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Introduction
Charter school, a publicly funded tuition-free school of choice that has greater autonomy than a traditional public school. In exchange for increased autonomy, charter schools are held accountable for improving student achievement and meeting other provisions of their charters. Charter schools are most often new schools that were not in existence before the charter was granted; a traditional public or private school may also convert to charter school status. The term charter school is used almost exclusively to describe government-funded and largely autonomous schools in the United States and in the Canadian province of Alberta.

Origin and operation
In the United States, where charter schools are most prevalent, state laws dictate a range of activities, including school funding, student and staff recruitment, and charter attainment status. Although the details vary by state, some generalizations can be made. For example, charter schools are not typically constrained by traditional public school requirements, such as certain bureaucratic and union rules. In some states such flexibility includes the freedom to hire teachers (including those who lack state certification) on the basis of the school's own standards and to adopt specific curricula. Some charter schools may even create their own calendars and set the length of their school days.

The first charter school law was passed in 1991 in Minnesota, and the first charter school was established there in 1992. By 1995 an additional 18 states had passed charter school legislation. The charter school movement then experienced tremendous growth. From the 2003–04 to the 2013–14 school year, the number of charter schools in the United States doubled, growing from 3,000 to 6,000, with the proportion of students enrolled in the schools increasing from 1.6 to 5.1 percent. Charter schools have an open admissions process. When more students apply than can be accommodated, officials typically rely on lotteries to select students randomly.
What is a Resource Pack?

- charter school
  A publicly funded tuition-free school of choice that has greater autonomy than a traditional public school. In exchange for increased autonomy, charter schools are held...

- bluegrass
  A music genre that emerged in the United States after World War II, a direct descendant of the old-time string-band music that had been widely played.
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