

Texas Public Charter Schools 101

Char•ter Schools

[chahr-ter skools]

(noun) Charter schools are tuition-free public schools that are open to all students. They are held to strict financial and academic accountability standards in exchange for more autonomy and flexibility.

By the Numbers



272,685
charter school students



180
charters granted



675
charter school campuses



140,000
names on charter school waiting lists

Academic Performance

- ★ Texas public charter schools educate **5%** of Texas' public school students, but make up more than **25% of A-rated districts**.
- ★ A recent Stanford study showed that students attending Texas public charter schools gained on average an **additional 17 days of learning** in reading annually, as compared to their traditional school district peers.
- ★ Hispanic students attending Texas charter schools **outscored all statewide averages** for Hispanic students in all states across the country on the Nation's Report Card 8th grade math test.
- ★ African American public charter students had **higher passage rates on STAAR reading** and writing tests and White public charter students passed at higher rates on reading.

Student Enrollment

