

## **Charter School Definitions**

**Charter Contract Approval Date:** The effective date of the **current** contract (or charter) that an approved charter school authorizer authorized the charter school to operate in the state under the state's charter school legislation.

**Charter Contract Renewal Date:** The date by which the charter school must renew its contract (or charter) with an approved charter school authorizer in order to continue to operate in the state under the state's charter school legislation.

**Employer Identification Number (EIN):** The identification number issued by the IRS in order for the entity to pay federal taxes to the U.S. Treasury and report wages to the IRS and Social Security Administration.

**Management Organization:** A management organization is an organization that is a separate legal entity that 1) contracts with one or more charter schools to manage, operate, and oversee the charter schools; or 2) holds a charter, or charters, to operate two or more charter schools.

**Charter Management Organization (CMO):** A non-profit organization that operates or manages two or more charter schools (i.e., either through a contract with the charter schools or as the charter holder) linked by centralized support, operations, and oversight.

**Education Management Organization (EMO):** A for-profit entity that contracts with new or existing public school districts, charter school districts, and charter schools to manage charter schools by centralizing support, operations, and oversight.

**Collaborative:** An organization that is not a CMO or EMO and that provides management services to one or more charter schools.

**Network:** A charter school which subsequently organizes an additional school or schools pursuant to the charter school network statutory authority (22-30.5-104.7, C.R.S.). A charter school network is responsible for governance, oversight, and monitoring of compliance and performance for each school, as required by the charter contract or contracts and by applicable state or federal laws.

**Other:** A charter school with multiple unique school codes that is not a network. (Will be identified as CMO)