

Charter Schools

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Related Web Sites

All of the following Web sites include information on charter school establishment, links to other Web sites and publications, and often bibliographies. This is only a sampling of the multitude of sites available on the topic of charter schools.

Selected Government Sites:

<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dfm/sms/csindex.html> – Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/charter> – California Department of Education.

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/cs.www> – Massachusetts Department of Education.

<http://www.nycharterschools.org/main.html> – New York Charter School Resource Center.

<http://www.pde.psu.edu/charter.html> – Pennsylvania Department of Education.

<http://www.charterschools.ca> – Canadian Charter Schools Research and Professional Development Centre.

Selected Research Sites:

<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/subject/education/k12/charter.html> – Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Subject Guide, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

http://www.edreform.com/charter_schools – Center for Education Reform, 1001 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 204, Washington, DC 20036.

<http://www.csus.edu/ier/charter/charter.html> – Charter Schools Development Center (CSDC), California State University Institute for Education Reform, 6000 J Street, Foley Hall, Room 327, Sacramento, CA 95819-6018.

<http://www.heritage.org/library/keyissues/education/schoolchoice.html> – The Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20002-4999.

<http://iis.syr.edu> – Information Institute of Syracuse, Syracuse University, School of Information Studies.

<http://www.nea.org/issues/charter/resources.html> – National Education Association (NEA), 1201 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20034.

<http://www.ncrel.org/sdrs/timely/charters.htm> – North Central Regional Educational Laboratory. Includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin. 1120 East Diehl Rd., Suite 200, Naperville, IL 60563.

<http://www.uscharterschools.org> – WestEd Regional Educational Laboratory (CA) and the U.S. Department of Education.

Clippings: (Noncirculating; available for use in the library; clippings prior to 1981 are on microfiche)

- Administration of elementary and secondary education; charter schools: 371/W7z (WI); 371/Z (U.S.)

BadgerLink: **<http://www.badgerlink.net>**

Search the ProQuest Newspapers and EBSCOhost magazines databases for full text articles. Suggested search words: *charter schools*.