



## National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

### GROWTH AND QUALITY IN THE CHARTER SCHOOL MOVEMENT: 2007 DASHBOARD

| INDICATORS  | DATA   |
|---|--|
| <b>Students</b>   |  |
| # Charter School Students   | 1,144,758  |
| % Charter Students: Minority  | 58% (2004-05)  |
| % Charter Students: Eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch                             | 52% (2004-05)  |
| % Charter School Students: Special Education  | 11% (2003-04)  |
| % Charter Schools Students: English Language Learners                                     | 12% (2003-04)  |
| <b>Growth</b>   |  |
| # of Charter Schools  | 4,046  |
| # of New Charters Opening in 2006-07 School Year  | About 400  |
| % Increase in # of Charters from Previous Year  | 12%  |
| Charter Student Market Share (% of K-12 Public School Students in U.S.)                   | 2%   |
| Highest Market Share in Single State  | 8% (Arizona)   |
| Highest Market Share in Single City   | 57% (New Orleans)  |
| Share of Charter Schools Located in Top Three States                                      | 38%  |
| <b>Performance and Accountability</b>   |  |
| % Charter Schools Making AYP  | 64%<br>(73% in Non-Charters)   |
| # of States Where % of Charters Making AYP Exceeds the % of All Public Schools Making AYP | 19 (of 35)   |
| % Charter Students Proficient or Advanced on 2005 NAEP                                    | 4R – 28% (30% in Non-Charters)<br>4M – 29% (35% in Non-Charters)<br>8R – 24% (29% in Non-Charters)<br>8M – 21% (29% in Non-Charters) |
| % Charter Students Making More Than a Year of Learning Gains                              | Unknown  |
| Charter High School Graduation Rate   | Unknown  |
| <b>Policy Environment</b>   |  |
| Number of States with Charter Laws  | 40 plus D.C.   |
| # of States with State-Imposed Caps on Charters   | 25 plus D.C.   |
| Average Per-Pupil Charter Funding as % of Average District School Funding                 | 78% (Statewide)<br>76% (Urban Districts)   |
| # of Non-Local School District Charter School Authorizers                                 | 127 (2004-05)  |
| % of Authorizers That Are Non-Local School Districts                                      | 16%  |
| <b>Public Opinion</b>   |  |
| % of Registered Voters Who Accurately Describe Charters as Public Schools                 | 41% (34% in 2006)  |
| % of Registered Voters Who Initially Favor Charters, Oppose Them, Are Unsure About Them   | 38% - Favor (35% in 2006)<br>13% - Oppose (16% in 2006)<br>49% - Unsure (49% in 2006)  |

