

Public Charter Schools on Bureau of Indian Affairs Land

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To provide a better understanding of the public schools that serve students on Native American lands, the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools (NAPCS) compiled data on public charter and traditional public schools for this report. We present this data as a helpful foundation for additional research and advocacy work in the area of Native American charter schooling.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the Department of the Interior is the federal government agency responsible for providing U.S. services to tribes across over 55 million acres of Native American lands. The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) in the Department of the Interior oversees public schools on these lands. In contrast to local public schools, BIE schools are primarily federally funded and many are operated by tribes under a contract or grant from BIE. As of the 2012-2013 school year, the BIE school system had 183 elementary and secondary schools on 63 reservations in 23 states. Tribes and tribal school boards control 126 of these schools through contracts with BIE, and BIE operates the remaining 57 schools. In 1995, Congress instituted a temporary moratorium on new educational programs funded by BIA, which has yet to be lifted. The moratorium prohibits the opening of new BIE-operated schools or the expansion of grade levels offered in existing BIE-operated schools.

Also on BIA land are a growing number of elementary and secondary public charter schools. In 2005, there were 19 charter schools on 17 reservations in five states, and by 2010 this figure increased to 31 charter schools on 19 reservations in nine states. In 2010, public charter schools accounted for 23 percent of public schools on BIA lands in the nine states with charter schools on BIA lands, and 15 percent of public schools on BIA lands across all states.



Data Analysis and Findings

Charter school data, including enrollment, student demographics, and charter-specific characteristics are collected annually by NAPCS for the Public Charter School Dashboard. Traditional public school data were compiled from the National Center for Education Statistics' Common Core of Data, which include demographic and location data through the 2010-2011 school year. We mapped the physical location of charter schools and traditional public schools to BIA boundary maps provided by NationalAtlas.gov.

Table 1 reports the number of charter and traditional public schools, as well as enrollment from the 2008-2009 through 2010-2011 school years, organized by state. The percentages in parentheses indicate growth or decline from the previous year. Public charter schools have experienced growth in both the number of schools and student enrollment, while the number of schools and enrollment in BIE traditional public schools has remained relatively constant over these years due to the Congressional moratorium on BIE-operated public schools. The number of students enrolled in charters on BIA lands increased 18 percent, from 2,111 in 2008-2009 to 2,493 in 2010-2011.

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Table 1: Number of Schools and Students Enrolled in Public Charter Schools and Traditional Public Schools (TPS), 2008-2009 – 2010-2011

