



Newspaper Investigation on Cyber Charters Finds Lack of State Audits, Millions Spent on Advertising

The Scranton Sunday Times reported:



- PA cyber charter schools are likely to receive \$1 billion in taxpayer money this year.
- Seven of 14 cyber charter schools have never been audited by the state Auditor General's Office.
- Pa's 14 cyber schools spent over \$12 million of local taxpayer funds on advertising to attract students
- Some cyber schools spent almost \$1,000 in advertising per student.
- Enrollment in cyber charter schools has grown by 63 percent statewide
- Some cybers are operated by private management companies not subject to state Right to Know requirements

More on this issue from PEL:

Charter school tuition equals the per pupil cost of the student's home district. The tuition is paid by the home school; the student pays nothing.

Studies have shown that charter school tuition is one of the fastest rising costs for school districts.

[Read the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials \(PASBO\) report on cyber charter tuition increases for 2020-2021](#)

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