Online Public School
What is charter school?

Charter schools are INDENTENTLY MANAGED, PUBLICLY FUNDED SCHOOLS operating under a “CHARTER” or a contract between the school and the state or jurisdiction, allowing for significant autonomy and flexibility.

Charter schools are not exempt from federal laws that cover equal rights, access, and discrimination.

US Department of Education, 2015
Who is going?

**ANNUAL GROWTH RATE**

The number of charter schools has increased by six percent over the past five years, nearing 7,000 as of the end of 2014.

![Graph showing annual growth rate from 2009 to 2014 with an increase from 5K to 7K, indicating a +6% growth.]

Today, an estimated **2.9 MILLION CHILDREN** attend approximately **6,700 CHARTER SCHOOLS** across the country.

US Department of Education, 2015
Just the facts:

- Currently there are 42 states that allow charter schools under state laws
- Idaho has 53 charter schools
- 8 virtual charter schools are currently operating in Idaho
• Idaho Virtual Academy
• iSucceed Virtual High School
• INSPIRE Connections Academy
  Another Choice Virtual School
• Idaho Distance Education Academy (IDEA)
• Richard McKenna Charter Online High School
• Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA)
• Idaho Connects Online School
88% of our special education students have failed at brick & mortar schools

- Bullying
- Expulsion
- Failing grades
- Dropped out
- Failure to connect
- Truancy
INSPIRE 2015-2016

• INSPIRE started the 15-16 school year with 79 special education students enrolled across K-12.

• Special education enrollment fluctuated between 79 and 94 students enrolled. A total of 132 special education students were served over the course of the year.

• Over the course of the year, 72 students enrolled at INSPIRE for the first time and 47 students withdrew over the course of the school year.
Special Education Students By Grade Level
Special Education Caseload

- Visual Impairment: 1
- Traumatic Brain Injury: 1
- Speech Impairment: 7
- Autism: 14
- Developmental Delay: 1
- Emotional Disability: 3
- Hearing Impairment: 1
- Intellectual Disability: 7
- Language Impairment: 6
- Multiple Disabilities: 1
- Other Health Impairment: 23
• Personalized learning plan
• AP, GT, ELL and special education
• Dual Enrollment
• MTSS - academic, social and behavioral
• Monthly Educational Excursions
• Student Council
• Clubs and social groups
• Prom and yearbook
• 100+ graduates last year
INSPIRE Special Education today:

• 4 special education teachers – each one with a Master’s degree in special education and dually certified
• Contract all support and related services
• Offer virtual and face to face services
• Serve 11 extended support students
• Give 142 live lessons/week
• 5 graduates last year