

COMPARISON:

OPEN ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN TEXAS

Source for SNAPSHOT Data: Texas Education Agency 2014- 2015
<https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/snapshot/2015/state.html>

| COMPARISON - HIGHLIGHTS | |
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| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public schools are governed by democratically elected Boards of Trustees; charter schools are private nonprofit organizations governed by privately selected Boards of Directors. |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charter schools do not accept all students – they may exclude any student with discipline history or problems from enrollment. |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charters receive significantly more in state M & O funding per pupil than half the independent school districts in Texas (<i>i.e., adjusted allotment for maintenance and operations funding</i>), and these districts include <u>95 percent</u> of all ISD pupils in Texas. |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public schools outperformed charters on state STAAR tests for all subjects in 4 out of the last 4 years. |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The percent of charter schools that received the rating “improvement required” under the state accountability system is double the rate of public schools for 3 of the last 4 years (and higher in the 4th year). |
| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 4-year graduation rate for public schools is 28 points higher than for charter schools (class of 2014). |
| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dropout rate at charter schools is 3 times higher than the rate at public schools. |
| 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public schools have higher average scores on both the ACT and the SAT. |
| 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charter schools enroll 25% fewer students with special needs. |
| 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% of teachers in charter schools have less than five years of teaching experience compared to only 33% of teachers in public schools. |
| 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher turnover at charters schools is more than double the rate of public schools (34.4% vs. 16%). |
| 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charter schools pay teachers \$6,323 less annually than public schools. |
| 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charter schools can include subjective behavior expectations for students and parents in its student code of conduct and expel students for discretionary violations of the code and for the actions of their parents. |
| 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charter schools spend more than \$500 less for instruction per pupil than public schools and more than double for central office administration. |