| Locatio | on of reservation by | | Schools | | | Students | |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| contigu | ious state and school type | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 |
| | Charter – on reservation | 9 | 12 (+33%) | 11 (-8%) | 994 | 628 (-39%) | 800 (+27%) |
| AZ | BIE TPS – on reservation | 45 | 45 (+0%) | 45 (+0%) | 10,420 | 10,164 (-2.5%) | 10,306 (+1.4%) |
| | BIE TPS – Total | 52 | 51 (-1%) | 51 (+0%) | 11,900 | 11,542 (-3.2%) | 11,739 (+1.7%) |
| | Charter – on reservation | 3 | 4 (+33%) | 8 (+100%) | 252 | 302 (+20%) | 697 (+131%) |
| CA | BIE TPS – on reservation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | BIE TPS – Total | 2 | 2 (+0%) | 2 (+0%) | 577 | 459 (-20%) | 426 (-7%) |
| | Charter – on reservation | 1 | 1 (+0%) | 2 (+100%) | 165 | 201 (+22%) | 232 (+15%) |
| FL | BIE TPS – on reservation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | BIE TPS – Total | 2 | 2 (+0%) | 2 (+0%) | 346 | 300 (-13%) | 299 (-0%) |
| | Charter – on reservation | 0 | 1 | 1 (+0%) | 0 | 106 | 86 (-18%) |
| MI | BIE TPS – on reservation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | BIE TPS – Total | 2 | 2 (+0%) | 2 (+0%) | 452 | 644 (+42%) | 617(-4%) |
| | Charter – on reservation | 1 | 2 (+100%) | 2 (+0%) | 86 | 135 (+57%) | 151 (+12%) |
| MN | BIE TPS – on reservation | 3 | 3 (+0%) | 3 (+0%) | 259 | 284 (+8.8%) | 272 (-4.4%) |
| | BIE TPS – Total | 4 | 4 (+0%) | 4 (+0%) | 730 | 789 (+7.4%) | 794 (0.6%) |
| | Charter – on reservation | 4 | 4 (+0%) | 4 (+0%) | 382 | 343 (-10%) | 390 (+14%) |
| NM | BIE TPS – on reservation | 16 | 16 (+0%) | 16 (+0%) | 3,092 | 3,067 (-0%) | 2,978 (-2.9%) |
| | BIE TPS – Total | 40 | 41 (+2%) | 41 (+0%) | 8,547 | 8,985 (+4.9%) | 8,925 (-0%) |
| | Charter – on reservation | 1 | 1 (+0%) | 1 (+0%) | 56 | 51 (-9%) | 48 (-6%) |
| OR | BIE TPS – on reservation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | BIE TPS – Total | 1 | 1 (+0%) | 1 (+0%) | 382 | 339 (-11%) | 320 (-5%) |
| | Charter – on reservation | 1 | 1 (+0%) | 0 | 44 | 53 (+20%) | 0 |
| UT | BIE TPS – on reservation | 1 | 1 (+0%) | 1 (+0%) | 157 | 149 (-5%) | 161 (+8%) |
| | BIE TPS – Total | 1 | 1 (+0%) | 1 (+0%) | 157 | 149 (-5%) | 161 (+8%) |
| | Charter – on reservation | 2 | 2 (+0%) | 2 (+0%) | 132 | 91 (-31%) | 89 (-2%) |
| WY | BIE TPS – on reservation | 1 | 1 (+0%) | 1 (+0%) | 218 | 215 (-1%) | 213 (-1%) |
| | BIE TPS – Total | 1 | 1 (+0%) | 1 (+0%) | 218 | 215 (-1%) | 213 (-1%) |
| | Charter – on reservation | 22 | 28 (+27%) | 31 (+11%) | 2,111 | 1,901 (-10%) | 2,493 (+31%) |
| Totals | BIE TPS – on reservation | 66 | 66 (+0%) | 66 (+0%) | 14,146 | 13,879 (-1.9%) | 13,930 (+0%) |
| 101015 | BIE TPS Other* | 69 | 68 (-1%) | 68 (+0%) | 17,517 | 17,929 (+2%) | 18,358 (+2%) |
| | BIE TPS – All** | 174 | 173 (-0%) | 173 (+0%) | 40,826 | 41,351 (+1%) | 41,852 (+1%) |

BIE TPS Other*: Number of traditional public schools and enrollment in states without charters on BIA land.

BIE TPS Total**: This figure includes schools on and off reservations and excludes dormitories that house school children but are not recognized schools.

 $[\]label{percentage} \mbox{ Percentage growth from previous year reported in parentheses. }$



Of the nine states where charter schools operated on BIA land in 2010-2011, Arizona and California had the most charter schools, a total of 19 (61 percent of all BIA charters). The largest growth from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011 occurred in California, with a 100 percent increase in charter schools and a 131 percent increase in enrollment during the same period of time.

There are 310 Native American reservations in the United States.² In some instances, charter schools opened on reservations where there were no other public school options. Between 2005 and 2010, six charter schools opened on reservations without an existing public school, and by 2010, 15 reservations had charter schools as the only available public school option. In 2010, there were five reservations with at least one charter school and traditional public school, and 46 reservations with only traditional public schools. The remaining 244 reservations do not have a charter or traditional public school. (The Appendix lists public charter schools by state and reservation in Table A-1 and by state, reservation, and Congressional District in Table A-2.)

Table 2 provides a snapshot of information about charter schools on BIA land in 2010-2011, by reservation. A majority of schools are freestanding (not managed by non-profit CMOs or for-profit EMOs) and are new startup schools (as opposed to conversions of traditional public schools). The schools range in grade configuration and type of authorizer.

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Table 2: Characteristics of Public Charter Schools on BIA Lands, 2010-2011

