

LWV-VA EDUCATION CONCURRENCE ACRONYMS & REFERENCES

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CMO - Charter Management Organization (nonprofit)
COPAA - Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (children with disabilities)
EMO - Education Management Organizations (for profit)
EISTCP - Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits Program
EPI - Economic Policy Institute
ESA – Education Savings Account
FAPE - Free Appropriate Public Education for students with disabilities
FPL - the federal poverty level
GAO - Government Accountability Office
MOP - Multidivision Online Provider (virtual schools-online schools)
NACSA - National Association of Charter School Authorizers, <http://www.qualitycharters.org/>
NAPCS - National Alliance for Public Charter Schools
<https://www.publiccharters.org/about-charter-schools/what-charter-school>
NCPE - National Coalition for Public Education
SOQ - Standards of Quality (VA Dept. of Education)

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act),
IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act),
U.S. Constitution, Titles I, VI, IX,
FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education for students with disabilities)

ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act, 2015) reauthorized the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA),

Virginia Constitution, Article VIII, Education

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/constitutionexpand/article8/>

Definition of SOQ

Standards of Quality (SOQ) – The foundational educational program every public school division in Virginia must provide. A major portion of state funding for public education is based on the SOQ. The standards are established in the Constitution of Virginia, defined in the Code of Virginia and prescribed by the State Board of Education, subject to revision only by the General Assembly.

Virginia Department of Education (VA DOE) Glossary

Glossary - <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/glossaries/index.shtml#S>

VA DOE Guidelines for School Choice Options

1. EISTCP (Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits Program),
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/school_finance/scholarships_tax_credits/

Virginia DOE: SOQ 2017-18 Virginia School Year by school division (tax credit program)

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/school_finance/scholarships_tax_credits/scholarship-limits-for-scholarship-tax-credit-program-2017-18.pdf

2. Charter Schools: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/charter_schools/index.shtml

3. Virtual Learning http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual_learning/index.shtml

Virtual School Programs

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual_learning/virtual_schools/

Best Practices for Online Schools:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual_learning/virtual_schools/online_school_best_practices.pdf

Vision for Virtual School Programs:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual_learning/virtual_schools/virtual_schools_program_vision.pdf

Virtual Learning (Multidivison Online Providers-MOP):

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual_learning/virtual_schools/index.shtml

CHARTER SCHOOLS

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/charter_schools/index.shtml

Overall definition:

Charter schools provide options for parents and students while allowing communities and educators to create innovative instructional programs that can be replicated elsewhere in the public school system. All charter schools in Virginia are nonsectarian alternative public schools located within a school division and under the authority of a local school board.

Charter school definition and requirements in Virginia Code.

VIRGINIA'S CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS, *Code of Virginia* (July 1, 2016)

Title 22.1. Education, 7/5/2016

§22.1-212.5 and on through to 212.16 for major requirements for Virginia' charter schools.

Public Charter School Fund established. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special non-reverting fund to be known as the Public Charter School Fund, hereafter referred to as "the Fund." The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. Any gifts, grants, bequests, or donations from public or private sources shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund.....

[§ 22.1-212.5:1. Public Charter School Fund established - Virginia Law](#)

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title22.1/chapter13/section22.1-212.5:1/>

Public Charter Schools FAQ:

<https://www.publiccharters.org/about-charter-schools/charter-school-faq>

How do charter schools work?

Charter schools are public schools operating under an independent contract or “charter” with an authorizing agency—typically a non-profit organization, government agency or university. The charter provides the school with operational autonomy to pursue specific educational objectives regarding curriculum, staff, and budget. It also holds them accountable to the same (often higher) standards of their district public school peers.

Are charter schools public schools?

Yes, charter schools are independently operated public schools. Charter schools provide a high-quality education option to public school students, upholding high standards that meet and often exceed the district and state metrics.

Are charter schools nonprofit?

Yes, the overwhelming majority of charter schools are nonprofit organizations. Some states allow for-profit organizations to manage charter schools, but that accounts for less than 15% of charter schools across the country. Regardless, all charter schools are free to attend

National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) website.

<http://www.qualitycharters.org/>

CREDO (Center for Research on Education Outcomes) at Stanford University releases National Charter Management Organization (CMO) Study. From the initial charter school application, authorizers must be cognizant of how CMO and EMO-operated schools differ from traditional charter schools and how they differ from each other..... <https://credo.stanford.edu/>

Nonprofit or for-profit Education Management Organizations (EMO) vary on a number of dimensions, such as whether they have for-profit or nonprofit status, whether they work with charter schools, district schools, or both, or whether they are a large regional or national franchise or a single-site operator. Study Group on Education Management Organizations <https://wmich.edu/leadership/emo>