



Tennessee Charter
School Center

JOIN OR RENEW TCSC 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. Our work, and Tennessee's public charter school sector, is strengthened by true partnership with Tennessee's public charter schools through membership.



TCSC + MEMBERSHIP: GAME-CHANGING ADVOCACY

Our collective partnership has had a critical impact on Tennessee's public charter school environment since the TCSC Membership Program began in 2022. Over the past four years, TCSC has amplified your voices and successfully advocated for game changing policies and resources, including:

- **\$40 million** in the FY 2026-2027 budget
- **\$144 million** since 2022 in additional funding for public charter schools through designated weights in the TISA funding formula, the Tennessee Charter School Facilities fund, and the establishment of a Credit Enhancement Fund; historic investments making progress towards closing the facilities funding gap for public charter schools
- Establishing a right-of-first refusal on behalf of public charter schools for available school district facilities
- Establishing a pathway for direct authorization by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission for applicants in districts that have had denials overturned three times in a three year period, protecting merit-based approval and denial processes statewide.
- Navigating more than one hundred education-related bills each legislative session to protect your schools against negative policies
- Direct engagement with the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools on federal policy changes and charter-school related court cases so that we can advocate for you, support key efforts, and keep you informed



TCSC's policy team leads the fight for public charter schools in Tennessee. TCSC membership means access to a powerful team fighting for your school's best interests so you can stay focused on the work inside your school buildings."

TCSC MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

In addition to effective policy and advocacy, TCSC membership ensures access to vital supports and resources for your school, including:

- Access to TCSC's data dashboards, a unique resource complete with up-to-date data empowering schools to conduct place-based analysis, compare performance across student subgroups, benchmark against statewide schools, and support strategic planning, expansion or community engagement
- Meetings and school tours with elected officials and legislators
- Input on TCSC's legislative agenda, ensuring your voice is heard, and continued engagement through weekly legislative calls to stay informed on key developments
- Support for charter school application renewals and appeals
- Celebration for charter school successes through Charter Champion Awards and Charter School Changemaker lists
- Governing board training informed by your schools' needs
- School-level data/research support
- A showcase for charter school innovation and success through publication of best practices-focused Case Studies and webinars
- Communication support, including crisis management
- Easily posting jobs on the TCSC Job Board through your TCSC Member Portal
- Access to TCSC's vetted and verified vendor list and special discounts on goods and services through TCSC's corporate membership program
- Fundraising consultation with TCSC's Director of Development, providing expertise to schools through featured webinars and monthly office hours to provide direct consultation on fundraising efforts and support with grant writing.
- Local and statewide charter school convenings and trainings

YOUR INVESTMENT IN TCSC

For the 2026-2027 membership cycle, our membership rate remains at **\$10 per student** (or a flat rate of \$1,000 for schools in their first two years).

As we all know, the funding landscape for public charter schools and school support is changing. The partnership of schools with their Charter Support Organizations (CSO) has become increasingly essential to ensure the resources a CSO like TCSC provides remain available. We want to provide advance notice that rates will increase to \$15 per student for the 2027-2028 cycle so members can plan future budgets accordingly.

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If you want strong representation as a public charter school, you need TCSC. Their state-level advocacy is second to none, and they are committed to helping you find the answers and support you need.”

Elaine Swafford, CEO at Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy and Montessori Elementary at Highland Park

