

Greetings,

My daughter, Ellie (age 16) , is exceptionally bright. She started her education in local public schools. To accommodate her needs, she was allowed to skip second grade, but by the next year, the classes were too easy. It is not possible to keep having a child skip grades, for social and developmental reasons. So, we tried homeschooling, online schooling, and alternative independent schools.

Ellie found her educationally home at Alliance Charter Academy in Oregon City. There, she could take classes with kids of many ages and seek out a personalized education. It was the ideal solution: a public school that is not age-based nor structured in the traditional manner. **The option of a charter school for an exceptional child is success in public schooling.**

Regular public schools can't accommodate many of our citizens who fall outside of "the norm." Further, online schooling doesn't work for children who thrive on interaction with others and a stimulating classroom environment.

**Alliance Charter Academy's model of public schooling is a necessary component of statewide education. They operate with the same costs as a regular public school and should be funded as such.**

Thank you for your support of charter schools like ACA, who serve a significant population of children who can't learn in regular public schools.

Sincerely,  
Margie Phillips