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Charter School

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A charter school is a public school developed with a specialized mission in mind (U.S. Department of Education 2017). Examples of such missions may include a focus on math and science, arts, and/or college preparation. The unique mission of the school and the population the school draws from make it different than any other district school. However, the uniqueness of the school's charter is both its strength and weakness. Charter schools are publicly funded and governed by a specific group or organization under a legislative contract (U.S. Department of Education 2016). This

allows charter schools to be exempt from following traditional public school regulations. For example, certain types of children may not be served in these schools. Charters typically last three to five years and must be renewed. Charter schools are funded by transferring funds from current school district budgets to them.

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