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Board of Directors



Orientation Packet 2020-2021

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Texas Public Charter School System



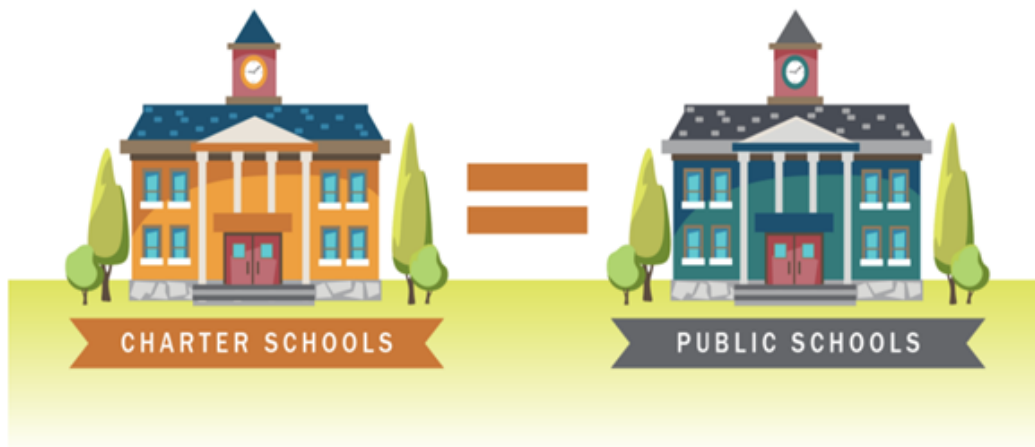
What is a Charter School?



Charter schools are tuition-free public schools that are open to all students. They are held to strict financial and academic accountability standards in exchange for more autonomy and flexibility.

Public charter schools were authorized by the Texas Legislature in 1995 to provide more choice and options in public education.

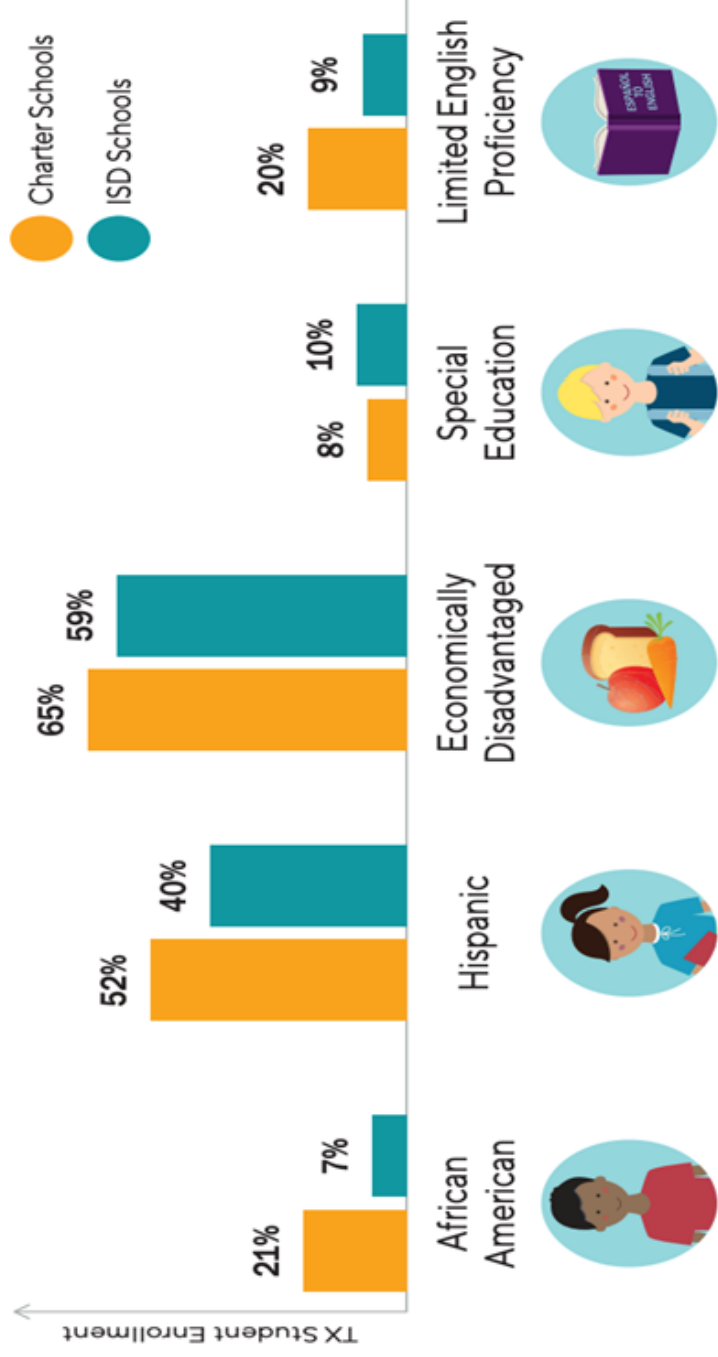
In the state of Texas, charter schools operate under and receive academic accountability ratings from the Texas Education Agency. Both charter and traditional public school students in Texas take the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™) tests.



