

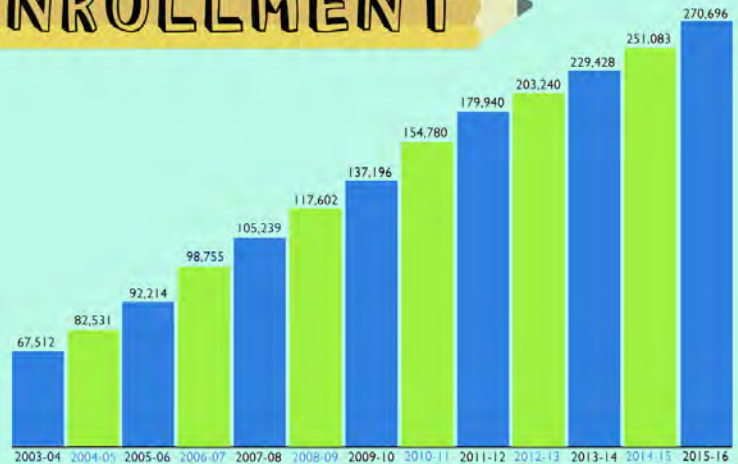
CHARTER SCHOOL FACT SHEET



Charter school growth has been driven by parental demand for a quality public school options. Enrollment has grown by more than 200 percent over the last decade

16% OF
FLORIDA PUBLIC
SCHOOLS ARE
CHARTER SCHOOLS.

ENROLLMENT



FACT:

CHARTER SCHOOLS CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH PARENTS CAN BE MORE INVOLVED, TEACHERS ARE GIVEN THE FREEDOM TO INNOVATE, AND STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED THE STRUCTURE THEY NEED TO LEARN.



**CHARTER SCHOOL
STUDENTS ARE
ACHIEVING!**

**46% earned "A"
16% earned "B"**

THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS MAKING LEARNING GAINS WAS HIGHER IN CHARTER SCHOOLS IN 86 OF THE 96 AND STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CHARTER SCHOOLS DEMONSTRATED HIGHER PROFICIENCY RATES IN 52 OF THE 63 COMPARISONS (FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT, 2013-14)

164 HIGH-PERFORMING CHARTER SCHOOLS (JUNE 2015)

FACT:

CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS IN FLORIDA, "HAVE SUBSTANTIAL POSITIVE EFFECTS ON BOTH HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION AND COLLEGE ATTENDANCE. - RAND STUDY

FUNDING

CHARTER SCHOOLS RECEIVE AN ESTIMATED 25 TO 30% PERCENT LESS THAN WHAT DISTRICTS RECEIVE PER FTE. – CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING: INEQUITY PERSISTS, BALL STATE UNIVERSITY, 2010 AND FLORIDA TAXWATCH 2012

PECO DOLLARS FROM THE STATE ARE THE ONLY SOURCE OF FACILITIES FUNDING CHARTER SCHOOLS RECEIVE. CAPITAL MILLAGE (LOCAL SALES TAX) AND BOND REFERENDUMS GO EXCLUSIVELY TO (EXCEPT IN A FEW COUNTIES) SCHOOL DISTRICTS EVEN THOUGH BOTH DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL PARENTS CONTRIBUTE TO IT.



PARENTAL SUPPORT

85%

OF PARENTS POLLED SAID ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND ABILITY TO TAILOR CURRICULUM TO MEET STUDENT NEEDS IS WHAT MAKES CHARTER SCHOOLS INNOVATIVE

FACT:

CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE HELPING A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF... HISPANIC AND BLACK STUDENTS, STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM, AND STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN FLORIDA'S CHARTER SCHOOLS, APRIL 2014, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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