

What is a charter school?

A charter school is a tuition-free public school that provides choice in education. Recognizing a need for enhanced learning options, Alberta Education legally established charter schools in 1994, making Alberta the first (and still the only) Canadian province to move forward on this exciting path. There are now 13 charter schools operating in Alberta, each designed to implement unique innovations in the organization and delivery of education, which result in improved student learning.



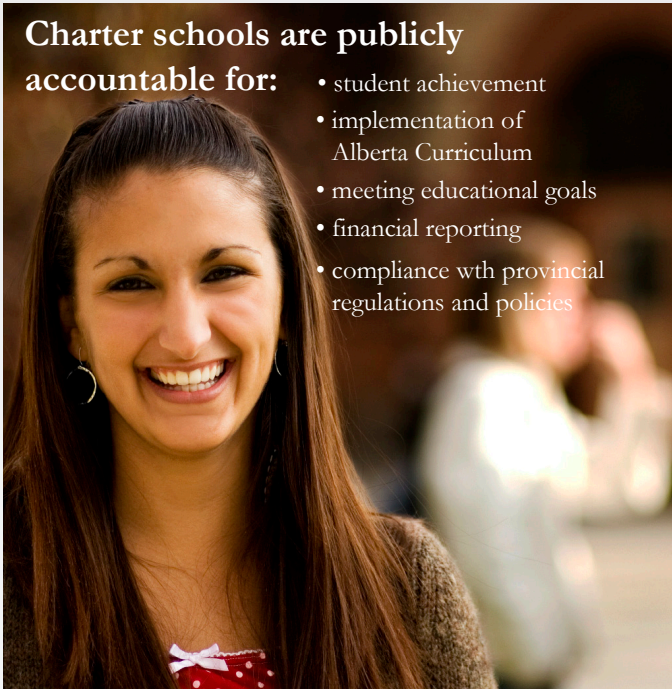
Charter schools offer:

- innovative and enhanced methods of instruction
- opportunities for meaningful parental involvement
- safe, caring and responsive learning environments
- effective leadership
- dedicated staff
- commitment to excellence

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Public charter schools:

- are operated by non-profit organizations
- employ Alberta certified teachers
- are accessible to all students
- have no religious affiliation



Charter schools are publicly accountable for:

- student achievement
- implementation of Alberta Curriculum
- meeting educational goals
- financial reporting
- compliance with provincial regulations and policies

TAAPCS objectives:

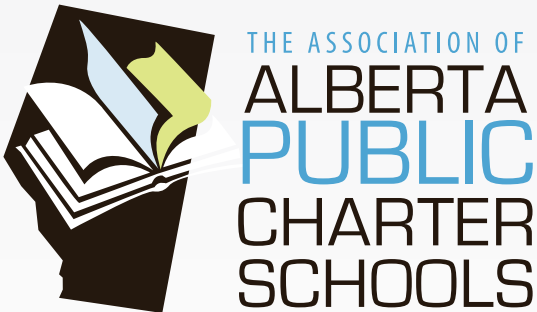
To promote and facilitate public charter school education in Alberta

To speak with one voice on behalf of public charter schools in Alberta

To promote a forum for public charter schools to meet in support of common goals

To advocate for continued innovation and choice within public education

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Working together to support choice and innovation in public education

What is TAAPCS?

TAAPCS is an association comprised of Alberta Education approved charter schools. It is led by a volunteer Board of Governors and employs a part-time Executive Director.

Almadina Language Charter Academy

#118, 3132 - 26 Street NE
Calgary, AB T1Y 6Z1
Tel: (403)543-5078/Fax: (403)543-5079
www.esl-almadina.com
Offers: kindergarten to grade 9 Focus:
English as a second language



Aurora Academic Charter School

12245 - 131 Street
Edmonton, AB T5L 1M8
Tel: (780)454-1855/Fax: (780)454-8104
www.auroraschool.com
Offers: kindergarten to grade 9
Focus: traditional education



Boyle Street Education Centre

10312 - 105 Street
Edmonton, AB T5J 1E6
Tel: (780)428-1420/Fax: (780)429-1428
www.bsec.ab.ca
Offers: 14 to 19 years age group
Focus: at-risk youth



Calgary Arts Academy

640 -14 Avenue SE
Calgary, AB T2G 1E8
Tel: (403)532-3020/Fax: (403)217-0965
www.calgaryartsacademy.com
Offers: kindergarten to grade 9
Focus: arts immersion curriculum



Calgary Girls' School

Unit C, 7239 Flint Road SE
Calgary, AB T2H 1G2
Tel: (403)252-0702/Fax: (403)252-0717
www.calgarygirlsschool.com
Offers: grade 4 to grade 9
Focus: fostering competent, confident
and caring young women



Connect Charter School

5915 Lewis Drive SW
Calgary, AB T3E 5Z4
Tel: (403)282-2890/Fax: (403)282-2896
www.connectcharter.ca
Offers: grade 4 to grade 9
Focus: inquiry-based, technology-rich program
with outdoor and experiential education



Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence (CAPE)

830A Balmoral Street SE
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 0W9
Tel: (403)528-2983/Fax: (403)528-3048
www.capeisgreat.org
Offers: kindergarten to grade 9
Focus: at-risk students



Foundations for the Future Charter Academy

7000 Railway Street SE
Calgary, AB T2H 3A8
Tel: (403)520-3206/Fax: (403)520-3209
www.ffca-calgary.com
Offers: kindergarten to grade 12
Focus: academic excellence and character
development



Mother Earth's Children's Charter School

RR 1, Site 2, Box 42
Warburg, AB T0C 2T0
Tel: (780)702-7531/Fax: (780)848-2395
www.meccs.ca
Offers: pre-kindergarten to grade 8
Focus: traditional indigenous teachings



New Horizons School

1000 Strathcona Drive
Sherwood Park, AB T8A 3R6
Tel: (780)416-2353/Fax: (780)467-0274
www.newhorizons.ab.ca
Offers: kindergarten to grade 9
Focus: gifted education



Suzuki Charter School

10720 - 54 Street
Edmonton, AB T6A 2H9
Tel: (780)468-2598/Fax: (780)463-8630
www.suzukischool.ca
Offers: kindergarten to grade 6
Focus: Suzuki approach to academic, musical
and personal excellence



Valhalla Community School

9702 - 100 Avenue, Box 143
Valhalla Centre, AB T0H 3M0
Tel: (780)356-2370/Fax: (780)356-2789
www.valhallacommunityschool.ca
Offers: kindergarten to grade 9
Focus: rural leadership and direct instruction



Westmount Charter School

728 - 32 Street NW
Calgary, AB T2N 2V9
Tel: (403)217-3707/Fax: (403)249-3422
www.westmountcharter.com
Offers: kindergarten to grade 12
Focus: gifted education



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