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S&P U.S. Charter Schools 2025 Outlook: Stability For Now, With Pockets Of Pressure

Sector View: Stable

- S&P Global Ratings' view of the U.S. charter school sector remains stable, supported by ongoing healthy demand and steady-to-growing per-pupil funding, for now. Many schools continue to hold their market position or expand, while maintaining healthy liquidity and operating margins.
- During 2025, we expect schools will focus on managing expense pressures and persistent teacher shortages absent federal emergency dollars and amid slower economic growth. Competition for students remains elevated, but budget pressures are most pronounced at the lower end of the ratings scale.
- A new federal administration with different priorities could create opportunities, or new challenges, for the sector.

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