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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%

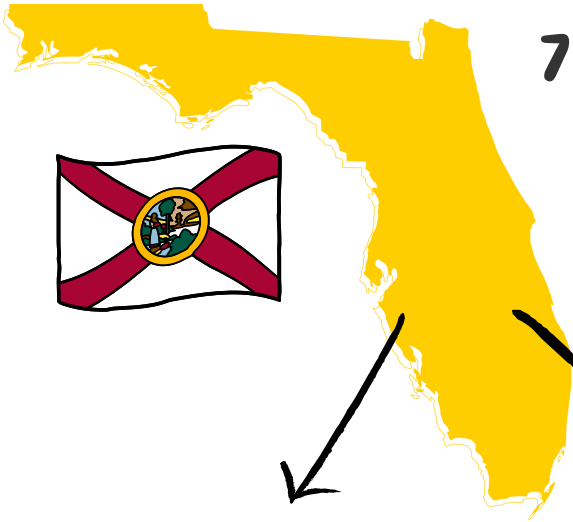
agree one size doesn't fit all in education

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 RANKED

#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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