



6 Guiding Principles for Charter School Authorizing

- 1** **Communities have great ideas** about their kids' educational aspirations and needs.
- 2** All communities — including those that have been neglected for decades — have **important untapped assets**.
- 3** **Families know their children the best**, including what learning environments will work for them.
- 4** Sustainable growth and effective, innovative ideas about what schools *are* and *can do* for students will come largely from **neighborhoods where students live**.
- 5** Acting on the aspirations and needs of local communities will require **fresh thinking and action**, inclusive of and beyond typical charter schooling and authorizing practices.
- 6** **Investments in policy, practice, and passionate people** are necessary to deliver on all good ideas communities have for educating their children.

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What is NACSA's role in community-centered authorizing?

NACSA is a trusted leader that centers authorizing and charter schooling on the assets, hopes, and needs of local communities. We support charter schools in developing innovative, community-centered learning experiences. We work with authorizers and other community stakeholders to create more and better opportunities for students.

Families are demanding innovation in education now. We cannot go back to normal (pre-pandemic) because normal wasn't working for the majority of students in our public schools. We can create the best education systems for our students by putting community needs at the center of our work.