

# Charlotte charter school gets state grant

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KIPP Charlotte, a charter school that opened in 2007, got one of this year's largest grants from the state legislature's Dropout Prevention Committee.

The committee awarded new grants to 39 schools and groups around North Carolina, including five in the Charlotte region. KIPP, part of a national charter chain that uses long school days and incentives to motivate low-income and minority students to go to college, got \$150,000, the maximum.

Others receiving new grants are Gaston County's Alliance for Children and Youth (\$149,956), Cabarrus County's Opportunity School at the Glenn Center (\$89,920) and Boys & Girls Club (\$75,000), and Lincoln Charter School (\$9,100).

The state also continued dropout-prevention grants to several area groups that got money last year, including Iredell-Statesville and Hickory school districts.