

## ABOUT US

The Governance Board Program was developed to serve as a pipeline and training option for Florida's charter schools. The goal is to recruit governing board members and match them with charter schools throughout the state of Florida.

**When schools have a strong governing board then they can focus on the mission of student success.**

**Governance  
Board Program**  
LEAD - SERVE - INSPIRE



## WHY GET INVOLVED?

The role of education is to prepare students for the challenges of the 21st century, to be successful citizens of their communities and ensure they are adequately prepared for the jobs of the future.

**Serving on a governing board allows individuals to give back their communities as well as gain valuable professional development opportunities.**

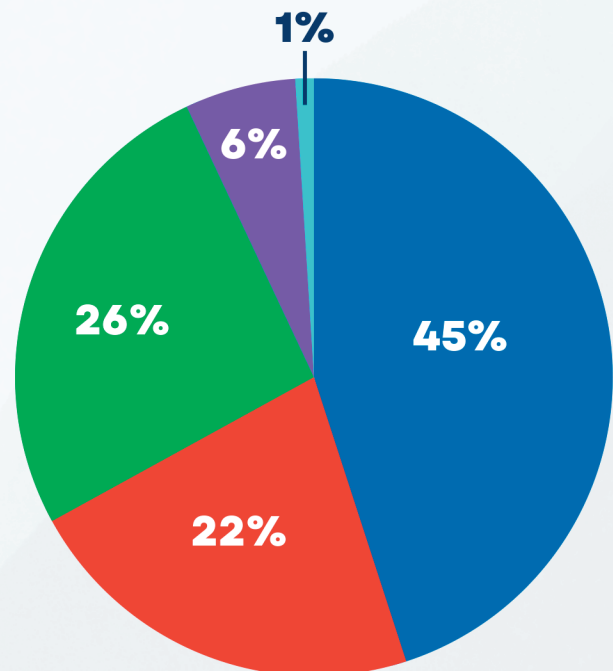
## FLOURISHING IN FLORIDA

Charter schools have played a key role in increasing parental options in public education and providing innovative learning opportunities for students in Florida.

**Florida has over 700 charter schools serving over 360,000 students in 47 counties!**

## 2022 AT A GLANCE

- 260 schools earned an "A"
- 129 schools earned an "B"
- 150 schools earned an "C"
- 34 schools earned an "D"
- 8 schools earned an "F"



## WHAT IS A CHARTER SCHOOL?

Charter schools are public schools that operate under an agreement with their sponsor ("charter" contract).

In exchange for accountability, charter schools are offered a great deal of autonomy and flexibility to provide innovative instructional programs to meet the needs of students.

Charters are exempt from many of the regulations created for traditional public schools, but are also held more accountable for performing well than traditional schools.



## HOW DO THEY OPERATE?

In Florida, a charter school must be operated by a nonprofit organization. The governing board is the board of directors for the non-profit organization and holds the ultimate responsibility for the oversight of the organization.

**Effective boards are composed of professionals who are able to bring a wide variety of viewpoints and professional expertise together to help the school succeed.**

The board is responsible for ensuring the school is in compliance, hiring the school leader, establishing a balanced budget, and setting the vision, mission and strategic plan for the school.

## ROLE OF A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

A governing board member volunteers their time and expertise to help a school reach its goals and mission through student achievement and financial accountability.



Through the CSU Board Governance Program, we will help you learn about the requirements of being a board member and help match you with a school that meets your professional skills and personal outlook.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you have a particular school you're interested in serving at, contact the school leader and ask about their process. Or, take advantage of the CSU Board Governance Program. We will help you complete the required four-hour training, and then match you with a school that needs the skills you have to offer.

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