15% Of Colorado public school students attend charters

131,000+ Colorado charter school students

Those 131,000 students are more than the number enrolled in Colorado’s single largest school district (Denver Public Schools)

261 Number of charter schools in Colorado, a 51% INCREASE over the past decade

$5.46 in lifetime earnings for each dollar invested in a child’s K-12 non-charter public education VERSUS

$8.72 in lifetime earnings for each dollar invested in a child’s K-12 public charter school education +59%

Colorado has the nation’s second-best public charter school laws (National Alliance for Public Charter Schools)

Eight of the Top 10 public high schools in Colorado are charter schools (US News & World Report)

Public charter schools serve higher percentages of students of color and English language learners (ELLs).

In the 2018-19 school year, 15.8 percent of charter school students were identified as ELL as compared to 13.5 percent of students in non-charter schools.

The percentage of students of color served in public charter schools in school year 2018-19 was 48.3 percent compared to 46.5 percent for non-charter schools.

Public charter school academic performance, both overall and for disaggregated student groups, outpaces statewide averages.