

THE SUN RISE CITY FORT PIERCE CHARTERING A NEW COURSE

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What is a Charter School?

- Independent public school designed and operated by parents, educators, community leaders, education entrepreneurs and others.
- Operates under a contract, or charter, from a public agency, such as a local or state education agency, an institution of higher education or a municipality.
- Must meet standards set forth in their charters for students and for the school as a whole, or else the chartering agency can close the school.

Source: <https://www2.ed.gov/nclb/choice/charter/charter-faq.html>

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What is a Charter School?

- Nonsectarian, publicly funded school of choice exempt from certain State and local regulations.
- In return for reduced governmental regulation, charter schools agree in charter to be held accountable for academic and financial performance.
- May operate as its own LEA, or as part of another LEA

Source: The Office of Innovation and Improvement's Oversight and Monitoring of the Charter Schools Program's Planning and Implementation Grants, ED/OIG Final Audit Report (September 2012)

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Charter School Partnership and Application

- School District
- State Department of Education

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Managing

- Charter Management Company
- City Management

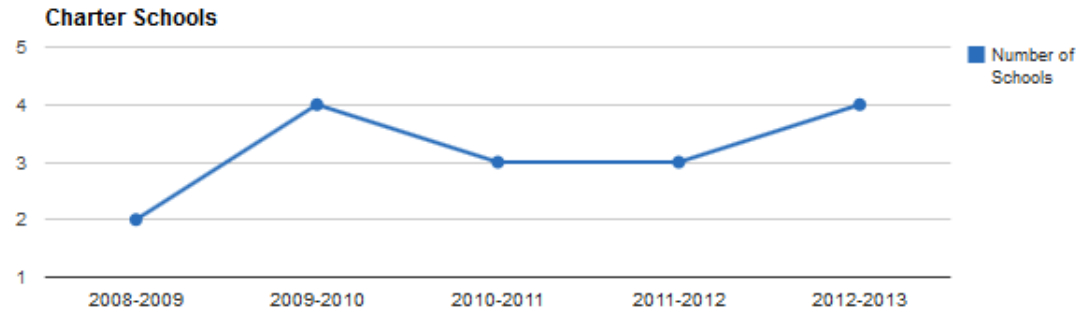
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Dashboard

A Comprehensive Data Resource from the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools.

Total Number of Schools



2011-2012 FL - St. Lucie County Public Schools

[National Data](#)

Data available for:

2009-2010

2010-2011

2011-2012

2012-2013

Charter Schools

Metrics

#

%

Schools

Number of Schools

3

% of Charter Schools to All Public Schools

6.1%

Non-Charter Schools

Metrics

#

Schools

Number of Schools

46

Source <http://dashboard.publiccharters.org/dashboard/schools/page/overview/district/FL-43/year/2012>

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Growth In Charter Schools

- Overall, huge growth in number of charters and number of charter students in recent years
- In 2009-10: More than 1.6 million students
- In 2011: More than 5000 charter schools nationwide
 - Serving 2.3 million students (about 3% of total)
 - There are 100 cities where charters serve 10% of students or more (25 cities where it's >20%)



Source <http://dashboard.publiccharters.org>

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Example Cities

- The Pembroke Pines Charter Schools
- Cape Coral Charter School System
- Both cities operated charter schools are (“A” rated)

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Possible Benefits

- Provide educational choice to families and children in Ft. Pierce
- Increase student achievement of students that live in Ft. Pierce
- Improve educational opportunities for families and children that live in Ft. Pierce.
- Increased Ft. Pierce property value
- Attract developers, business, and investors to Ft. Pierce
- Create new jobs in Ft. Pierce.

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Next Steps

- Charter School Application
- Identifying Location
- Hiring Staff

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