

For 25 years, public charter schools have expanded opportunities for Missouri students and their families. We take this moment to celebrate the pioneers who helped build the state's public charter movement and the innovators who will shape its future.

PUBLIC CHARTER VOICES IN A DEFINING MOMENT

Every Missouri public charter school began as a dream for something more—driven by parents, educators, and community leaders who envisioned better choices for our children. Today, as the state weighs expanding public charter schools beyond Kansas City and St. Louis, we believe it's important to pause and listen to the stories and perspectives of those who know our schools best. MCPSA is honored to share with you "25 Voices" of students, families, educators, and leaders whose insights can illuminate where we've been and help us chart the path forward.



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-SEAN STALLING

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DELASALLE HIGH SCHOOL

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE:

🎎 Tuition-FREE

Charter schools are public schools and are free to attend.

🧩 Public, open to all students

Any student living within the school's designated area can enroll, regardless of academic history, background, or zip code.

Innovative

There is no one-size-fits-all. Charter schools provide a variety of learning models and are designed to meet the needs of individual students.

💸 Community centered

Public charter schools have more flexibility to meet the unique needs of their community. including adjusted school calendars and specialized programs.

🗱 Held legally accountable for performance

Thousands of Missouri parents choose charter schools for their children because they trust them to deliver high-quality education in a safe, supportive environment.

Capture more stories at 25 years.mocharterschools.org