| | | | | Percent eligible | Percent | | agemen inization | | Scho | ool Perfo | rmance | | Grade (| Configura | ition^ | | | А | uthorizer [,] | ۸۸ | |
|----|-------------------------------------|----|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----|------------|---------------------------|--------------|----|---------|-----------|--------|-----|-----|-----|------------------------|------|-----|
| | Reservation Name | | Total Enroll | for free/ reduced lunch | of public school enroll | Free- standing | смо | ЕМО | Met AYP | Did not meet AYP | % Met AYP | EM | M | МН | н | ЕМН | ICB | LEA | SBE | UNIV | NFP |
| | Fort Mojave Indian Reservation | 2 | 119 | 43.70% | 100% | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 100% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Gila River Indian Reservation | 3 | 237 | 86.10% | 100% | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 67% | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AZ | Navajo Indian Reservation | 4 | 170 | 95.90% | 11% | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 50% | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Salt River Indian Reservation | 2 | 274 | 34.70% | 67% | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 50% | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | State Total | 11 | 800 | 64.25% | | 9 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 4 | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | Barona Rancheria | 1 | 92 | 0.00% | 100% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 100% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Bishop Rancheria | 1 | 7 | 0.00% | 100% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 100% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Pala Indian Reservation | 1 | 117 | 72.60% | 100% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S | Rincon Indian Reservation | 2 | 67 | 44.80% | 100% | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 50% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J | Yerington Indian Reservation | 1 | 202 | 100.00% | 100% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Yurok Indian Reservation | 2 | 212 | 76.90% | 100% | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 50% | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | State Total | 8 | 697 | 68.86% | | 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 교 | Brighton Indian Reservation | 2 | 232 | 0.00% | 100% | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50% | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| " | State Total | 2 | 232 | 0.00% | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ₹ | Bay Mills Indian Reservation | 1 | 86 | 74.40% | 100% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| _ | State Total | 1 | 86 | 74.40% | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Grand Portage Indian Reservation | 1 | 33 | 97.00% | 100% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| ΔA | White Earth Indian Reservation | 1 | 118 | 95.80% | 100% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | State Total | 2 | 151 | 96.06% | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |



| | | | | Percent eligible | Percent | | agemen anization | | Scho | ool Perfo | mance | | Grade 0 | Configura | ation^ | | | Α | uthorizer/ | M | |
|-----|----------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----|------------|---------------------------|--------------|----|---------|-----------|--------|-----|-----|-----|------------|----------|-----|
| | Reservation Name | Schools | Total Enroll | for free/ reduced lunch | , of public | Free- standing | смо | ЕМО | Met AYP | Did not meet AYP | % Met AYP | EM | M | МН | н | ЕМН | ICB | LEA | SBE | UNIV | NFP |
| | Jemez Indian Reservation | 1 | 67 | 67.16% | 100% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | San Juan Indian Reservation | 1 | 197 | 72.60% | 50% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Sandia Indian Reservation | 1 | 37 | 59.50% | 100% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0% | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| • | Taos Indian Reservation | 1 | 89 | 62.92% | 36% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| • | State Total | 4 | 390 | 67.43% | | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | Umatilla Indian Reservation | 1 | 48 | 0.00% | 100% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| - [| State Total | 1 | 48 | 0.00% | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Wind River Indian Reservation | 2 | 89 | 100.00% | 24% | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | State Total | 2 | 89 | 100.00% | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total/Average* | 31 | 2,493 | 62.37% | | 29 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 19 | 38.70% | 9 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| | TPS 2010 Totals | 173 | 41,852 | - | | - | - | - | 51 | 159** | 32.10% | | | | | | | | | | |

All schools are start-ups except for Rite of Passage Charter School in Yerington Indian Reservation, which is a converted public school.

^Grade Configuration:

- EM: low grades between Pre-Kindergarten and 3rd and high grades between Pre-Kindergarten and 8th
- M: low grades between 4th and 8th and high grades between 5th and 8th
- MH: low grades between 4th and 8th and high grades between 9th and 12th
- H: low grades between 9th and 12th and high grades between 9th and 12th
- EMH: low grades between Pre-Kindergarten and 3rd and high grades between 9th and 12th

^^Authorizer:

- ICB: Independent Charter School Board
- LEA: Local Education Agency (School District
- SBE: State Board of Education
- UNIV: Higher Education Institution
- NFP: Non-for-Profit Organization

^{*}Last row shows averages for percentage of "free and reduced price lunch" and percentage of "Met AYP"

^{** 13} schools did not report AYP results in 2010-11



Charter School Data Shows Progress

In BIE's 2010 School Improvement Grant application, it was reported that 115 of its schools were "in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring status." Based on data from BIE's 2010-2011 Bureau-Wide Annual Report Card, schools overseen by BIE had lower graduation rates and higher dropout rates than national averages. Specifically, in 2010-2011 BIE traditional public schools had a graduation rate of 59 percent and a dropout rate of 11 percent, compared with national rates of 75.5 percent and 7.4 percent, respectively.

