



California
Charter Schools
Association

Fact Sheet

2012-13

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Background

1 California approved the Charter Schools Act in 1992

2 California was the second state in the nation to pass a charter school law—behind Minnesota

3 California has the highest number of charter schools in the country, and some of the most innovative and academically successful

4 The California Charter Schools Association is the public voice for its members and the charter school movement

California Charter Schools

- Charter Schools are Public Schools of Choice
- Charter Schools Serve ALL Students
- Charter Schools Have Open Enrollment
- Charter Schools Are Tuition-Free
- Charter Schools Are Neighborhood Schools Managed by Local Educators, Parents, and Community Leaders
- Charter Schools are Independent, and Make Decisions Based on the Best Interest of their Students and Faculty
- Charter Schools Encourage Parent Involvement and Participation

The Vision of the California Charter Schools Association is to empower parents and educators to unleash a new era of innovation within public education so that highly autonomous and accountable schools of choice provide quality learning opportunities for all California students.

The Mission of CCSA is to enable our members to increase the number of students attending quality charter schools in California as quickly as possible by securing policy wins supportive of charter schools and providing the supports necessary to open and expand quality charter schools.

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The Future of California Public Education

California:

- 1,063+ charter schools, the largest concentration of charters in the nation
- More than 484,000 charter students

Growth and Momentum:

- In the 2012-13 School Year, 110 new charter schools opened in California, the highest one-year growth in the history of the state's charter movement
- The graph below shows the number of charter schools per CCSA Region, as designated by color:



Bay Area & North Coast: 260

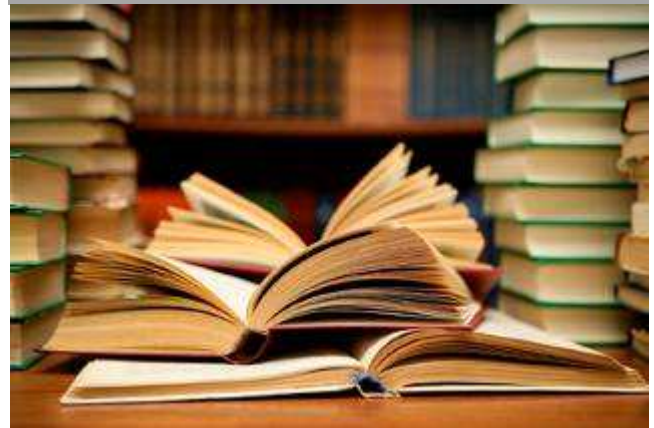
Central Valley: 122

Inland Empire: 60

Los Angeles: 324

Sacramento & Northeast: 176

San Diego: 121



California Charter Schools are Public Schools that are Tuition-Free

Charter School Growth in California 1993-2013

