

**256F.1 Authorization and purpose.**

1. Charter schools shall be part of the state's program of public education.
2. A charter school may be established by creating a new school within an existing public school or converting an existing public school to charter status.
3. The purpose of a charter school established pursuant to this chapter shall be to accomplish the following:
  - a.* Improve student learning.
  - b.* Increase learning opportunities for students.
  - c.* Encourage the use of different and innovative methods of teaching.
  - d.* Require the measurement of learning outcomes and create different and innovative forms of measuring outcomes.
  - e.* Establish new forms of accountability for schools.
  - f.* Create new professional opportunities for teachers and other educators, including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the school site.

2002 Acts, ch 1124, §1, 16; 2003 Acts, ch 79, §7, 8