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of the 216 charter schools operating in NYC are freestanding, independent schools which operate without the support of a charter management organization (CMO).

48,634

Students enrolled in NYC independent charter schools.

40 Brooklyn
53 Bronx
33 Manhattan
14 Queens
3 Staten Island

46.6% African American
42.5% Hispanic
71.9% Economically Disadvantaged
8.3% English Language Learners
17.9% With IEP's

Independent Charter School Programs

- 13 schools have programs for students with autism or high % special needs.
- 6 schools serve high school students at risk of dropping out.

Charter Operating Status

- 25 schools operating for 10+ years.
- 10 schools are still in their initial 5-year charter term.
- 10 schools operating for 15+ years.

Where do charter schools find their students?

Charter applicants must establish a community before opening their school and new schools must do outreach in their communities to attract students.

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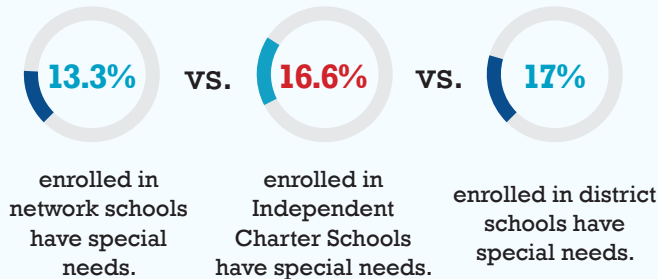
Facilities



57% charter schools are in private [non-DOE] space.

43% charter schools are in buildings owned or leased by the NYC DOE.

Enrollment of Students with Special Needs



Students with Special Needs and NYC Charter Schools

- NYC charter schools' students with special needs score proficient in Math and English Language Arts (ELA) at higher rates than city wide averages.
- Students with special needs in charter schools are more likely than their district peers to be declassified from special education and move into less restrictive settings.

English Language Learners and NYC Charter Schools

English Language Learners make up 7.7% of enrolled students in independent charter schools. While this is considerably less than 14% of students enrolled in district schools, charters can and often do set enrollment preferences for ELLs for their admissions lottery and waiting list.

Research Shows...

- ELLs in charter schools are more likely to attain proficiency in English and become "former ELLs" at a faster rate than their district counterparts.
- Overall, a larger portion of ELLs in NYC charter schools score at the Proficient level on the NYSESLAT than in traditional district schools.
- ELLs in charter schools score proficient in Math and English Language Arts at higher rates than citywide averages, although there is still much room for improvement.

English Language Learners and NYC Charter Schools

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home languages are represented on the Common Online Charter School Application, used by tens of thousands of parents citywide.

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independent charter schools enroll a higher proportion of ELLs in their schools than the citywide average of 14.1%