

Advancing and Protecting the Charter Sector

As a membership organization, we strive to not only support our members but also advance and protect the charter sector as a whole. From the halls of the State Capitol to the halls of charter schools around the state, we are proud of our ongoing successes as well as yours. We work hard to help charters be the best they can be, educating families, fostering a statewide culture of school choice, and providing every Colorado student with access to a high-quality public school education.

The League, Working for you

League Membership: **89%**

Member Satisfaction: **98%**

14 Professional Cohorts

24 Public Relations Wins

42+ Trainings & other events

3+ Major Events



**CLCS
Action**

The League's sister 501(c)4, CLCS Action, works 24/7 through policy and political efforts to advocate, lobby, and build strength to defend and advance the charter sector.

2X League advocacy spends **TWO TIMES** the amount of total League Member dues on sector-wide policy issues: **doubling your impact**

Charters, by the Numbers

136,627

Colorado's public charter school students. That's **53%** more than Colorado's single largest school district (DPS).

15.7%

Of all Colorado public school students attend charters (PK-12)

262



Number of charter schools in Colorado, a **16% INCREASE** over the past decade.

+13 Days
+15 Days

Colorado charter school students gain **13 extra days of math instruction** per year and **15 extra days of reading instruction** compared to non-charter students.

(Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO) at Stanford University, 2023)



Charters +16,000

Since 2017, Colorado charter schools have grown by nearly **16,000 students** (+13%), while non-charters declined by **55,000** (-7%), continuing Colorado's run as #2 in the nation in terms of charter percentage.

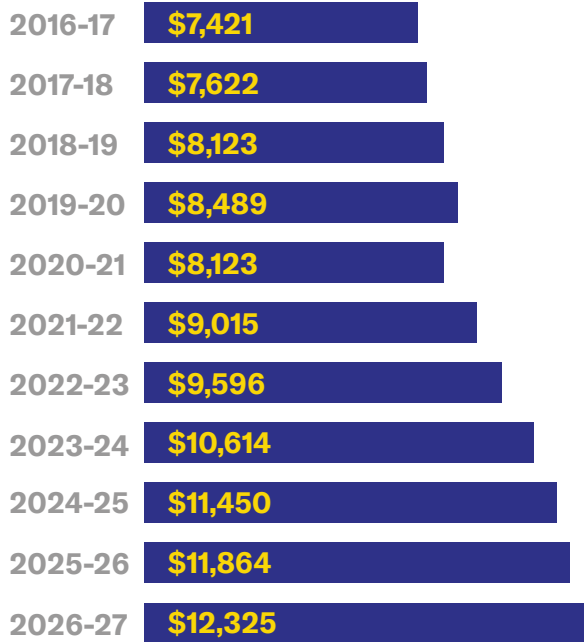
League and Charter Successes 2025-2026

56%

Members reporting that funding, growth, and enrollment issues are top concerns and priorities on the most recent League Member survey.

Here are four items that demonstrate our track record to support our members' growth, quality, and funding.

1 School PPR in Colorado



Percentage of increase over ten years: **66%**

2 Three Big Legislative Wins

PROACTIVE POLICY — EQUITABLE BOND ACCESS **SB-145: A Win for Charter Schools**

Senate Bill 145 creates a more inclusive process and allows charter schools to be meaningfully consulted when a district goes for a bond, and allows for more transparency in which capital projects were included.

PROACTIVE POLICY — REGULATORY RELIEF **HB-1299: Unanimous Bipartisan Win**

House Bill 1299 was a bipartisan bill written by the League that looked to repeal outdated policies and procedures across the education system.

The bill streamlines regulations, removes compliance burdens, and frees up school resources to focus on students rather than administrative systems and overhead.

\$71M Increase in Additional Charter School Funding

Relative to the flat year-over-year funding that was a distinct possibility for months during the 2026 Legislative Session, the collective charter community is on track to receive a \$71 million increase in funding next year as compared with last year.

3 Colorado's charters reach new heights of quality with nearly

90%

 of students attending top-rated schools

and nearly 80% of low-income students doing the same (2025)

4 GROWTH: Great Schools Colorado



5 Continuation awards (2025)
15 Year One awards (2025)
7 Year Two awards (2026)
27 Total Awardees

\$35M+ awarded

Now in its second cycle

The Colorado League of Charter Schools is distributing \$77 million in federal education funding to help Colorado expand students' opportunities to attend high-quality public charter schools that meet and exceed state academic standards. Learn more at:

www.greatschoolscolorado.org