

FRIENDS OF BREAKTHROUGH SCHOOLS

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“Charter schools take funding away from traditional schools.”

Actually... Federal and State public school funding is sent to the public school that a student attends. If a student chooses to leave one public school for another public school, State and Federal funding goes to the new school, which is now responsible for educating that student. However, a very large share of the per-pupil funding comes from local property taxes, and almost all of that remains at the district school and does NOT flow to the charter school.

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“Charter school teachers are less qualified than teachers in traditional public schools.”

Actually... All our schools must hire highly qualified teachers with the same certificates and qualifications as district schools. Like all schools, charters aim to hire talented, passionate, and qualified teachers who will boost student achievement and contribute to a positive school culture.

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“Charter schools are not public schools.”

Actually... As defined in federal and state laws, charter schools are public schools and must meet the **same** academic standards set by the state of Ohio that all other public schools must meet.

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What percentage of Breakthrough graduates attend high school?

Virtually 100% of Breakthrough graduates attend select high schools.

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“Charter schools get more money than other public schools.”

Actually... On average, charter schools receive 30-50% less public funding per student than traditional public schools. Additionally, in Ohio, charter schools receive virtually no public funding for facilities, whereas traditional public district schools receive full funding for their buildings.

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“Charter schools can get rid of problem students and the public district schools have to take them.”

Actually... Charters have the exact same expulsion policies as the district public schools and are required to accept any student who wants to attend regardless of academics, special education status, behavior issues, etc.

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“Charter schools take the ‘cream of the crop’ students, so of course they have good results.”

Actually... Charters, by law, must take every child who shows up and signs up. There is no testing or interviewing of any kind to enroll in a charter.

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