

DELIVERING ON THE DREAM

Louisiana earns an “A” for charter school innovation, thanks to your leadership

The innovative policies and sustained leadership of the Louisiana Legislature over the past decade has fostered an environment that has allowed charter schools to thrive. And because of the opportunity you have given them, charter schools are distinguishing themselves as agents of improvement and achievement in our public school system.

SUBJECT	NOTES	GRADE
LOUISIANA CHARTER SCHOOL LAW	The National Alliance of Public Charter Schools ranks Louisiana’s charter school laws 6th in the nation for their strength, encouraging of best practices, and urging of charter school autonomy	A
GROWTH	The number of charter schools in Louisiana has increased from 12 in 2000-2001 to 105 in 2012-2013; this growth rate is 3.8 times the national average during the same time period	A
ACCESSIBILITY	Charter schools now serve nearly 58,000 Louisiana students, up from 3,500 in 2002-2003; this means more parents have access to the school of their choice	A
ACADEMIC SUCCESS	Though charter schools comprised only six percent of Louisiana schools in 2012, they accounted for 24 percent of the schools with the most growth in their SPS scores and 15 percent of the state’s top performing schools	A
CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP	For all students in RSD-New Orleans charter schools, the passing rate on state tests (all grades, all subjects) has more than doubled -- from 23 percent in 2007 to 51 percent in 2012.	A

Thank you for giving Louisiana Charter Schools the opportunity to thrive! It is because of your hard work and dedication that our schools are truly Delivering on the Dream!



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