



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Massachusetts Charter Schools Fact Sheet

Massachusetts Charter School: A charter school is a public school that is managed by a board of trustees and operates independently of any school committee under a five-year charter granted by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. It has the freedom to organize around a core mission, curriculum, theme, and/or teaching method and to control its own budget and hire (and fire) teachers and staff. In return for this freedom, a charter school must attract students and produce positive results within five years or its charter will not be renewed. The first Massachusetts charter schools opened in 1995.

There are two types of charter schools: *Commonwealth* and *Horace Mann*. Further, there are three types of Horace Mann charter schools each with a particular set of requirements for collective bargaining unit involvement. A Horace Mann 'I' must have its charter application approved by the local school committee and the local teacher's union in addition to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education while a Horace Mann 'II' is a conversion school approved by a majority of its faculty. Horace Mann 'III' charter school can be chartered without the approval of the local collective bargaining unit. All Horace Mann charter schools must operate under a Memorandum of Understanding with the district from which it resides.

| 2013-2014 Operating Status | # |
|--|------------|
| Operating Commonwealth charter schools in 2013-2014: | 70 |
| Operating Horace Mann I charter schools in 2013-2014: | 5 |
| Operating Horace Mann II charter schools in 2013-2014: | 0 |
| Operating Horace Mann III charter schools in 2013-2014: | 5 |
| Charters approved but not yet open: | 4 |
| Charters granted but closed or never opened since 1994: | 20 |
| Total currently operating charter schools: | 80 |
| Total active charters granted by BESE since 1994: | 84 |
| Total charters granted by BESE since 1994: | 104 |

| Historical Accountability Status | # |
|---|------------|
| Closed: Pre-Opening Surrender | 4 |
| Closed: Post-Opening Surrender | 8 |
| Closed due to Consolidation | 2 |
| Closed: Revocation | 4 |
| Closed: Non-renewal | 2 |
| Operating for at least 5 years, one renewal | 10 |
| Operating for at least 10 years, two renewals | 20 |
| Operating for at least 15 years, three renewals | 29 |
| Operating or Planning: Less than 5-years old | 25 |
| Total Charters Granted by BESE Since 1994: | 104 |

| Summary Statistics | # |
|---|--------|
| Maximum enrollment allowed by currently authorized charters | 50,198 |
| # of students attending charter schools in 2013-2014 on Oct. 1, 2013 | 34,631 |
| # of unique students on charter school waiting lists for 2013-2014 | 40,376 |
| % of 2013-2014 PK-12 public school population enrolled in charter schools | 3.6% |
| # of charter applications received since 1994 | 249 |

| Educational Management | # |
|---|----|
| Operating with management organization | 9 |
| Formerly operating with management organization | 10 |

| 2013-2014 Demographics | Charter | State |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------|
| First Language Not English | 22.5% | 17.8% |
| Limited English Proficient | 8.7% | 7.9% |
| Special Education | 13.6% | 17.0% |
| Low Income | 53.7% | 38.3% |
| African-American | 28.7% | 8.7% |
| Asian | 4.9% | 6.1% |
| Hispanic | 27.4% | 17.0% |
| White | 35.5% | 64.9% |
| Native-American | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic | 3.2% | 2.9% |
| Males | 48.2% | 51% |
| Females | 51.8% | 49% |

| School Type | # |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Elementary | 4 |
| Elementary-Middle | 22 |
| Middle | 6 |
| Middle-High | 26 |
| High | 10 |
| K-12 | 12 |
| Operating Total | 80 |

| Location Type | # |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Boston | 27 |
| Urban-not-Boston | 34 |
| Suburb | 14 |
| Rural | 5 |
| Operating Total | 80 |

| School Size at Maximum | # |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Less than 100: | 1 |
| 100-300: | 12 |
| 301-500: | 34 |
| 501-1000: | 25 |
| More than 1000: | 8 |
| Operating Total | 80 |

| Regional | # |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Yes | 28 |
| No | 52 |
| Operating Total | 80 |

| School Year | Operating Schools | Total Enrollment as of Oct 1 | Waitlist as of June 2013: unique students |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 1995-1996 | 15 | 2,613 | Not Available |
| 1996-1997 | 22 | 5,311 | Not Available |
| 1997-1998 | 24 | 6,607 | Not Available |
| 1998-1999 | 34 | 9,828 | Not Available |
| 1999-2000 | 39 | 12,440 | Not Available |
| 2000-2001 | 40 | 13,712 | Not Available |
| 2001-2002 | 42 | 14,381 | Not Available |
| 2002-2003 | 46 | 15,805 | 12,959 |
| 2003-2004 | 50 | 17,869 | 13,153 |
| 2004-2005 | 56 | 20,259 | 14,709 |
| 2005-2006 | 57 | 21,866 | 15,823 |
| 2006-2007 | 59 | 23,500 | 16,004 |
| 2007-2008 | 61 | 25,034 | 18,989 |
| 2008-2009 | 61 | 26,384 | 21,312 |
| 2009-2010 | 62 | 27,393 | 24,066 |
| 2010-2011 | 63 | 28,422 | 26,708 |
| 2011-2012 | 72 | 30,595 | 35,942 |
| 2012-2013 | 77 | 31,830 | 45,176 |
| 2013-2014 | 81 | 34,631 | 40,376 |
| 2014-2015* | 81 | 37,880 | TBD |