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Moreover, recent data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) indicated a persistent gap in reading achievement and a growing mathematics achievement gap between Native American students and their non-Native American peers. In the 2011 school year NAEP mathematics and reading assessments, roughly 5,400 American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) fourth-graders and 4,200 AI/AN eighth-graders were sampled. Using these data, the National Indian Education Study (NIES) found that the gap in math scores at both grade levels between non-AI/AN and AI/AN students was larger in 2011 than in 2005. The study also found a gap in reading achievement, but the gap did not increase between 2005 and 2011.

Twelve public charter schools met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) out of 31 schools on BIA land, or 39 percent of charter schools. The percentage of charter schools on BIA land that made AYP is greater than the national average for BIE traditional public schools, where 51 of 159 eligible schools made AYP, or 32 percent of traditional public schools. These preliminary findings suggest progress, and are a call for more research in achievement for schools on BIA land.

Native Tribe Involvement with Public Charter Schools

The overall performance data for BIE public schools illustrate the challenges of providing high-quality learning opportunities for Native American students. As demonstrated by the growth in charter schools and student enroll-



ment on Native American reservations, public charter schools are increasingly filling a demand for education alternatives in Native communities. Charter schools are well positioned to allow more tribal control over Native education, integrate language and culture into educational experiences, refocus on the needs of Native students and create new research opportunities, all of which are four priority areas for the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), the oldest advocacy and resource center for Native Communities throughout the country.

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The National Charter School Resource Center recently published a case study of the Akimel O'Otham Pee Posh Charter School, a public charter school created to expand the grade levels available on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona since the BIE traditional public school could not expand due to the Congressional moratorium. The case study provides an example of how public charter schools can be used to provide new opportunities and meet the educational needs of students on Native American reservations. In June 2012, Harvard University released a report that outlines the attributes and practices of three successful charter schools serving native youth. These two reports are among the first to profile Native American charter schools specifically designed to educate Native students using indigenous curricula, assessments, and traditional realms of knowledge language and culture.

There are also a handful of tribes or tribal colleges that serve as public charter school authorizers. The Bay Mills Community College, the only tribally-controlled community college in the state of Michigan, authorized its first two public charter schools in 2001 and now authorizes 44 charter schools. One of the charter schools, Ojibwe Charter School, is located on BIA lands. The other charter schools are located in 27 cities throughout the state. The Ojibwe Charter School is also the only school authorized by Bay Mills Community College that serves a majority Native American student population, and it is the only public school in the state located on a reservation. The other charter schools authorized by Bay Mills Community College enroll largely African-American students.



In 2012, the Cherokee Nation became the first Native American tribe to authorize a charter school.³ The tribe is the authorizer of the Tsunadeloquasdi Immersion School, which in 2011 served 112 pre-kindergarten through 8th grade students. The Cherokee Nation submitted an application to sponsor the school soon after the Oklahoma Charter School Act was amended in 2011 to allow tribes to sponsor charter schools. The immersion charter school now receives state funding and will be required to meet state testing goals.⁴

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Looking Ahead

The data presented here underscore the need for more research on the impact of public charter schools for Native American children. Some avenues for research include: Are there policies in California that have encouraged the fastest growth of charter schools on BIA lands? To what extent does an emphasis on tribal languages and cultures impact academic proficiency rates for Native American students? In considering these questions, researchers need to identify schools and programs that have proven effective in educating Native students and develop rigorous methodology to identify the most effective practices to improve Native American education.

Charter schools provide promising opportunities for Native American tribes to create new public school options that directly meet the unique needs of children living in and around BIA land. As evidenced by the growth of charter schools and student enrollment, and the emerging research on educational practices in the Native American charter school community, public charter schools are beginning to fill a historic need for localized, innovative and culturally relevant education for Native American children.



