



Charter Schools Program

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Each school district has a charter school liaison that provides guidance. For a list of district liaisons, school developers or operators, please search the Directories on the School Choice Web site at:

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Growth of Charter Schools

School Year	Charter Schools Operated	Increase from Prior Year	% Increase
1996-97	5		
1997-98	30	25	500.0%
1998-99	74	44	146.7%
1999-00	118	44	59.5%
2000-01	182	64	54.2%
2001-02	201	19	10.4%
2002-03	223	22	10.9%
2003-04	257	34	15.2%
2004-05	301	44	17.1%
2005-06	334	33	11.0%
2006-07	356	22	6.6%
2007-08	358	2	0.6%
2008-09	389	31	8.7%
2009-10	410	21	5.4%
2010-11	459	49	12.0%

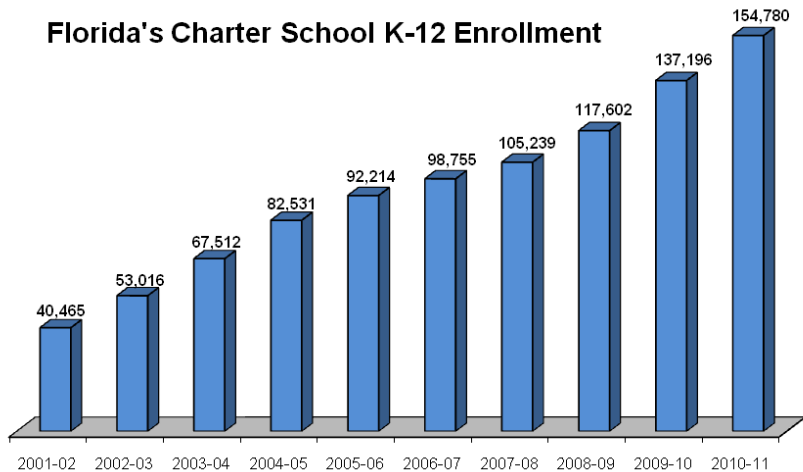
Florida's Charter Schools

Charter schools are tuition-free public schools created through an agreement or "charter" between the school and the local school board or a state university. This agreement gives the charter school a measure of expanded freedom relative to traditional public schools in return for a commitment to higher standards of accountability. Since 1996, Florida charter schools have played a key role in increasing parental options in public education and providing innovative learning opportunities for students.

Charter Schools Are a Popular Choice Option for Parents

With more than 154,000 students enrolled in 459 charter schools in 43 districts, Florida ranked third in the nation in charter school enrollment in 2010-11. Many charter schools in Florida have innovative missions. Some charter schools include themed learning approaches focusing on areas such as arts, sciences, and technologies. Other charter schools provide services to special populations such as students at risk of academic failure or students with disabilities.

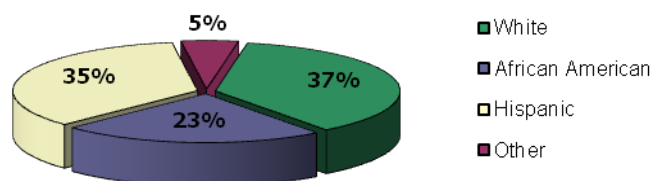
Florida's Charter School K-12 Enrollment



Charter Schools Have Diverse Student Populations

Florida's charter schools have increasingly diverse student populations and 63 percent of the students served in 2010-11 were minorities. Hispanic students comprised 35% of Florida's charter school enrollment in 2010-11.

Race/Ethnicity of 2010-11 Charter School Students



Charter School Program Statistics

GRADE PK – 12 STUDENT ENROLLMENT	<p>2010 – 2011 154,780 Students</p> <p>2009 – 2010 137,196 Students</p> <p>2008 – 2009 118,169 Students</p> <p>2007 – 2008 105,239 Students</p> <p>2006 – 2007 98,755 Students</p>																		
STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS 2010 – 2011	<p>Race/Ethnicity:</p> <p>White, Non Hispanic: 37%</p> <p>Black, Non Hispanic: 23%</p> <p>Hispanic: 35%</p> <p>Others: 5%</p>	<p>Gender:</p> <p>Female: 50%</p> <p>Male: 50%</p>																	
	<p>Lunch Program:</p> <p>Free/Reduced Lunch 45%</p> <p>Not Eligible 55%</p>	<p>ELL: 10%</p> <p>ESE: 10%</p>																	
NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOLS	<p>2010 – 2011 459 Schools</p> <p>2009 – 2010 410 Schools</p> <p>2008 – 2009 389 Schools</p> <p>2007 – 2008 358 Schools</p> <p>2006 – 2007 356 Schools</p> <p>New Charter Schools in 2010-2011: 56</p>																		
SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY 2009-2010	<p>Charter School Performance Grades and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP):</p> <p>Total Graded Charter Schools in 2010 = 274</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Grade</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Number</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Percent</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">A</td> <td style="text-align: center;">157</td> <td style="text-align: center;">57%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">B</td> <td style="text-align: center;">38</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">C</td> <td style="text-align: center;">40</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">D</td> <td style="text-align: center;">23</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">F</td> <td style="text-align: center;">16</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Charter Schools AYP Status in 2010: 368</p> <p>Number of charter schools with AYP "Yes" status in 2010: 111 Number of charter schools with AYP "No" status in 2010: 257</p>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	A	157	57%	B	38	14%	C	40	15%	D	23	8%	F	16	6%
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