

# CHARTER SCHOOL LAW RANKINGS AND SCORECARD 2015

| GRADE                                   | A   |     |      |     |     | B    |     |    |      |      |      |    |      | C    |     |     |     |      |    |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |      |    | D  |    |    |      |      |    |    |     | F  |    |      |    |    |    |    |
|---|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|----|------|------|------|----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|------|------|------|-----|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|----|----|------|------|----|----|-----|----|----|------|----|----|----|----|
|   | DC  | MN  | IN   | MI  | AZ  | NY   | FL  | SC | CO   | UT   | CA   | MO | ID   | OH   | WI  | LA  | GA  | PA   | NM | TN   | DE   | OK   | NC  | NV | TX  | OR  | MA   | WA | NJ | HI | ME | IL   | RI   | AR | NH | MS  | AK | WY | CT   | IA | MD | VA | KS |
| STATE                                   | DC  | MN  | IN   | MI  | AZ  | NY   | FL  | SC | CO   | UT   | CA   | MO | ID   | OH   | WI  | LA  | GA  | PA   | NM | TN   | DE   | OK   | NC  | NV | TX  | OR  | MA   | WA | NJ | HI | ME | IL   | RI   | AR | NH | MS  | AK | WY | CT   | IA | MD | VA | KS |
| Year Law Passed                         | 96  | 91  | 01   | 93  | 94  | 98   | 96  | 96 | 93   | 98   | 92   | 98 | 98   | 97   | 93  | 95  | 93  | 97   | 93 | 02   | 95   | 99   | 96  | 97 | 95  | 99  | 93   | 12 | 96 | 94 | 11 | 96   | 95   | 95 | 95 | 10  | 95 | 95 | 96   | 02 | 03 | 98 | 94 |
| Independent Authorizers (15)            | 12  | 12  | 12   | 13  | 10  | 13   | 3   | 6  | 4    | 6    | 4    | 7  | 6    | 9    | 5   | 5   | 4   | 3    | 4  | 4    | 2    | 5    | 2   | 5  | 3   | 3   | 3    | 4  | 3  | 4  | 3  | 3    | 2    | 2  | 2  | 2   | 2  | 1  | 2    | 2  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| Number of Schools Allowed (10)          | 9   | 10  | 9    | 9   | 10  | 5    | 10  | 10 | 10   | 8    | 9    | 6  | 9    | 4    | 9   | 10  | 10  | 10   | 5  | 10   | 9    | 3    | 10  | 9  | 7   | 9   | 3    | 4  | 10 | 10 | 3  | 4    | 4    | 5  | 6  | 5   | 10 | 10 | 3    | 10 | 4  | 10 | 10 |
| OPERATIONS (15)                         |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |    |      |      |      |    |      |      |     |     |     |      |    |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |      |    |    |    |    |      |      |    |    |     |    |    |      |    |    |    |    |
| State Autonomy                          | 4   | 3   | 3    | 3   | 3   | 2    | 4   | 4  | 4    | 3    | 3    | 4  | 3    | 2    | 4   | 4   | 4   | 3    | 2  | 1    | 3    | 4    | 2   | 2  | 3   | 2   | 3    | 3  | 1  | 3  | 3  | 3    | 1    | 2  | 3  | 2   | 1  | 2  | 1    | 1  | 1  | 1  | 0  |
| District Autonomy                       | 5   | 5   | 5    | 4   | 4   | 3    | 3   | 3  | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3  | 3    | 4    | 3   | 3   | 2   | 3    | 3  | 1    | 3    | 3    | 3   | 2  | 2   | 2   | 3    | 3  | 2  | 2  | 3  | 2    | 1    | 2  | 2  | 2   | 1  | 0  | 2    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Teacher Freedom                         | 5   | 4   | 5    | 5   | 5   | 3    | 5   | 4  | 4    | 5    | 5    | 4  | 4    | 4    | 3   | 3   | 4   | 4    | 4  | 4    | 5    | 5    | 5   | 4  | 3   | 4   | 3    | 4  | 3  | 0  | 5  | 4    | 3    | 3  | 5  | 4   | 0  | 1  | 3    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| EQUITY (15)                             |     |     |      |     |     |      |     |    |      |      |      |    |      |      |     |     |     |      |    |      |      |      |     |    |     |     |      |    |    |    |    |      |      |    |    |     |    |    |      |    |    |    |    |
