

Public Charter Schools | FACT SHEET

TOTAL STATE SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

FY07	FY08	FY09	% Change from FY07 to FY09
\$49,081,811.19	\$58,021,127.43	\$66,692,785.25	35.9%

NUMBER OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
District-Authorized	14	15	15
IPCSC-Authorized	22	25*	30
Total	36	40	45

It is anticipated that 4-6 new public charter schools will be approved each year for the foreseeable future. If present trends continue, most or all of these will be authorized by the Idaho Public Charter School Commission (IPCSC).

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT (K-12)

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012**
District-Authorized	5,048	5,521	5,521
IPCSC-Authorized	9,439	10,691	12,340
Brick & Mortar	10,311	11,484	13,133
Virtual	4,176	4,728	4,728
Total	14,487	16,212	17,861

Over 10,500 students are currently enrolled in public charter schools authorized by the IPCSC. If this were the enrollment of a school district, such district would be the fifth largest in Idaho.

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION PROGRAM BUDGET

	FY 2009 (actual)	FY 2010 (actual)	FY 2011 (budgeted)
Personnel Costs	\$79,113	\$100,366	\$102,017
Operating Expenditures	\$11,084	\$22,121	\$41,736

Increased operating budgets are reflective of the additional travel and meeting time required for the oversight of an expanding number of schools, but are insufficient for ideal development of improved systems and standards. The IPCSC's most critical need at this time is for additional personnel time and specialization to implement best practices in charter school authorizing.

Nationwide, authorizers average 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) per 5.3 schools.*** The IPCSC currently authorizes 30 public charter schools but has only 1.5 FTE. To match average staffing levels, the IPCSC should have 5.67 FTE.

*Three new IPCSC schools opened, one existing IPCSC school closed, and one school transferred from district to IPCSC.

**These estimates are based on enrollment caps contained in charters approved but not yet open, and do not reflect the anticipated expansion of existing schools.

***Source: The State of Charter School Authorizing 2009 Annual Report, National Association of Charter School Authorizers.