



California
Charter Schools
Association

Fact Sheet

Member Services

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SUMMARY

1 73% of all California charter schools are members of CCSA.

2 Member benefits include local support, statewide power, perks for your wallet, helpful tools and essential information.

3 CCSA's comprehensive portfolio of services includes financial & legal services, insurance & business services, mentoring & professional development, access to ZOOM! Data Source, and exclusive discounts.

4 CCSA offers four types of memberships. Charter school operators, charter development teams, charter support organizations, charter-friendly businesses, and charter professionals all can benefit from joining the Association.

CCSA offers a comprehensive portfolio of programs and services to members

The California Charter Schools Association advances the charter school movement through state and local advocacy, leadership on accountability, and resources for member schools. CCSA is a trusted source of data and information on California's charter schools for parents, authorizers, legislators, the press and other interested groups.

The Association's comprehensive portfolio of programs and services are geared towards those operating charter schools, charter development teams, charter support organizations, charter-friendly businesses, and charter professionals.

Financial & Legal Services

CCSA provides financial services to help members achieve fiscal sustainability, including access to facility financing through a charter facility loan fund. The Association also protects and advocates for the rights of charter schools through several legal service offerings, such as assistance with incorporation and no-/low-cost legal support. Financial and legal services include:

- California Charter Building Fund
- High Quality Charter Grant Program
- Incorporation Services
- Charter Schools Legal Defense Fund

Insurance & Business Services

Providing high quality benefits packages means your employees will have the peace of mind that the coverage they deserve is in place, so they can focus on the important work of serving students. With external partners, CCSA offers a variety of insurance products that ensure charter schools and their employees have access to high-quality coverage at competitive prices:

- Charter Employee Services, which offers persona liability insurance and legal protection benefits through an agreement with the Association of American Educators
- Employee Welfare Benefits Trust, a health insurance program provided through a CCSA-sponsored Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association
- Workers' compensation and liability insurance through an agreement with the Joint Powers Authority Self Insurance Program for California Charter Schools

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Mentoring & Professional Development

CCSA has several offerings to support charter schools in attracting, retaining and developing talented employees.

Association-sponsored trainings and webinars offer charter leaders, staff, and supporters practical guidance from experts in a variety of fields.

Our annual Conference is the premier networking and professional development event for charter schools in California.

ZOOM! Data Source

Administrators and teachers at hundreds of charter schools across California are saving time and resources by using ZOOM! Data Source to put clearer and comprehensive student achievement data at their fingertips. Through ZOOM! Data Source, schools gain affordable access to the online data management tool DataDirector™, customized technical and implementation support, and in-person and web-based professional development.

Member Discounts

Members can take advantage of negotiated discounts on day-to-day supplies and services from charter-friendly businesses, in addition to preferred rates on CCSA's insurance and business service offerings.

Membership

Whatever your connection to the charter school movement, CCSA membership is the first step to ensure you have the information and opportunity to deliver or support the high-quality education students deserve. CCSA offers four types of membership:

Charter School Membership

Operating charters can take advantage of helpful tools, advocacy and regional support, exclusive discounts, and more, by becoming a CCSA Charter School Member.

Charter Developer Membership

CCSA provides individualized support throughout every phase of the process, from writing your charter petition through authorizer approval. We offer technical assistance, workshops, web resources and templates and our regional team members also offer guidance and advocacy support specific to your geographic area. With CCSA's direct assistance, Developer Members get a leg up in developing a strong and fully-compliant petition with a higher likelihood of being approved by local authorizers and starting strong.

Charter Support Membership

Are you a charter school authorizer, an advocate of charter schools, an education enthusiast, or a Charter/Education Management Organization? Our Charter Support Membership is just for you.

Vendor Membership

Charter schools are a growing market, and Vendor Membership bridges the gap between charter-friendly businesses and charter school operators.

CCSA's overarching strategy is to leverage the collective advocacy power of the growing charter school movement to achieve four primary objectives: growing new charter schools, strengthening existing charter schools, ensuring accountability, and sustaining the Association.



The mission of the California Charter Schools Association is to influence the legislative and policy environments, leverage collective advocacy, and provide resources to support our members in developing and operating high quality charter schools reflective of California's student population.

Questions about CCSA Membership?
Visit www.calcharters.org/services or contact
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