

Oakland 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.

Charter School Growth and Enrollment¹

Charter Schools **Operating in** Oakland Unified (OUSD): 44 charters serving 15,682 students.²

Charter Schools **Authorized by** OUSD: 33 charter schools serving 12,953 students.³

Student Demographics⁴

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

Student Demographics	Charter	District
Latino	57%	41%
African American	20%	25%
Students with Disabilities ³	8%	13%
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	72%	75%
English Learners	28%	32%
White	7%	12%
Asian	10%	13%

Academic Performance: Students Attending Independent OUSD Charter Schools

Oakland charter schools graduated a larger proportion of students and sent kids to college at higher rates than other types of public schools.⁵

2018 CAASPP results show historically underserved students at OUSD charter schools performed better than their peers at district schools on Math and ELA tests.⁶

Students with disabilities attending OUSD charters outperformed their district peers in Math and ELA and were more likely to graduate.⁷

When comparing schools serving demographically similar students statewide, CCSA's Similar Students Rank shows that charter schools in OUSD far outperform other public schools across the state, with 28% performing in the top 10th percentile statewide and 38% in the top quartile.⁸

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

² Does not include Dashboard Alternative School Status (DASS) Schools because they serve alternative populations of students. More info: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/dass.asp>

³ Ibid.

⁴ Non-DASS Independent charter school students located in the boundaries of OUSD.

⁵ [Portrait of the Movement 2017: Oakland Spotlight](#)

⁶ CA Department of Ed, 2018

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ [Portrait of the Movement 2017: Oakland Spotlight](#)