

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



296,213
charter school students¹



177
charters active¹



705
charter school campuses¹

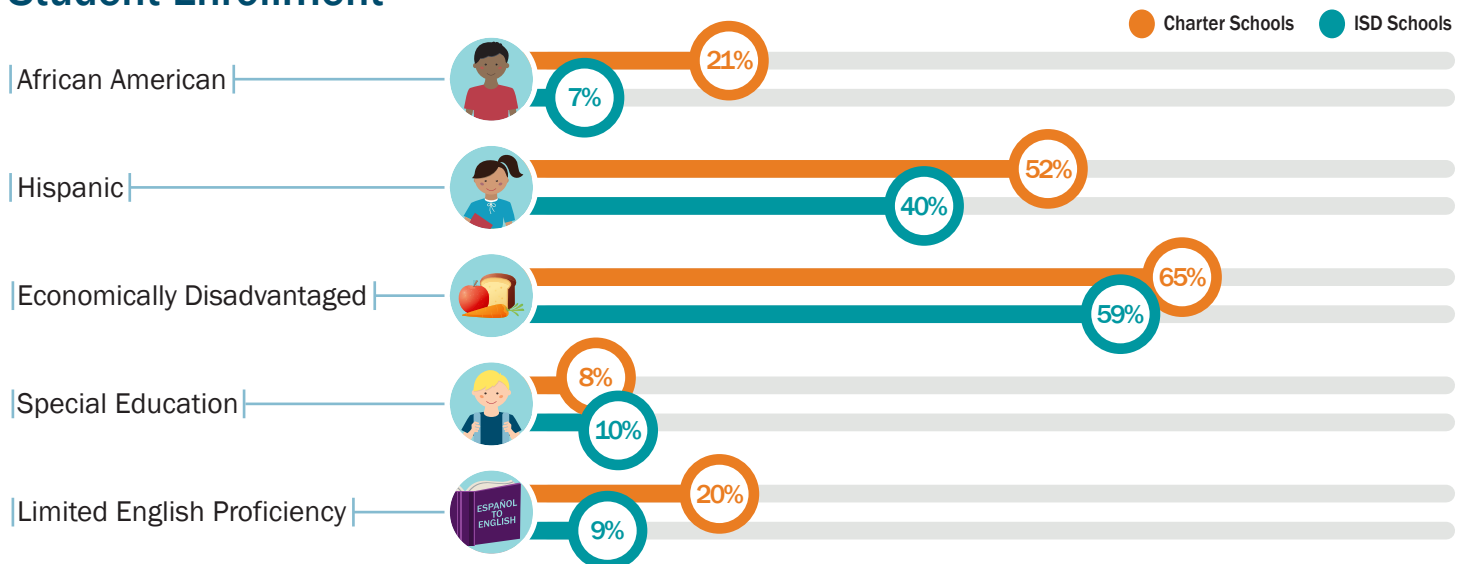


141,000
names on charter school waiting lists²

Academic Performance

- ★ Texas public charter schools educate **6%** of Texas' public school students, but make up more than **20% of A rated districts**.³
- ★ 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.⁴
- ★ 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.⁵
- ★ 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.⁶

Student Enrollment¹



Sources: 1. 2018 Texas Academic Performance Report, Texas Education Agency
2. TCSA member data
3. 2018 State Academic Accountability Ratings, Texas Education Agency
4. 2017 CREDO Center for Research on Education Outcomes Stanford University
5. June 4th 2018 blog post (<https://jaygreene.com/?s=texas+charter>)
6. Standard Accountability schools, 2018 Texas Academic Performance Report, Texas Education Agency

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