

# FLORIDA CHARTER SCHOOLS FACT SHEET

## EDUCATION CHOICE



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CHARTER SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN A VITAL PART OF FLORIDA'S K12 SYSTEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION SINCE 1996

78%

OF PARENTS SUPPORT HAVING A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD

**Charter Schools are:**



THE PARENTS OF MORE THAN  
**329,000**  
CHILDREN CHOSE A CHARTER SCHOOL IN 2019-20

- TUITION-FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
- OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS INCLUDING ENGLISH-LANGUAGE LEARNERS AND ESE POPULATION
- PUBLICLY FUNDING BASED ON ENROLLMENT, LIKE OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- HELD STRICTLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR ACADEMIC RESULTS AND FINANCIAL STABILITY
- PERMITTED, LIKE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO CONTRACT WITH FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES TO PERFORM VARIOUS TASKS LIKE PAYROLL, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, ETC.

● DIVERSE



69% BLACK & HISPANIC

53% FREE / REDUCED LUNCH

# ACADEMIC RESULTS

SCHOOL GRADE: EARNED A OR B ON STATE ASSESSMENT



**74%**  
CHARTER  
SCHOOLS

**61%**  
DISTRICT-RUN  
SCHOOLS

Student Achievement in Florida's Charter Schools:  
A Comparison of the Performance of Charter School  
Students with Traditional Public School Students, FDOE 2019

in **89%** OF THE COMPARISONS, AFRICAN AMERICAN  
CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS OUTPERFORMED PEERS  
ON ACHIEVEMENT AND LEARNING GAINS

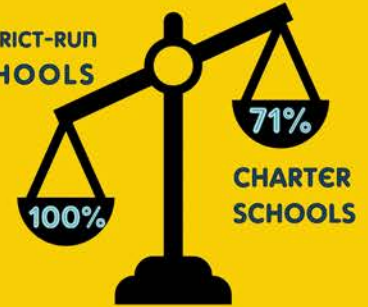
in **93%** OF THE COMPARISONS, HISPANIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
STUDENTS OUTPERFORMED PEERS ON ACHIEVEMENT AND  
LEARNING GAINS

in **93%** OF THE COMPARISONS, STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR  
FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH AT CHARTER SCHOOLS  
OUTPERFORMED PEERS

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# FUNDING

DISTRICT-RUN  
SCHOOLS



Charter schools get 71 cents on the dollar  
as compared to district-run schools  
- Tax Watch 2017

- CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE FUNDED BASED ON ENROLLMENT -- THE SAME WAY AS OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- LOCAL CAPITAL MILLAGE IS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY RECEIVED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT - EVEN THOUGH BOTH DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL PARENTS CONTRIBUTE TO THOSE FUNDS
- PECO IS THE ONLY FACILITIES FUNDING A CHARTER SCHOOL RECEIVES

IF FLORIDA'S CHARTER SCHOOL POPULATION WAS ITS OWN STATE, IT WOULD RANK:



2019 National Assessment of Education Progress/NAEP report card



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