Appendix

Table A-1: Public Charter Schools on BIA Land

| State | Reservation Name | School Name | Year Open | Year Closed | Local Education Agency Name | Grade | Authorizer ⁵ |
|-------|----------------------|--|--------------|----------------|---|-------|--|
| | Camp | Montessori Childrens | 1999 | | A Center For Creative Education | KG | Arizona State Board |
| | Verde Fort Mojave | House Academy of Building Industries | 2004 | | Academy Of Building Industries Inc. | 9-12 | for Charter Schools Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| | Fort Mojave | Pillar Academy of Business & Finance | 2005 | | Pillar Charter School | 11 | Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| | Fort Mojave | Pillar Academy Online | 2011 | | Pillar Charter School | 11 | Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| | Gila River | Ira H. Hayes High School | 1999 | | Ira H. Hayes Memorial Applied Learning Center Inc. | 10-12 | Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| | Gila River | Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud | 2001 | | Vechij Himdag Alternative School Inc. | 10-12 | Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| | Gila River | Akimel O'Otham Pee Posh (3rd & 4th) | 2004 | | Akimel O'Otham Pee Posh Charter School Inc. | 3-5 | Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| | Gila River | Akimel O'Otham Pee Posh (K-2) | 2004 | | Akimel O Otham Pee Posh Charter School Inc. | KG-2 | Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| | Gila River | Skyline District 5 | 2008 | | Skyline Gila River Schools Llc | 5-8 | Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| | Navajo | Kin Dah LichII Olta' Charter School | 1999 | | Kin Dah Lichii Olta Inc. | 7-8 | Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| AZ | Navajo | Shonto Preparatory Technology High School | 1999 | | Shonto Governing Board Of Education Inc. | 9-12 | Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| | Navajo | International Commerce Institute - Tsaile | 1999 | 2009 | Humanities And Sciences Academy Of The United States Inc. | 9-12 | Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| | Navajo | Hopi Jr/Sr High School | 2000 | 2005 | Hopi Jr/Sr High School | 9-12 | N/A |
| | Navajo | Shonto Preparatory School | 2000 | 2009 | Shonto Governing Board Of Education Inc. | 1-8 | Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| | Navajo | Nazlini Charter School | 2003 | | Nazlini Community School Inc. | 7-8 | Arizona State Board of Education |
| | Navajo | Concordia Charter School - Navajo Mission | 2010 | | Concordia Charter School Inc. | KG-6 | Arizona State Board for Charter Schools |
| | Salt River | Salt River High School | 1999 | | Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community Schools | 7-12 | Arizona State Board of Education |
| | Salt River | Edupreneurship Student Center (ESC) Scottsdale | 1999 | 2006 | Edupreneurship Inc. | KG-8 | N/A |
| | Salt River | Excel Education Centers San Carlos Llc | 2003 | 2006 | Excel Education Centers San Carlos Llc | 12 | N/A |
| | Salt River | Salt River Accelerated Learning Academy | 2009 | | Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community Schools | 11-12 | Arizona State Board of Education |



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|---------------|---------------------|--|------|------|--|-------|---|
| | Barona Rancheria | Barona Indian Charter | 2002 | | Lakeside Union Elementary | KG-8 | Lakeside Union Elementary |
| | Bishop Rancheria | Golden State Virtual Academy | 2010 | | Bishop Unified | 9-12 | Bishop Unified |
| | Pala | Vivian Banks Charter | 1996 | | Bonsall Union Elementary | KG-5 | Bonsall Union Elementary |
| | Rincon | All Tribes American Indian Charter | 2001 | 2007 | Valley Center-Pauma Unified | 7-12 | N/A |
| CA | Rincon | All Tribes Charter | 2008 | | Warner Unified | 6-12 | Warner Unified |
| | Rincon | All Tribes Elementary Charter | 2010 | | Warner Unified | KG-5 | Warner Unified |
| | Yerington | Rite of Passage | 1994 | | El Dorado County Office Of Education | 9-12 | El Dorado County Office Of Education |
| | Yurok | La Sierra High | 2000 | | Tulare County Office Of Education | 6-12 | Tulare County Office of Education |
| | Yurok | Klamath River Early College of The Redwoods | 2005 | | Del Norte County Office Of Education | 6-12 | Del Norte County Office of Education |
| FL | Brighton | Pemayetr Emahakv "Our Way School" | 2007 | | Glades | KG-5 | Glades |
| r. | Brighton | Pemayetv Emahakv Charter Middle | 2010 | | Glades | 6-8 | Glades |
| MI | Bay Mills | Ojibwe Charter School | 2004 | | Ojibwe Charter School | KG-12 | Bay Mills Community College |
| NANI | Grand Protage | Oshki Ogimaag Charter School | 2009 | | Oshki Ogimaag Charter School | KG-6 | Audubon Center of the North Woods |
| MN | White Earth | Naytahwaush Community School | 2005 | | Naytahwaush Community School | KG-6 | Volunteers of America |
| | Jemez | Walatowa Charter High School | 2003 | | Jemez Valley Public Schools | 9-12 | Jemez Valley Public Schools |
| | Sandia | Village Academy | 2006 | | Village Academy | 6-8 | State of New Mexico Public Education Commission |
| | Santa Clara | Española Military Academy | 2004 | 2008 | Española Public Schools | 7-12 | N/A |
| NM | Santa Juan | Carinos De Los Ninos | 2006 | | Española Public Schools | KG-7 | Española Public Schools |
| | Taos | Taos Integrated School of the Arts | 2010 | | Taos School of the Arts | KG-5 | State of New Mexico Public Education Commission |
| | Santa Clara | La Tierra Montessori School of the Arts and Sciences | 2012 | | La Tierra Montessori School Of The Arts And Sciences | | State of New Mexico Public Education Commission |
| | Santa Clara | McCurdy Charter School | 2012 | | Mccurdy Charter School | | State of New Mexico Public Education Commission |
| OR | Umatilla | Nixyaawii Community School | 2006 | | Pendleton Sd 16 | 9-12 | Pendleton School District |
| \ \ /\ | Wind River | Ft. Washakie Charter High School | 2004 | 2011 | Fremont County School District #21 | 9-12 | Fremont County School District #21 |
| WY | Wind River | Arapahoe Charter High School | 2005 | | Fremont County School District #38 | 9-12 | Fremont County School District #38 |

