

Los Angeles Charter Public Schools: Public, free and open to all.

Charter schools are open to all students and do not have special eligibility or entrance requirements. To ensure charters meet high standards for all families, they are accountable to state and federal public education laws and undergo extensive oversight by an authorizer, often the local school board. When charter schools aren't meeting the needs of students, they can be closed. Across CA, approximately 1,300 charter schools serve 660,000 students.

Independent Charter School Growth and Enrollment¹

Charter Schools **Operating in** LA Unified (LAUSD): 249 charters serving 118,820 students.

Charter Schools **Authorized by** LAUSD: 225 charter schools serving 110,007 students

Student Demographics

Los Angeles charter schools are concentrated in the city's most disadvantaged neighborhoods and serve a population that mirrors LAUSD traditional schools.

Student Demographics	Charter ²	District
Latino	76%	77%
African American	9%	8%
Students with Disabilities	12%	12%
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	80%	85%
English Learners	21%	25%
White	9%	7%
Asian	3%	3%

Academic Performance: Students Attending Independent LAUSD Charter Schools

LA charter schools graduate more students and send more kids to college than other types of public schools.

2018 CAASPP results show charter schools performed better for every measured student group across Math and ELA tests.

Students with disabilities attending charters outperformed their district peers in Math and ELA and were more likely to graduate.³

CREDO research show charter schools generate extra weeks and months of learning for the majority of students they serve, particularly for the hardest to reach students.⁴

¹Charter school data as of January 2019. Charter school enrollment data, provided by CDE, as of 2017-18.

² Independent charter school students located in boundaries of LAUSD.

³ CA Department of Ed, 2017

⁴ CREDO, Charter School Performance in LA, 2014