

# Colorado Charter Schools: Quick Facts

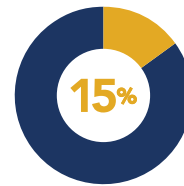
## Charter schools are meeting a community need.

Charter schools in Colorado are **tuition-free public schools** that are **open to all students** and have been given the flexibility to be **more innovative than traditional public schools**.

In Colorado, they must be run as nonprofits.

### 134,000+ students

attend 256 Colorado charter schools. That's 50% more than the 89,000 students in DPS, the largest district.



More than 15% of Colorado students attend charter schools.

## They are working for all students.

Charter school students in Colorado are **more diverse** on average than our traditional public-school peers.

CO Charter Schools



51% of CO charter school students are students of color, compared to 45% of CO traditional public school students.

CO Traditional Public Schools



And they have **more English Language Learners (ELLs)**.

CO Charter Schools



21% of CO charter school students are ELLs, compared to 16% of CO traditional public school students.

CO Traditional Public Schools



## They are delivering on their promise.

**7 of our top 10 public high schools** are charter schools.<sup>1</sup>



**9 of our top 20 public middle schools** are charters.<sup>2</sup>



Denver charter schools deliver a **55% greater learning advantage**.<sup>3</sup>

On average, each \$1 invested in a child in K-12 public charter schools yields \$8.72 in lifetime earnings, compared to \$5.46 for each \$1 invested in a child in traditional public schools – a **46% public charter school “return on investment” advantage**; in Denver the advantage was 59%.<sup>4</sup>

