



# THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

*A high-quality education system that prepares all students for college, career, and life.*

**Title:** Annual report on charter schools under RCW 28A.710.250

- As Related To:**
- Goal One: Develop and support policies to close the achievement and opportunity gaps.
  - Goal Three: Ensure that every student has the opportunity to meet career and college ready standards.
  - Goal Two: Develop comprehensive accountability, recognition, and supports for students, schools, and districts.
  - Goal Four: Provide effective oversight of the K-12 system.
  - Other

- Relevant To Board Roles:**
- Policy Leadership
  - Communication
  - System Oversight
  - Convening and Facilitating
  - Advocacy

- Policy Considerations / Key Questions:**
1. What considerations should inform preparation of the report required by RCW 28A.710.250? What direction, if any, would the Board offer for the report at this time?
  2. How can the Board best collaborate with the Washington State Charter School Commission in development of the report?
  3. What additional outreach might be done in preparation of the report?

- Possible Board Action:**
- Review
  - Adopt
  - Approve
  - Other
- Review RCW 28A.710.250 and discuss the report required by this statute.

- Materials Included in Packet:**
- Memo
  - Graphs / Graphics
  - Third-Party Materials
  - PowerPoint

**Synopsis:** RCW 28A.710.250 requires the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Washington State Charter School Commission, to issue an annual report on the state’s charter schools for the preceding school year to the governor, legislature and the general public. The report must be based on the annual authorizer reports that must be submitted to the SBE under RCW 28A.710.100 and WAC 180-19-210, and any additional relevant data required by the Board. The report must include the Board’s assessment of successes, challenges and areas for improvement in meeting the purposes of the charter school law, including any suggested changes in state law or policy necessary to strengthen the state’s charter schools.

In your packet you will find a copy of RCW 28A.710.250. You will also find a chart showing the establishment of charter schools by years of opening and a map chart showing the location of approved charter schools.

**RCW 28A.710.250**

**Annual reports — Recommendation regarding additional schools.**

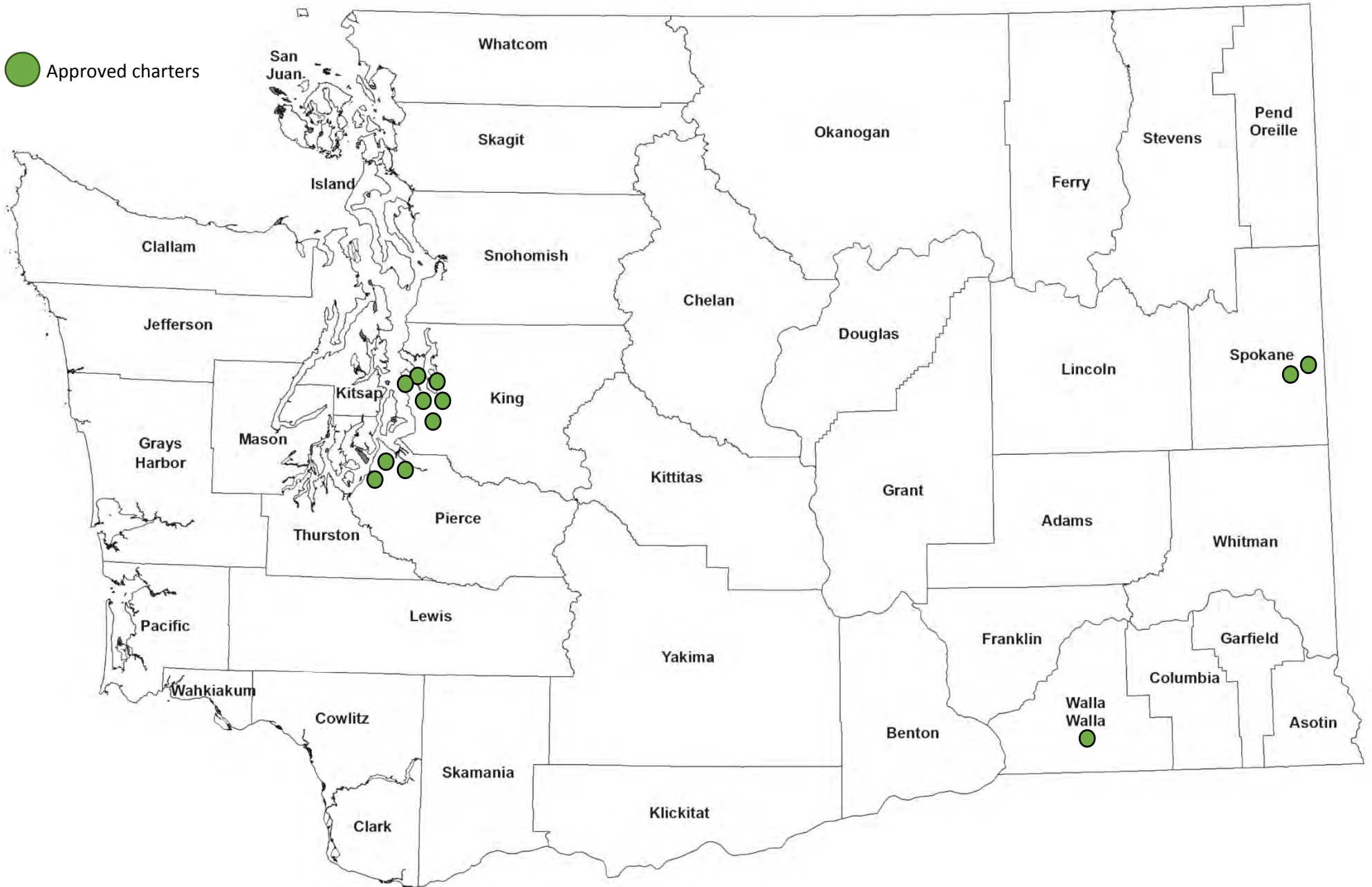
(1) By December 1st of each year beginning in the first year after there have been charter schools operating for a full school year, the state board of education, in collaboration with the commission, must issue an annual report on the state's charter schools for the preceding school year to the governor, the legislature, and the public at-large.

(2) The annual report must be based on the reports submitted by each authorizer as well as any additional relevant data compiled by the board. The report must include a comparison of the performance of charter school students with the performance of academically, ethnically, and economically comparable groups of students in noncharter public schools. In addition, the annual report must include the state board of education's assessment of the successes, challenges, and areas for improvement in meeting the purposes of this chapter, including the board's assessment of the sufficiency of funding for charter schools, the efficacy of the formula for authorizer funding, and any suggested changes in state law or policy necessary to strengthen the state's charter schools.

(3) Together with the issuance of the annual report following the fifth year after there have been charter schools operating for a full school year, the state board of education, in collaboration with the commission, shall submit a recommendation regarding whether or not the legislature should authorize the establishment of additional public charter schools.

[2013 c 2 § 225 (Initiative Measure No. 1240, approved November 6, 2012)]

# Public Charter School Approvals by County\*



\*Locations shown are approximate

**Public Charter School Slots by School Year**  
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