

# What is a Charter School?

## **Charter Schools**

Open-enrollment charter schools, such as NYOS, are free public schools that have the flexibility to adapt to the educational needs of individual students. Open-enrollment charter schools vary in mission and model, serving a wide range of students, many with needs beyond the one-size-fits-all traditional public school. Often, these charter schools provide a personalized learning environment that promotes greater student achievement. Although charter schools have some autonomy, they still must meet the rigorous academic standards dictated by the state for all public schools.

Learn more from the [Texas Charter School Association](#).

### **What is the accountability system for Texas charter schools?**

Texas charter schools operate under and receive academic accountability ratings from the Texas Education Agency. Both charter and traditional public school students in Texas take the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) tests.

### **Are there many charter schools in Texas?**

Texas has a state cap of 215 open-enrollment charters with multiple campuses per charter. Open enrollment charters serve approximately 154,000 students on approximately 460 campuses across the state.

### **How many campuses does NYOS Charter School have?**

Two:

Grades Pre-K – 3 at 1605 Kramer Lane, Austin, TX 78758

Grades 4 – 12 at 1201 Lamar Boulevard, Austin, TX 78753

## **Enrollment**

### **How do I apply for enrollment?**

You may access our application form from the Homepage and submit online or you may download the form and mail it. Applications are accepted at any time.

### **How do students get accepted?**

NYOS uses a lottery system that is held each April. Families are notified if a position is available at the grade level they wish to enroll.

### **Is there tuition?**

No. Charter schools are open-enrollment public schools. We do have limited capacity at each grade level and therefore use a lottery system for admissions.