

**27**  
Years

Charter schools have been a vital part of Florida's K12 system of public education since 1996

**361,900** Students attended a charter school in Florida 2021-22.

**12%** of Florida's K12 public school students attend a charter school

**22%**

Charter school enrollment has increased 22% in the last 5 years.

**63%**

of charter school students are black or Hispanic



## FUNDING



- Charter schools receive per-student funding based on enrollment – just like district-run schools.
- Capital Outlay is the only dedicated facilities funding that a Florida charter school receives.
- The Charter Schools Program (CSP) provides the only dedicated federal funding to support the creation, expansion, and replication of charter schools.

## CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE:

- Tuition-free public schools
- Non-profit organizations
- Open to all students
- Held strictly accountable for academic results and financial health
- Required to follow applicable state and federal laws
- Permitted, like school districts, to contract with for-profit entities to perform various tasks like payroll, professional development, facilities maintenance, etc.



## PARENTS VALUE CHOICE

Parents, not policy, are the driving force behind the growth of school choice and charter schools in Florida.

**77%**

want more public charter school offerings in their area, consistent across political affiliation.

**93%**

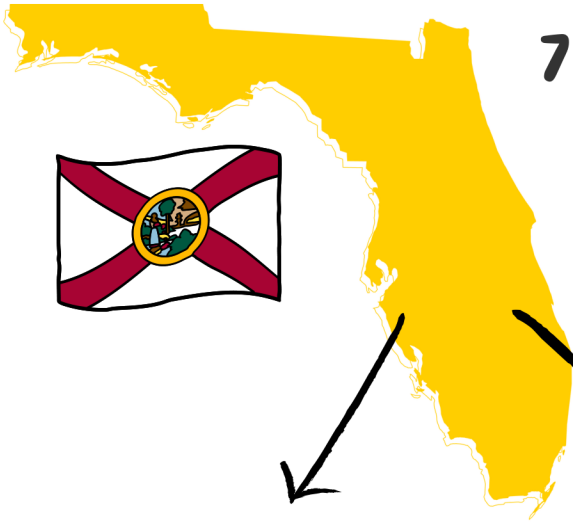
agree one size doesn't fit all in education

**82%**

would be willing to vote outside their political party based on the candidate's education platform



# EXCELLING ACADEMICALLY



**74%** of charter schools earned an A or B on the state assessment, compared to 61% of district-run schools.

**82%** of charter school students demonstrated higher rates of grade level performance than peers in attending district- public school.

*Student Achievement in Florida's Charter Schools, FDOE, March 2019*

## FLORIDA RANCKED

**#1** in the nation on the Parent Choice Index (Center for Ed Reform)

**#2** Florida saw the nation's 2nd highest charter sector growth during the pandemic with an increase of 12,707 students from 2019-20 to 2020-21 and 20,013 additional students from 2020-21 to 2021-22.

## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

### DEVELOPING QUALITY LEADERS

FCSA's School Leaders Fellowship -- supported by a CSP grant -- is developing a robust pipeline of high quality charter school leaders.

### IMPROVING DISTRICT/CHARTER COLLABORATION

FCSA's District / Charter Collaborative created a coalition of school leaders in public education to share best practices and initiated valuable dialog and cooperation.

### FLORIDA INSTITUTE FOR CHARTER SCHOOL INNOVATION

Based at Miami Dade College, the program will research best practices and training to improve charter school authorizations in the state.

*The Florida Charter School Alliance is a non-profit member-driven association whose mission is to improve student achievement, and promote parental choice by supporting, advocating for, defending, and collaborating with high-quality public charter schools.*



Advancing the Charter School Movement in the Sunshine State

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