

# Get Involved

We welcome and want all charter school community members to work with us to help support all public school students across New Jersey, including students whose families have chosen a public charter school.

## WHY SUPPORT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

Every child in the state of New Jersey should have the opportunity to attend a high-quality public school that best meets their needs and help them to reach their full potential.

There are **87** New Jersey public charter schools educating nearly **60,000** students. Unfortunately, more than **20,000** children remain on charter school waiting lists hoping to attend a public school that is best for them.

### Public Charter Schools Are

- Free public schools that are open to all children regardless of zip code, race/ethnicity, income or ability level.
- Run by non-profit organizations within the New Jersey public-school system.
- Diverse and reflect their communities.
- Flexible and able to find unique solutions in areas such as curriculum, governance, leadership, and operations.
- Held accountable to high financial, academic and management standards by the New Jersey Department of Education.

## JOIN US AND GET INVOLVED

Here are the five ways you can get involved today to help support public school students in your community.

1

**Sign up for action alerts.** Visit [www.njcharters.org](http://www.njcharters.org) to sign up to receive updates, information, and action alerts so that you stay informed and receive specific information about how you can help.

2

**Follow NJPCSA, your school, and your lawmakers on social media.** Like and follow the New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association, your school, and your local, state, and federal lawmakers on Facebook and Twitter. Be sure to tag NJPCSA and your lawmakers on your posts about your school.

3

**Reach out to your elected officials.** Identify your legislators and share with them how public charter schools are making a difference to your child, family, and community.




4

**Tell your charter school story.** Tell your story and why you chose a public charter school for your child and community. There are people just like you who want the best for all students, but are not aware of the options. Share your story with NJPCSA.

5

**Participate in advocacy events.** Attend a state committee meeting or hearing, invite your lawmakers to visit your school, and participate in NJPCSA calls to action that send a message to your lawmaker about a specific issue.

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