



**GROWTH AND QUALITY IN THE CHARTER SCHOOL MOVEMENT:
2008 DASHBOARD**

INDICATORS	DATA
Students	
# Charter School Students	1,259,571
% Charter Students: Minority	60% (2006-07)
% 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)
Growth	
# of Charter Schools	4,303
# of New Charters Opening in 2007-08 School Year	362
Charter Student Market Share (% of K-12 Public School Students in U.S.)	3%
Highest Market Share in Single State	9% (Arizona)
Highest Market Share in Single City	57% (New Orleans)
Share of Charter School Students Located in Top Six States	57%
Performance and Accountability	
% Charter Schools Making AYP	62% (71% in Non-Charters)
% Charter Students Proficient or Advanced on 2007 NAEP	4R – 27% (32% in Non-Charters) 4M – 32% (39% in Non-Charters) 8R – 28% (29% in Non-Charters) 8M – 25% (31% in Non-Charters)
Policy Environment	
Number of States with Charter Laws	40 plus D.C.
# of States with State-Imposed Caps on Charters	26 plus D.C.
Average Per-Pupil Charter Funding as % of Average District School Funding	78% (Statewide) 76% (Urban Districts)
# of Non-Local School District Charter School Authorizers	140
Public Opinion	
% of Registered Voters Who Favor Giving Parents More Options When Choosing a Public School For Their Children	77%
% of Registered Voters Who Accurately Describe Charters as Public Schools	38%
% of Registered Voters Who Initially Favor Charters, Oppose Them, Are Unsure About Them	39% - Favor 14% - Oppose 47% - Unsure