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Years

Charter schools have been a vital part of Florida's K12 system of public education since 1996

**406,800+**

There are 734 operating charter schools in Florida serving 406,800+ students.

**14%**

of Florida's K12 public school students attend a charter school

**22%**

Charter school enrollment has increased 22% in the last 5 years.



**71%**

of charter school students are black or Hispanic

## 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.



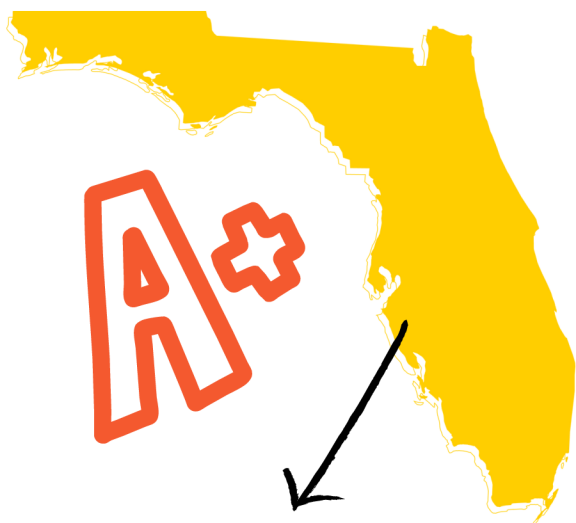
## FUNDING



- Charter schools receive per-student funding based on enrollment – just like district-run schools.
- The Charter Schools Program (CSP) provides the only dedicated federal funding to support the creation, expansion, and replication of charter schools.

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.

## EXCELLING ACADEMICALLY



## AMERICAN PARENTS ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM ARE BROADLY SUPPORTIVE OF CHARTERS.

**73%** of parents with school-aged children expressed their approval of charter schools



**93%** agree that one size does not fit all in education

**82%** of parents would be willing to vote outside their political party based on the candidate's education platform

source: The Harris Poll, 2022

Florida charter schools earned an **A** in the 23-24 school year. Although public charter schools in Florida are not officially designated as a district, their combined student population makes them larger than most of the individual school districts in the state.

## 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 CHARTER INSTITUTE

Based at Miami Dade College, the program will research best practices and training to improve charter school authorizations in the state.

Charter Schools in Florida run the gamut of choice educational programs – from urban to rural campuses, programs specializing in exceptional students or drop-off prevention to unique classical curriculum, and college-prep programs in high-need areas. All are committed to raising the bar on public education and providing a quality education option to the children and communities they serve.



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