



**Use of 2 Percent State Equalization Guarantee Set-Aside for  
State –Chartered Charter Schools**

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## Statutory Provisions

- 22-8-25. State equalization guarantee distribution; definitions; determination of amount.
- A. **...For state-chartered charter schools, the state equalization guarantee distribution is the difference between the state-chartered charter school's program cost and the two percent withheld by the department for administrative services.**
- 22-8B-13. Charter school financing.
- A. **The amount of funding allocated to a charter school shall be not less than ninety-eight percent of the school-generated program cost. The school district or division may withhold and use two percent of the school-generated program cost for its administrative support of a charter school.**

- What are administrative services?
  - These are services provided by the PED to support charter schools and includes the work of multiple bureaus within the PED. These include the:
    - Charter schools division
    - General counsel’s office
    - School budget and finance analysis bureau
    - Fiscal grants management bureau
    - Audit bureau
    - Procurement Bureau
    - Human Resources
    - Information Technology

- A portion of the 2% set-aside is used to support the activities of the Public Education Commission. This includes:
  - Staff support
  - Travel, meals, lodging and per-diem
  - Meeting costs
  - Contract attorney costs
- While the PED receives 2% of state chartered charter schools Program Cost to provide administrative support, services are provided to both locally chartered as well as state chartered charter schools.
- This in addition to the administrative support provided to 89 school districts.

# Questions