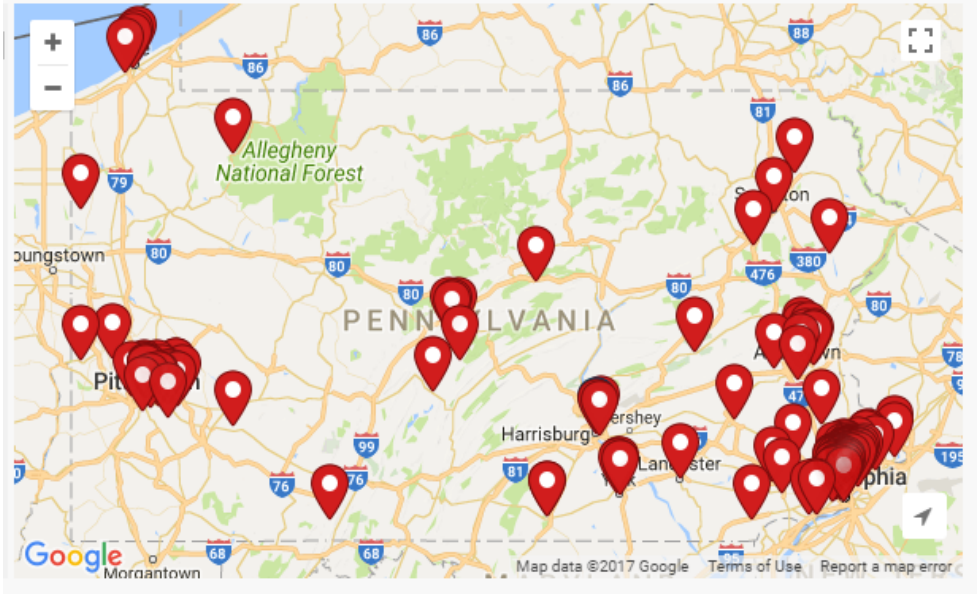


The Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools (PCPCS) is the voice of public charter schools in the state of Pennsylvania - representing both brick-and-mortar and cyber schools throughout the Keystone State. We advocate for the rights of charter school students, parents, educators, and leaders!

Founded in 2005, PCPCS is the state's largest and most active charter organization dedicated to choice, quality and accountability in public education. We advocate for legislation and policies that support those objectives and provide assistance to charter schools, with the aspiration of making every charter school in Pennsylvania a high performing public school. Our work spans across regional training events, school tours, legislative engagement, grassroots advocacy, litigation support and media relations. PCPCS has been instrumental in protecting the interests of high quality charter schools and thwarting ill-conceived and vicious attacks by organizations with vast and seemingly endless resources – saving all Pennsylvania charter schools millions of dollars that can now be used in the classroom. Currently, PCPCS has members serving students in every county in Pennsylvania.



Brick and Mortar Schools

PCPCS members operate many brick and mortar schools across the Keystone State. Brick and mortar schools operate at physical locations and focus on face-to-face interaction between teachers and students. Brick and mortar charter schools served over 100,000 children in 26 counties in the 2016-2017 school year.¹ The majority of our brick and mortar schools are located in urban areas with county-wide populations over one million residents. However, several of our schools operate in rural areas with county-wide population less than 100,000.

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Pennsylvania's Public Charter
Schools!**

Cyber Charter Schools

PCPCS membership also includes cyber charter schools authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. A cyber charter school is a public school in which the school uses technology to deliver a significant portion of curriculum and instruction to its students through the internet without a school-established requirement that students be present at a supervised physical facility designated by the school, except on a very limited basis, such as for standardized test.² Because of this flexibility, cyber charter schools were able to serve approximately 35,000 in the 2016-2017 school year.

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