



CharterSchools

The Journey

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What are Charter Schools?



A charter school is a public or government school that operates independently of state established school systems within the same area. A charter is a performance contract defined as a written agreement by a country's legislative structure by which an institution is created and its rights and privileges are defined.

Characteristics



- Charging tuition is prohibited.
- Must not discriminate or affiliate with any religion.
- Admissions are primarily determined by lottery.
- Charter schools must abide by federal laws.
- Students must take state regulated assessment tests.
- Charter schools are subject to closure.
- Receive public funding based on the number of students.

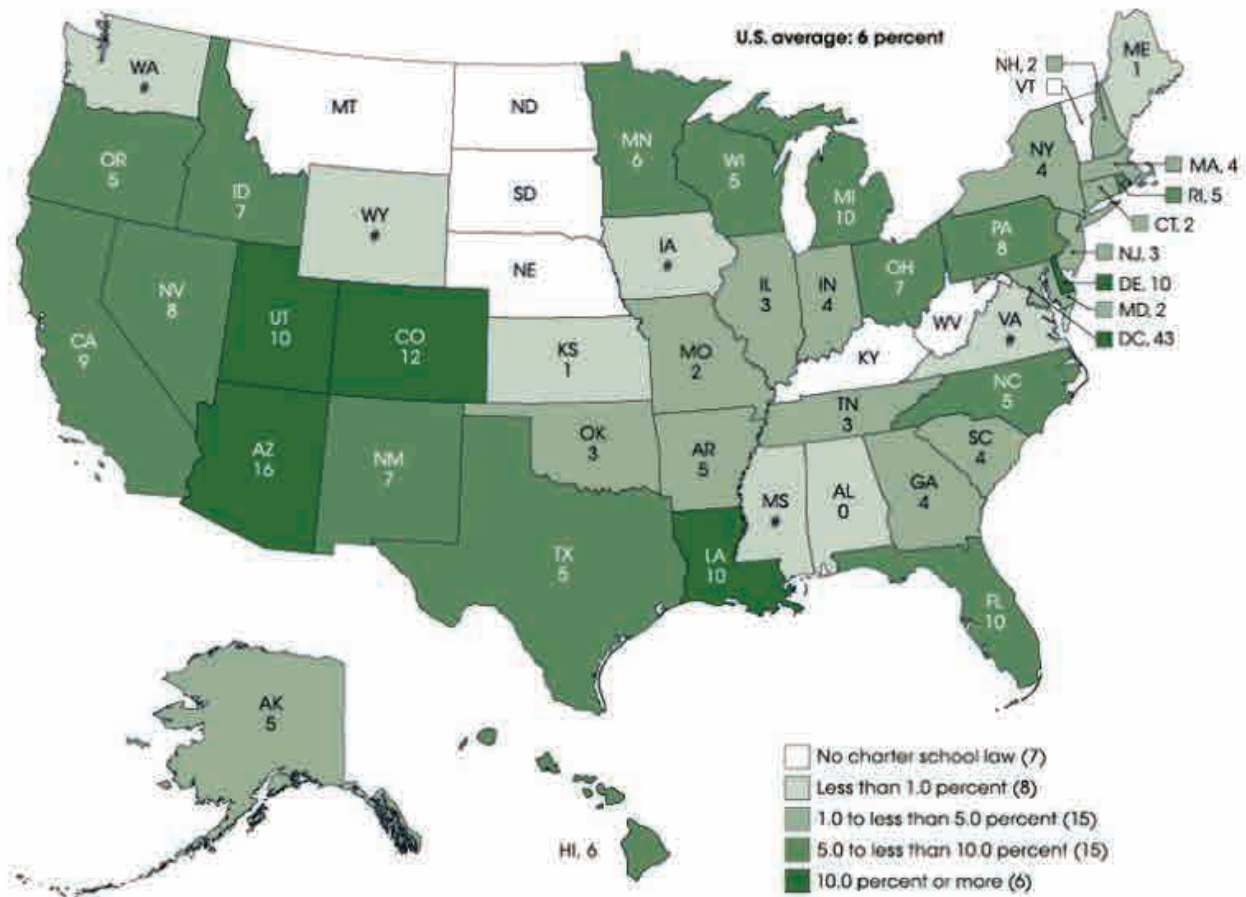
History



In the United States, the first law which allowed the establishment of chartered schools was passed in Minnesota in the year 1991 - Laws of Minnesota 1991, chapter 265 article 9, section 3. This allowed the formation of eight results oriented, student-centered public schools. The City Academy in St. Paul became the nation's first publicly funded, privately run charter school when it opened in 1992.

Growth and Development

Percentage of all public school students enrolled in public charter schools, by state: Fall 2015



Forty three states and the district of Columbia had passed charter school legislation as of the year ending 2015. By this time seven states had not yet passed charter school legislation. They include: Kentucky, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, and West Virginia.

Charter Schools 2018



There are 164 charter schools in Minnesota as of January 2018, with over 56,000 students enrolled in the 2017/2018 school year. In the United States there are more than 6,800 charter schools enrolling close to 3,000,000 children according to the Center for Education Reform.

New York City: Charter Schools



As of 2018, New York City has become the nation's largest school system. It is the home to the vast majority of charter schools, and has many students that are excelling. Over 100,000 students in the city's charter schools are doing well on state tests and tens of thousands of children are on waiting lists for available application spots. New York seems to be free from scandals that are affecting other states with weaker regulations.

New York City: Charter School Forecast



In New York City there are currently 236 charter schools, 52,700 students on charter school wait lists. 81% of charter school students are economically challenged. In all 5 boroughs there are a total of 123,000 charter school students.

In 2017 -18 more than 7,000 charter schools enroll nearly 3.2 million students. Between 2016 -17 and 2017-18 charter school enrollment increased by more than 150,000 students. The estimated 5% increase during this period is an indicator for innovative and high-quality education demand.

Overall Pros



The following states experienced largest number of charter school openings in the period 2017-18:

California - 65 schools

Texas - 47 schools

Florida - 36 schools

Arizona - 20 schools

New York - 16 schools

Overall Cons



Minnesota was at the forefront of charter school development, however it is surprising that enrollment is not as high as it is in other states, and that performance is worse on average compared to some standard public schools. It has also been realized that these schools fail because of racism and ethnic discrimination that exists.

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