

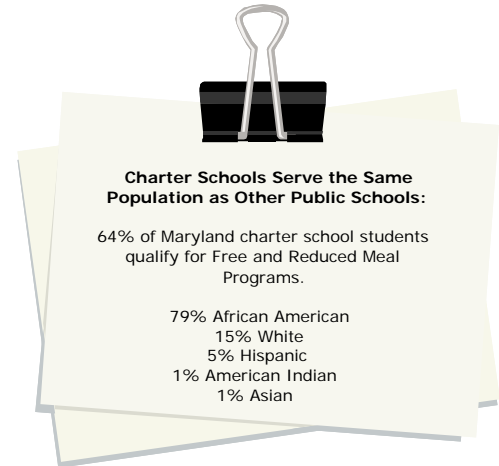
Maryland's Public Charter Schools

Charter Schools Are ...

- Are open to the public
- Are tuition free
- Participate in state tests
- Employ credentialed teachers
- Do not discriminate

44 Charter Schools serve nearly 12,000 students

- Anne Arundel County – 2 schools
- Baltimore City – 34 schools
- Baltimore County– 1 school
- Frederick County – 1 school
- Prince George's County – 5 schools
- St. Mary's County – 1 school



Charter Schools Opening Fall 2011

- Baltimore City – 3 opening 2011
- Frederick County – 1 opening 2012
- Montgomery County – 2 schools in appeal process
- Prince George's County – 2 opening 2011

Maryland's Charter School Momentum

Charter Schools are being developed in Alleghany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Frederick, Garrett, Kent, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties.

Maryland's charter schools reported having waiting lists for enrollment in 2010, totaling more than 5,000 students.

The primary reasons parents enroll their children in charter schools¹ are: school safety, high quality teachers and instructional methods, academic reputation, and educational philosophy.

Charter School Achievements²

- 86% of charter schools reduced the achievement gap for 3rd graders in math, and 52% of these schools eliminated the minority achievement gap; 74% reduced the achievement gap in reading.
- 29% of charter schools eliminated the minority achievement gap in 2010 in 6th grade math, and 26% in 7th grade math.
- Charter schools are seeing solid academic growth, with 81% of charter school students' proficient or advanced in reading and 74% proficient or advanced in math.
- 80% of charter schools met AYP in reading
- 76% of charter schools met AYP in math
- 100% of charter schools met AYP in attendance.

¹ Maryland State Charter School Program Evaluation, September 2008, University of Maryland

² Grades 3-8, 2010 gap analysis African American charter school students compared to white student state assessments