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The Charter School Capital Construction (CSCC) Annual Report is submitted pursuant to section 22-54-124(3)(b), C.R.S., which states:

> *No later than February 1 of each budget year, the Department of Education shall certify to the education committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Joint Budget Committee of the General Assembly the total number of pupils expected to be enrolled in all qualified charter schools in the state during the next budget year, as derived from reports provided to the department by districts pursuant to section 22-30.5-112(1) and by the Charter School Institute pursuant to section 22-30.5-513(3)(a), C.R.S. For the purposes of any certification made during the 2003-04 budget year and budget years thereafter, a pupil expected to be enrolled in a qualified charter school as defined in sub-subparagraph (B) of subparagraph (I) of paragraph (f.6) of subsection (1) of this section shall be counted as one-half of one pupil.*

Section 22-54-124(1)(f.6)(I), C.R.S., outlines the criteria for a charter school in order for it to receive capital construction funding:

(I) For the budget years commencing on or after July 1, 2003, "qualified charter school" means:
- *(A) A charter school that is not operating in a school district facility and that has capital construction costs;*
- *(B) A charter school that is operating in a school district facility and that has capital construction costs; or*
- *(C) A charter school that is operating or will operate in the next budget year in a facility that is listed on the state inventory of real property and improvements and other capital assets maintained by the office of the state architect pursuant to section 24-30-1303.5, C.R.S., and that is obligated to make lease payments for use of the facility.*

The following link contains a table illustrating the expected total number of pupils to be enrolled in person at all qualified charter schools for the next budget year, based on the FY2025-2026 October Count. All charter schools report having capital construction costs for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. No charter schools have records indicating that they have leased a property on the state inventory of real property, maintained by the Office of the State Architect. The total projected enrollment for eligible charter schools for the fiscal year 2026-2027, based on the 2025-26 October Count, is 118,159 students.

https://www.cde.state.co.us/capitalconstruction/2026csccclegislativereportdata