

Tennessee Charter
School Center

Join or Renew Membership TODAY

Since 2013, the Tennessee Charter School Center has led critical work in advocacy, school support, and policy on behalf of public charter schools across the state. Now our work, and Tennessee's public charter school sector, is being strengthened by true partnership with Tennessee's public charter schools through membership.

YOU'LL HAVE EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO:

- Meetings with Elected Officials and Legislators
 - Weekly Legislative Calls
 - Government Relations
 - Charter School Application, Renewal, and Appeal Support
 - Governing Board Training
 - Local and Statewide Advocacy
- + inform TCSC's 2025 Legislative Agenda

ON-THE-GROUND ADVOCACY AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

TCSC's team understands your communities and your school's needs. Membership means we are here to help with:

- Advocacy development and grassroots strategy around applications, renewals, and communication needs
- Direct advocacy with authorizers around applications and renewals
- Support on messaging and crisis communications
- Facilitating local partnerships
- TCSC Governing Board training designed around expressed needs of schools and board members



THE VOICE FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

TCSC's government affairs team leads the fight for public charter schools in Tennessee. Lobbyists can cost thousands of dollars monthly, but membership means access to a powerful team fighting for your best interests at a low cost.

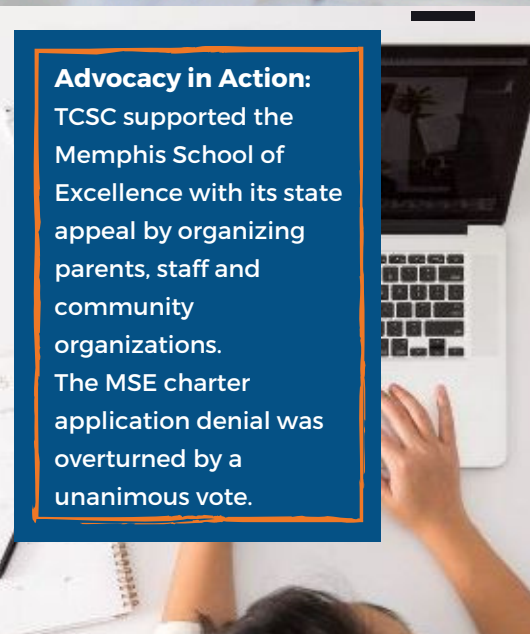
- **Every year, policies are proposed to negatively impact TN's non-profit charter sector and limit charter school autonomy, growth, and access to resources:**
 - For-profit charter schools in your town
 - Increased paperwork and bureaucracy for your schools
 - Caps on charter growth and enrollment

TCSC is focused on fighting anti-charter policies and has a 100% defeat rate over more than five years.

- **TCSC's team pushes the agenda to ensure one of the strongest environments for high-quality public charter schools in the country by fiercely advocating for key policy victories:**
 - Establishing a charter schools facility fund that has allocated \$74 million to your public charter school facilities to date
 - Removing the cap on the number of public charter schools allowed in TN
 - Establishing an appellate authorizer, first through the State Board of Education and now the TN Public Charter School Commission, ensuring applications receive a fair evaluation independent of politics
 - Advocating to ensure the unique needs of public charter schools are considered in major education policies like the redesign of the BEP formula and changes to State standards
 - Major education policies like the development of the TISA funding formula and changes to the state's accountability framework



Power at the Capitol
 Robust, direct investment in charter school facilities funding from the State of Tennessee – \$74 million and counting since 2017-18.



Advocacy in Action:
 TCSC supported the Memphis School of Excellence with its state appeal by organizing parents, staff and community organizations. The MSE charter application denial was overturned by a unanimous vote.

YOUR INVESTMENT IN TCSC
 TCSC's impact is unmistakable; imagine how much we can do together. Your investment will mean even more excellent opportunities for the students and families you serve.
\$10 per child