



Florida's Charter Schools

Charter schools are tuition-free public schools created through an agreement or "charter" typically between the school and the local district school board. This agreement gives the charter school a measure of expanded freedom relative to traditional public schools in return for a commitment to higher standards of accountability. Since 1996, Florida charter schools have played a key role in increasing parental options in public education and providing innovative learning opportunities for students.

During the 2022-23 school year, over 382,367 students were enrolled in 726 charter schools in 46 Florida districts. Many charter schools in Florida have innovative missions. Some charter schools include themed learning approaches focusing on areas such as arts, sciences, and technologies. Other charter schools provide services to special populations such as students at risk of academic failure or students with disabilities.



Charter Student Diversity

Florida's charter schools, which serve 50% low-income students statewide, have become increasingly diverse. In 2022-23, 71% of the students served were minorities. Hispanic students comprised 46% of Florida's charter school enrollment, and 18% were African-American students.

Race and Ethnicity



District Contacts

There is a charter school liaison in each school district. A list of charter school contacts and district liaisons may be downloaded in Excel file format from the Charter School Portal at: <u>https://web01.fldoe.org/CSA</u> <u>/PostToWeb/DistrictContact</u> <u>List.aspx</u>





Charter Schools Overview

| School Year | Districts | Charter Schools | Student Enrollment |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 2018-19 | 47 | 658 | 313,586 |
| 2019-20 | 47 | 673 | 329,216 |
| 2020-21 | 47 | 687 | 341,926 |
| 2021-22 | 47 | 703 | 361,939 |
| 2022-23* | 46 | 726 | 382,367 |

*2022-23 Survey 2 Final Data

Charter Student Demographics 2022-23 Survey 3 Final Data

| Race/Ethnicity | Students | Percent |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| White | 110,216 | 29.0% |
| Black | 70,280 | 18.4% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 175,164 | 46.0% |
| Other | 25,307 | 6.6% |
| Total Enrollment | 380,967 | 100.0% |
| | | |
| Special | | |
| Categories | | |
| FRPL | 191,486 | 50.3% |
| ELL | 41,614 | 10.9% |
| SWD | 39,575 | 10.4% |

2022 Charter School Grades



There are 231 high-performing charter schools as of 10/10/2023.



History of Charter School Application Approval Rate



