

FAST CHARTER FACTS

Charter schools are public, tuition-free, open-enrollment, free to innovate and held to strict financial and academic accountability standards.

MORE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS & MINORITY STUDENTS ARE BEING SERVED AT CHARTER SCHOOLS AND THOSE STUDENTS ARE THRIVING.

Limited english proficiency students in standard charter schools outperformed their traditional public school peers in all subjects.

Poor and minority charter school students outperformed their traditional public school peers in Reading, Writing & Social Studies.

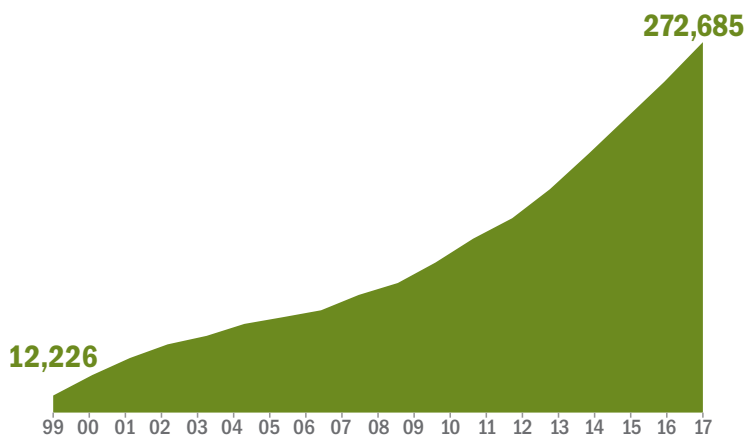


TX AVG. GROWTH RATE OVER PAST 5 YRS:
12%: Public Charter Student Enrollment
1%: Overall Public Education Student Enrollment
6%: Public Charter School Campuses

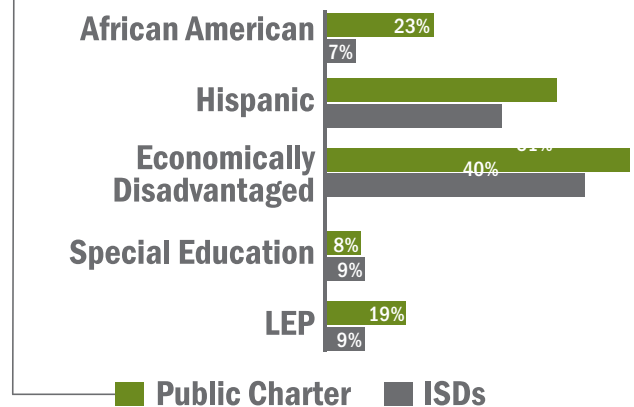
272,685 Charter school students
141,000+ Students on a waiting list
180 Charters active
675 Charter school campuses

*2015-2016 TCSA Membership Surveys.

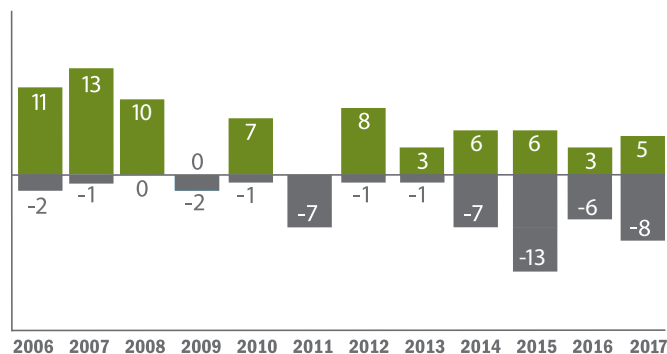
Charter Student Enrollment Growth



Student Enrollment



Granted vs. Closed Charters by Year



Total Number of Charters



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5% Public school students served in charter schools

Types of Charter Schools

Dropout Recovery – Serve students who drop out or are at risk of dropping out.

Pre-K/Elem – Expressly serve Pre-K, Elementary students.

Residential Treatment Center / Juvenile Detention Centers – Serve students in residential setting, ordered to attend school by a court of law.

Specialized Mission – Serve students of any grade level in a distinctive focus.

College Preparatory – Prepare students for four-year college degree.

1995 Texas lawmakers authorize public charter schools.

2008 TCSA formed to provide one voice for public charter schools.

2013 Charter cap lifted from 215 to 305 by 2019.

PUBLIC CHARTER & ISD DIFFERENCES

305 Statutory Cap (By 2019)	More Than 1,000 Districts
Employment At-Will	Employment Contracts
Not Eligible for Certain State Funding Opportunities; Minimal Performance-Based Facilities Funding Provided	Eligible for More State Funding Opportunities; Facilities Funding Subsidized by State or Local Tax
No Minimum Salary Scale for Teachers	Minimum Salary Scale for Teachers
Locally Proscribed Student Code of Conduct	Statutorily Proscribed Student Code of Conduct
No Authority to Levy Property Taxes	Authority to Levy Property Taxes
Three Strikes of Poor Financial or Academic Rating Triggers Mandatory Closure.	No Automatic Closure Triggers in Place for Poor Academic or Financial Performance
Services Contracts Pre-approved by Texas Education Agency	Services Contracts Approved Solely by School Board
Some Properties Tax-Exempt	All Real Properties Tax-Exempt

PUBLIC CHARTER & ISD SIMILARITIES

- Academic Accountability
 State Curriculum & Graduation
 Nepotism Ban
- Immunity from Tort
 Open Meetings
 Criminal History Background Checks
- Mandatory Board Training
 Financial Accountability
 Open Records
- PEIMS Reporting
 Conflicts of Interest
 Teacher Retirement System