Data reflects latest year (2012-2013) unless the school closed.



Table A-2: Public Charter Schools on BIA Land, by 113th Congressional District

| State | Congressional District | Reservation Name | School Name | Enrollment |
|-------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------|
| | | Camp Verde Indian Reservation | Montessori Childrens House | 18 |
| | | | Akimel O'Otham Pee Posh (3rd & 4th) | 125 |
| | | Cile Diversity diese Deservation | Akimel O'Otham Pee Posh (K-2) | 203 |
| | | Gila River Indian Reservation | Ira H. Hayes High School | 70 |
| | 1 | | Vechij Himdag Mashchamakud | 68 |
| | 1 | | Concordia Charter School - Navajo Mission | 68 |
| | | | Kin Dah Lichll Olta' Charter School | 35 |
| | | Navajo Indian Reservation | Nazlini Charter School | 20 |
| AZ | | | Shonto Preparatory Technology High School | 94 |
| | | 3 Reservations | 9 Charter Schools | 701 |
| | | | Academy of Building Industries | 88 |
| | | Fort Mojave Indian Reservation | Pillar Academy of Business & Finance | 26 |
| | 4 | | Pillar Academy Online | 12 |
| | | 1 Reservation | 3 Charter Schools | 126 |
| | | | Salt River Accelerated Learning Academy | 40 |
| | 6 | Salt River Indian Reservation | Salt River High School | 253 |
| | | 1 Reservation | 2 Charter Schools | 293 |
| | | Yerington Indian Reservation | Rite of Passage | 223 |
| | | V 11 11 20 11 | Klamath River Early College of The Redwoods | 29 |
| | 2 | Yurok Indian Reservation | La Sierra High | 180 |
| | | 2 Reservations | 3 Charter Schools | 432 |
| 64 | 8 | Bishop Rancheria | Golden State Virtual Academy | 33 |
| CA | | Barona Rancheria | Barona Indian Charter | 99 |
| | | Pala Indian Reservation | Vivian Banks Charter | 110 |
| | 50 | Discourle diese Desenventiese | All Tribes Charter | 69 |
| | | Rincon Indian Reservation | All Tribes Elementary Charter | 23 |
| | | 3 Reservations | 4 Charter Schools | 301 |
| | | Delah kan tadian D | Pemayetr Emahakv "Our Way School" | 188 |
| FL | 17 | Brighton Indian Reservation | Pemayetv Emahakv Charter Middle | 72 |
| | | 1 Reservation | 2 Charter Schools | 260 |
| MI | 1 | Bay Mills Indian Reservation | Ojibwe Charter School | 89 |
| | 7 | White Earth Indian Reservation | Naytahwaush Community School | 113 |
| MN | 8 | Grand Portage Indian Reservation | Oshki Ogimaag Charter School | 32 |



| | 1 | Sandia Indian Reservation | Village Academy | 40 |
|----|------|--------------------------------|--|-----|
| | | Jemez Indian Reservation | Walatowa Charter High School | 58 |
| | | | Carinos De Los Ninos | 233 |
| NM | NM 3 | Santa Clara Indian Reservation | La Tierra Montessori School of the Arts and Sciences | * |
| | 3 | | McCurdy Charter School | * |
| | | Taos Indian Reservation | Taos Integrated School of the Arts | 118 |
| | | 3 Reservations | 6 Charter Schools | 409 |
| OR | 2 | Umatilla Indian Reservation | Nixyaawii Community School | 50 |
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