

## ABOUT CCSA FACT SHEET

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#### Role

Serving as the advocacy organization that builds the policy environment needed to grow as quickly as possible the number of students attending high quality charter public schools.

#### Vision

Increasing student learning by growing the number of families choosing high quality charter schools so that no child is denied the right to a great public education.

#### Mission

A million students attending charter public schools by 2022, with charter public schools outperforming non-charter public schools on every measure.

### About CA's Charter School Movement

- California approved the Charter Schools Act in 1992.
- California was the second state in the nation to pass a charter school law (Minnesota was the first).
- Charter schools are tuition free, public schools of choice.
- Charter schools serve all students.
- Charter school students are excelling academically.
- Charter schools are helping English Language Learners do better in school.
- Thousands of students are lingering on charter school waitlists across the state.
- Charter schools are accountable, to their authorizers and the families they serve.

#### Learn more:

[www.ccsa.org/understanding/truthaboutcharters](http://www.ccsa.org/understanding/truthaboutcharters)

### Growth and Enrollment 2015-16 Summary

- **1,228:** Charter schools in CA
- **86:** New charter schools opened
- **581,100:** Estimated number of students attending CA charter schools
- **36,100:** Estimated number of new charter school students
- **7%:** Estimated percentage by which charter school enrollment grew
- **Los Angeles:** Region with highest growth in new charter schools
- **31:** New charter schools opened in Los Angeles Region
- **North Coast and Bay Area:** Region with second highest growth
- **21:** New charter schools opened in North Coast and Bay Area region
- **158,000:** Estimated number of students on charter school waiting lists in 2014-15 school year
- **38:** Charter schools closed in 2014-15 school year
- **California:** State with the most charter schools and charter school students in the country

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