, Inc.**

(954) 202-3500

### Middle

#### **KIPP Impact Middle School**

(Grades 5-8)  
1440 McDuff Avenue North  
Jacksonville, FL 32254  
(904) 305-8851

#### **Somerset Academy, Eagle Campus**

8985 Lone Star Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32211  
(904) 725-3636

#### **S.O.S. Academy Middle School**

6974 Wilson Boulevard  
Jacksonville, FL 32210  
(904) 573-0880

### Middle/High Schools

#### **River City Science Academy**

7565 Beach Boulevard  
Jacksonville, FL 32216  
(904) 855-8010

### High Schools

#### **Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – Duval**

(813) 480-0701

#### **Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – Jacksonville**

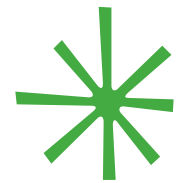
(813) 480-0701

#### **Pathways Academy**

Florida State College at Jacksonville  
101 West State Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
(904) 633-8125

#### **SIATech High School**

4811 Payne Stewart Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32209  
(904) 360-8200 ext. 8284



## Why A Charter School?

The legislature created charter schools to improve student learning, provide students and parents more choices and increase accountability. Charter schools are established for many purposes, one of which may suit the educational needs and goals of your child:

- Improve student learning and academic achievement
- Increase learning opportunities for all students
- Encourage the use of different and innovative instructional strategies
- Require the measurement of learning outcomes
- Create new and professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to own the learning program at the school site

Charter schools are open to any student residing in Duval County.

Transportation may or may not be provided, depending on each charter school's policy.