| 100% Funding                            | 7   | 8   | 7    | 6   | 6   | 6    | 7   | 6  | 7    | 7    | 7    | 7  | 5    | 6    | 5   | 5   | 5   | 6    | 8  | 6    | 6    | 5    | 5   | 5  | 7   | 4   | 7    | 6  | 5  | 4  | 6  | 5    | 8    | 4  | 2  | 6   | 3  | 2  | 4    | 0  | 4  | 0  | 0  |
| Facilities Funds                        | 3   | 2   | 0.5  | 0   | 2   | 0.5  | 1   | 0  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 1    | 0  | 1    | 0.5  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0.5  | 1  | 1    | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0.5  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| IMPLEMENTATION POINTS                   | 1   | 1   | 0    | 1   | 0   | 1    | 0   | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0   | -1  | -1  | -1   | 0  | 0    | -2   | 0    | -2  | -2 | -1  | 0   | 1    | 0  | -2 | -2 | -2 | -1   | 0    | 0  | -2 | -3  | -3 | -3 | -3   | -3 | -1 | -3 | -3 |
| 2015 Total Score                        | 46  | 45  | 41.5 | 41  | 40  | 33.5 | 33  | 33 | 32.5 | 32.5 | 32   | 31 | 31   | 29.5 | 29  | 29  | 29  | 28.5 | 27 | 27   | 26.5 | 25.5 | 25  | 25 | 24  | 24  | 24   | 24 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 20.5 | 19.5 | 18 | 18 | 18  | 14 | 13 | 12.5 | 10 | 9  | 9  | 8  |
| 2015 Rank                               | 1   | 2   | 3    | 4   | 5   | 6    | 7   | 8  | 9    | 10   | 11   | 12 | 13   | 14   | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18   | 19 | 20   | 21   | 22   | 23  | 24 | 25  | 26  | 27   | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32   | 33   | 34 | 35 | 36  | 37 | 38 | 39   | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 |
| 2014 Total Score                        | 45  | 44  | 43.5 | 42  | 41  | 35.5 | 33  | 31 | 32.5 | 32   | 32.5 | 32 | 32.5 | 29.5 | 30  | 29  | 29  | 28.5 | 26 | 25.5 | 27.5 | 26.5 | 23  | 24 | 25  | 24  | 24.5 | 25 | 23 | 20 | 23 | 19   | 19.5 | 19 | 18 | 20  | 13 | 12 | 12.5 | 9  | 12 | 9  | 8  |
| 2014 Rank                               | 1   | 2   | 3    | 4   | 5   | 6    | 7   | 13 | 9    | 11   | 8    | 12 | 10   | 15   | 14  | 16  | 17  | 18   | 21 | 22   | 19   | 20   | 28  | 27 | 23  | 26  | 25   | 24 | 29 | 31 | 30 | 34   | 33   | 35 | 36 | 32  | 37 | 40 | 38   | 42 | 39 | 41 | 43 |
| Number of Charters as of February 2015* | 112 | 158 | 79   | 307 | 623 | 248  | 653 | 66 | 214  | 110  | 1184 | 51 | 48   | 384  | 245 | 129 | 103 | 176  | 97 | 80   | 24   | 27   | 151 | 38 | 721 | 125 | 78   | 1  | 87 | 34 | 6  | 148  | 21   | 45 | 23 | N/A | 27 | 4  | 22   | 3  | 53 | 7  | 11 |



Note: The scores on this table are based on the current status of each law (through March 9, 2015). Amendments to the original law, state board regulations, legal rulings, department of education interpretation and actual implementation have all been factored into the rankings. The total amount of points a state could score this year is 55. States are listed left to right from the strongest to the weakest. States with tie scores were ranked according to secondary factors including the effectiveness of their law, and the number of schools currently operating.

\*Number of schools operating in 2014-2015 as of February 2015. Source: Estimated Number of Public Charter Schools & Students, 2014-2015, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools.