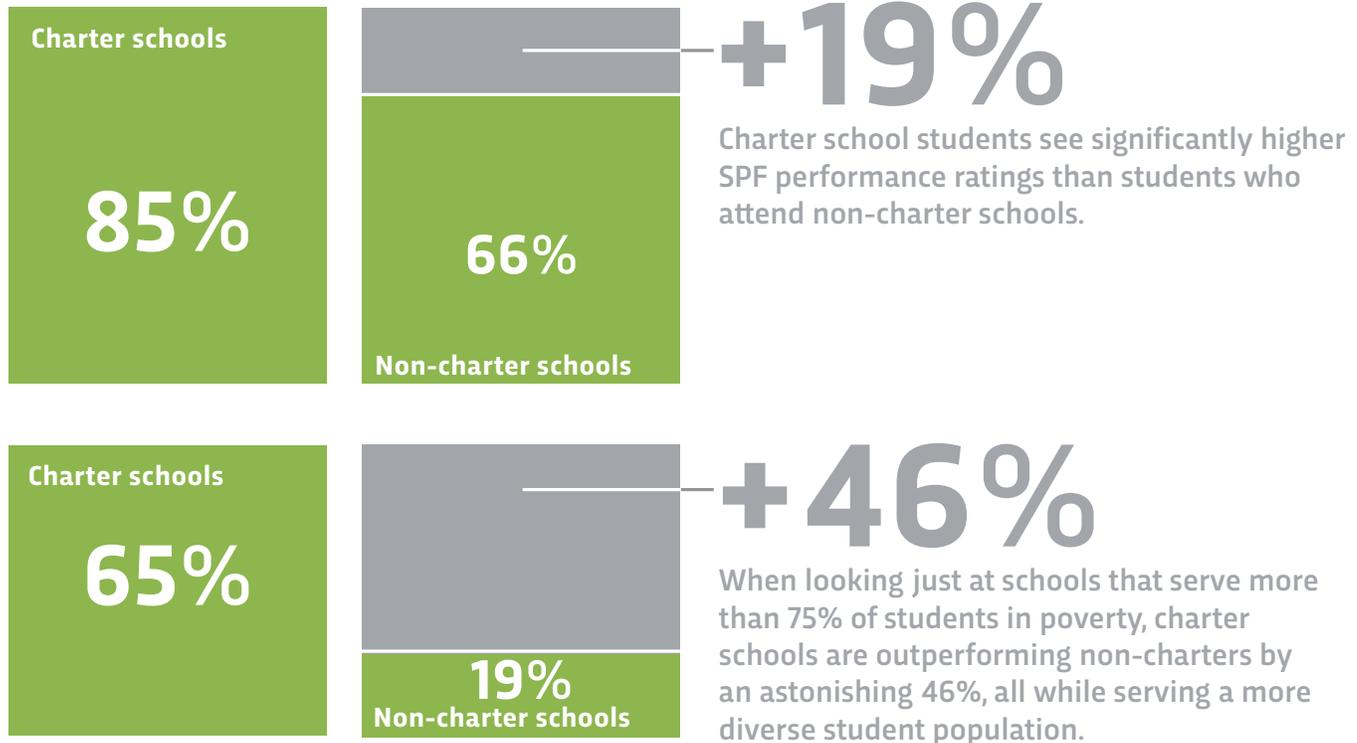


Colorado Charter Schools: Public, Free, and Open to All

Our kids aren't all the same and our schools shouldn't be either. Charter schools in Colorado are a critical means of providing students and families with access to the *diverse, high-quality, public school options* they deserve. And at nearly 270 schools and growing, they've shown that they're meeting a demand and performing all across Colorado.

In 2021-22, Colorado charter schools continued a trend of outperforming non-charter schools on the state School Performance Framework (SPF)

PERFORMANCE RATINGS



Did you know?

- **Charter Schools serve MORE diverse students:** Colorado charter schools serve higher percentages of both students of color and English language learners than non-charter schools.
- **All charter schools in Colorado are PUBLIC schools,** free, open to all, and subject to the same standards and assessments as all other public schools in the state.
- **They serve 135,000 students:** If they were their own school district, charter schools in Colorado would now be the largest district in the state *by over 50 percent*.
- **By a 2-to-1 margin, Colorado voters** have a favorable view of charter schools and the public school options they provide.

What exactly is a charter school? Charter schools are tuition-free public schools that are open to all and that operate under a performance contract (i.e. the "charter") with their local school district or the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI). Under this agreement, charter schools have the flexibility to be innovative and set up unique educational programs that meet student and family needs, while at the same time needing to get results or risk having their contract revoked or non-renewed as part of a regular review process.



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