

Talking Points Summary - Charter Schools (3)

Charter schools must operate in a manner that is fully accountable to the students, parents, and communities they serve. Charter schools must meet the same high standards of accountability, quality, and transparent use of tax dollars that people demand from traditional public schools.

Lack of accountability: Charter schools are often criticized for being unaccountable to the public. Unlike traditional public schools, they are not required to follow the same rules and regulations. This can result in a lack of transparency and accountability in how they operate and how they use public funds.

Inequity: Charter schools can exacerbate existing educational inequities by creating a two-tiered education system. They can attract the best students and resources away from traditional public schools, leaving behind the neediest students in struggling schools.

Poor academic outcomes: While some charter schools have been successful in boosting student achievement, many have not. A number of studies have shown that, on average, students in charter schools perform no better, and sometimes worse, than their counterparts in traditional public schools.

Limited oversight: The lack of effective oversight of charter schools can result in mismanagement, fraud, and abuse of public funds. There have been numerous cases of charter schools that have been shut down due to financial mismanagement and other forms of corruption.

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