

Charter School Funding 2025-26

State Aid

Charter schools established pursuant to [Iowa Code chapter 256E](#) are funded by the state for each student enrolled in the year the student is served.

Funding Amount

The amount generated for a charter school by each student attending includes: the regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year, the teacher leadership supplement state cost per pupil, the professional development supplement state cost per pupil, the early intervention supplement state cost per pupil, and, if applicable, any amount generated as a result of the non-English speaking weighting under section 280.4(3) (Iowa Code § 256E.8). Supplementary weighting generated for students in English Learner (EL) programs are determined by the student's English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) score. EL weightings may be generated for up to five years for each student.

2025-2026 Funding	Full-Year Amount	Daily Rate
Regular program state cost per pupil (SCPP)	\$7,988.00	\$44.38
Teacher leadership supplement SCPP	385.29	2.14
Professional development SCPP	77.52	0.43
Early Intervention SCPP	84.44	0.47
Total	\$8,535.25	\$47.42
EL – ELPA Intermediate (.21 FTE x regular program)	\$1,677.48	\$9.32
EL – ELPA Intensive (.26 FTE x regular program)	\$2,076.88	\$11.54

Full-Year vs Partial-Year Enrollment

Students who are actively enrolled from the first day of school through the last generate the full amount of state aid. Students who either start after the first day of school or end before the last day of school are funded on a per diem (i.e., daily rate) basis using a 180-day denominator.

Reporting and Payments

State aid payments are paid monthly September through June. The monthly payment dates are published on the Department's [State Payment Information](#) web page. Payments are calculated using enrollment numbers reported by charter schools from an initial enrollment reporting and three reconciliation periods. Directions and resources relating to reporting requirements are available on the Department's [Student Reporting in Iowa](#) web page.

Reporting Period	Report Name	Due Date	Payment Month(s)
Initial Enrollment	N/A	August 13, 2025	Sept, Oct
Reconciliation Point #1	Certified Enrollment	October 15, 2025	Nov, Dec, Jan
Reconciliation Point #2	Winter SRI	Typically late January	Feb, Mar, Apr, May
Final Reconciliation	Spring SRI	Typically mid June	June

Resources

Questions regarding charter school finance can be sent to Kassandra Cline at kassandra.cline@iowa.gov.

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