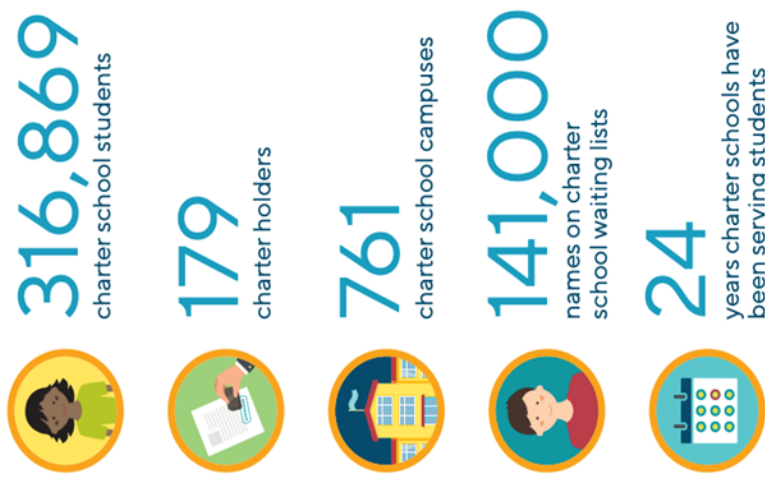
- ✓ Open to all students
- ✓ Tuition free
- ✓ Funded by the State of Texas
- ✓ Held to the same academic and financial standards

Who Attends a Charter School?

CHARTER SCHOOL VS. ISD SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IN TEXAS



BY THE NUMBERS IN TEXAS



More Graduates of Public Charter Schools Enroll in College

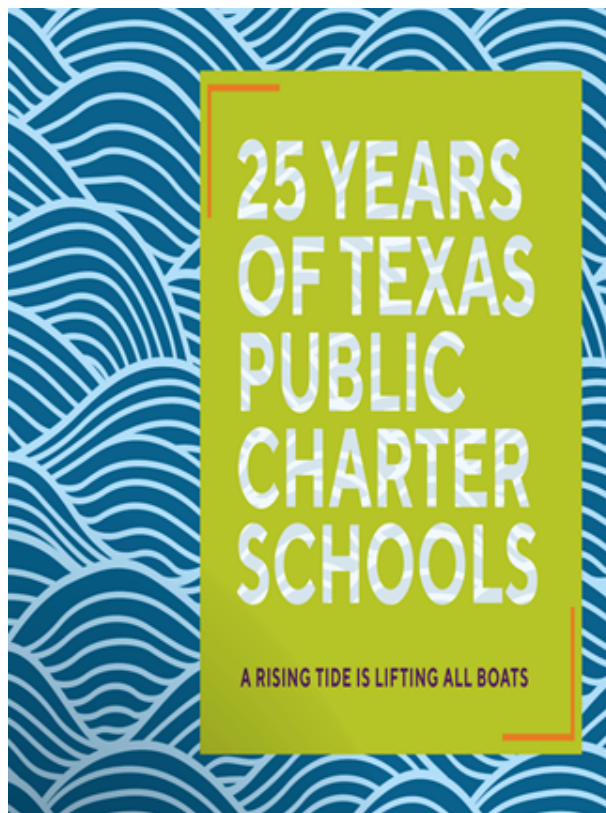


Demographic	Public Charters	ISDs
All Students	58%	54%
African American	64%	51%
Latino	58%	48%
Low-Income	60%	44%
English language learners	48%	28%
Special Education students	43%	23%

