OVERVIEW

Charter public schools are accelerating the performance of students in Oakland

FACT: In Oakland, the average percentage of high school graduates who completed all college preparatory coursework at charter public schools is more than twice as high as it is for traditional district schools. This holds true for all students and for historically disadvantaged student groups.

FACT: The average high school graduation rate at traditional district high schools has not budged from about 50% for the last three years. The average graduation rate at charter schools is 72%. Further, the dropout rate at charter schools is half that of the traditional schools.

FACT: Charter high schools achieve the same results for socioeconomically disadvantaged students as for other students. They continue to deliver a higher percentage of college-ready graduates than their traditional school counterparts, regardless of family income.

Oakland charter schools are tuition free, public schools of choice

OUSD charter schools:
- Serve a student body that reflects the community
- Serve a higher number of Latino students, compared to OUSD
- Serve all students, including English Language Learners, students with disabilities, and students living in poverty.
- Are excelling academically
- Are in demand by thousands of students and families

For more information on the Truth About Charters: www.ccsa.org/understanding/truthaboutcharters

SUMMARY FACTS

Alameda County 2014-15
- 56 charter schools operate in Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE)
- 20,920 students attend charters in Alameda county
- 16% of all charter schools located within OUSD are authorized by ACOE
- 7 new charter schools opened in 2015-16
- 4,520 estimated number of students on charter school waitlists in the county

Oakland Unified School District 2014-15
- 38 charter schools operate in OUSD
- 30% of all OUSD schools are charter schools
- 13,137 students attend charter schools in OUSD
- 2,680 estimated number of students on charter school waitlists in the district
- 6 new charter schools opened in 2015-16
- Zero charters in Oakland closed in 2015

Oakland Unified Charter Students 2014-15
- Latino/Hispanic—56%
- African American—19%
- Asian—11%
- White—6%
- Other**—8%
- Free and reduced lunch—75%
- Students with Disabilities—7%
- English Learners—32%

For statewide growth and enrollment data, visit: www.ccsa.org/understanding/numbers
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Assessment data released by the California Department of Education (CDE) shows charter public schools performed better than the state averages on Math and English Language Arts while serving a diverse population of students. These trends reaffirm independent research showing charter schools perform well with historically underserved students.

Of the students who take the ACT, 26% of those at charters and 20% of those at traditional schools score at least 21. Of all 12th graders, charter seniors are nearly twice as likely as traditional seniors to have scored at least 21 out of 36 on the ACT.