



Charter Schools Number Nearly 4,000 Nationwide

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Nearly 4,000 charter schools opened for the 2006-07 school year in 40 states and the District of Columbia, an 11 percent increase from the 3,600 schools open in 2005-06, according to the Center for Education Reform (CER).

An estimated 1.15 million children now attend 3,977 charter schools nationwide. [Link here for a chart listing the number of charter schools and estimated enrollment state-by-state.](#)

"More and more parents choose to send their children to charter schools, looking for something that works," said CER President Jeanne Allen. "People are recognizing charter schools as new public schools of choice that are accountable for achieving results. It's time to acknowledge that charter schools are no longer an experiment, as the teachers unions like to suggest, but a widely accepted, successful pillar of the public education landscape."

CER conducts an annual survey of charter schools to get information about student demographics, operations, management, size, and scope of school curriculum. CER will conduct the 2006 survey over the next couple of months and will report its findings by early 2007.

"As knowledge about charter schools grows, public support for them increases," said Allen. "Nothing can change the simple truth that charter schools are here to stay."

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