

## Public School Academies and Cyber Schools

Public school academies and cyber schools must provide students with disabilities a Free, Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and afford them procedural safeguards in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE).

**Focus:**



State



### MAASE recommends:

- a uniform definition of student residency be established in the School Code, the State School Aid Act and the MARSE;
- charter schools be required to provide directly or ensure access to a full continuum of services to students with IEPs;
- equitable federal, state and local funding provided to charter schools in a manner comparable to other public schools; establishing a process for accrediting charter school authorizers at the state level.



### Related Current or Pending Legislation:

- 2014 Michigan House Bill 5852, referred to the Education Committee

### Data:

- 2013 CREDO report, "Charter School Performance in Michigan": in 2009, reading and math gains for students receiving special education were significantly smaller for those served in charter schools compared to their counterparts in traditional public schools  
[http://credo.stanford.edu/pdfs/MI\\_report\\_2012\\_FINAL\\_1\\_11\\_2013\\_no\\_watermark.pdf](http://credo.stanford.edu/pdfs/MI_report_2012_FINAL_1_11_2013_no_watermark.pdf)

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