

2016-17 California Charter Public Schools Fact Sheet
The Truth About California's Charter Public Schools

Public, Free and Open to All: Charter schools are tuition-free, independently-run public schools that are open to all children.

Focused on Results: Charter schools are transforming the lives of students by helping them unlock their full academic potential. Studies show charter students are making greater academic progress than their peers in traditional district schools.

Accountable: An advantage of charter schools is that they're granted more flexibility, and in exchange charters must meet high standards of accountability to their families, the state and federal government. Charter schools must also meet rigorous academic, financial and managerial standards

Diverse: California's charter school students are diverse and reflect their communities. As of the 2016-17 school year:

OVERVIEW

CA: State with the most charter schools and charter school students

1992: CA Charter Schools Act Approved

602,837: Number of students attending charter schools in CA

1,254: Charter schools in CA

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www.ccsa.org/understanding

| Student Demographic | Charter Public School % Enrollment | Traditional District School % Enrollment |
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| African American | 8% | 5% |
| Latino | 51% | 55% |
| Asian | 5% | 9% |
| White | 28% | 23% |
| Other | 8% | 7% |
| English Learner | 17% | 22% |
| Free or Reduced | 59% | 62% |
| Students with Disabilities* | 10% | 11% |

**Percentage of 2016 CAASPP test-takers; may not be a direct reflection of actual enrollment.*

About the California Charter Schools Association

CCSA is the advocacy organization that builds the policy environment needed to grow as quickly as possible the number of students attending high quality charter public schools.

Vision: To increase student learning by growing the number of families choosing high quality charter public schools so that no child is denied the right to a great public education.

Mission: To ensure a million students attend charter public schools by 2022, with charter public schools outperforming non-charter public schools on every measure.

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