Charters are Compliments to ISDs



- Both ISDs and charters are performing better as charters expand.
 - From 2012 to 2019, as total statewide charter enrollment nearly tripled, the average district raised its student achievement between 4-8% depending on the grade tested.
- ISDs with charters in their attendance zones are more likely to improve than ISDs without charters.
 - From 2016-2019, for example, 82% of ISDs with charters in their attendance zones boosted their 5th grade reading scores– compared to 67% without any charters.



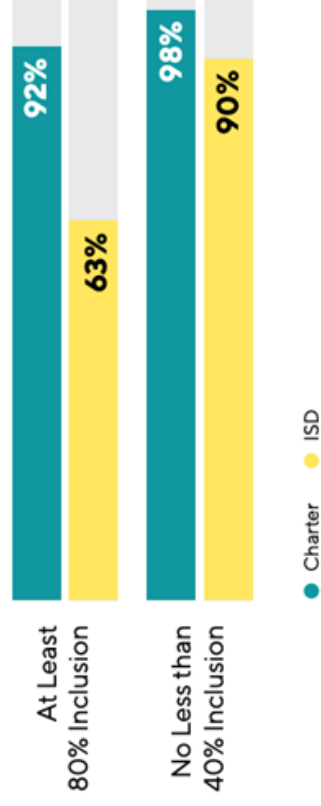
Charters Hold & Meet High Standards for Special Education Students



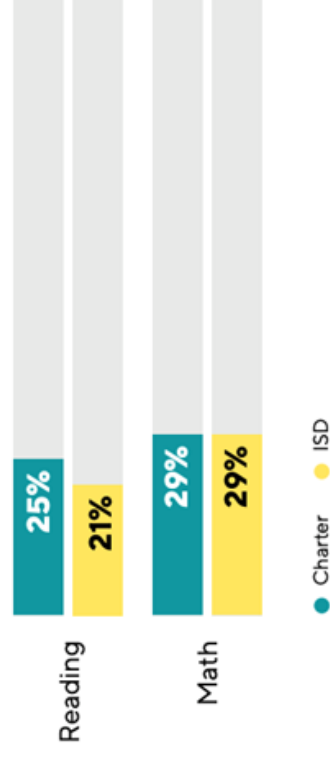
According to Texas Education Agency data, special education students enrolled in Texas public charter schools:

- have higher reading proficiency growth
- more inclusion in general education classrooms, and
- a greater likelihood of attending college

Percentage of School Districts Meeting the State Inclusion Standards



Average Rate of Gains in Proficient Students



Charters Are Keeping Students in the Classroom



- Public charter schools in the Lone Star State disciplined a lower percentage of their students in 2018-19 than traditional districts:
7.2% charter vs. **10.5%** ISD
- All Students
Expulsion, 0.2% charter vs. **0.1%** ISD
- Special Needs Students
ISS, 7% charter vs. **13%** ISD
- Charter schools have **double** the rate of Hispanic teachers and **four to five** times as many Asian and Black teachers. Teachers of color interpret the “misbehavior” of children of color differently than white teachers.

Charters are Accountable to Taxpayers



Issues Facing the Texas Charter Community



- \$700 funding gap compared to ISDs
- Strong national anti-charter narrative; local Texas anti-charter coalition has a \$185 million budget
- Declining support from lawmakers in the State Senate, State House, and at the State Board of Education
- Opposition to growth and discrimination at the local level
- Ever-increasing and unrealistic regulatory burdens from TEA

Our Mission



The mission of ILTexas is to prepare students for exceptional leadership roles in the international community by emphasizing servant leadership, mastering the English, Spanish, and Chinese languages, and strengthening the mind, body and character.

La misión de ILTexas es preparar a nuestros alumnos para roles de liderazgo excepcionales en la comunidad internacional, haciendo hincapié en el liderazgo de servicio, el dominio de los idiomas inglés, español y chino, y el fortalecimiento de mente, cuerpo y carácter.

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