Charter Public Schools – All are welcome!



Any child can be entered into a lottery for a seat at a charter public school. No exams. No tuition. No exceptions.

Students With Disabilities The percent of children with special needs enrolled in charter schools in Boston and Gateway Cities has steadily increased. In Boston, 15.9% of charter students have special needs as compared to 19% of BPS students; and in Gateway Cities, 13% of charter students have special needs as compared to 17.4% from sending districts. (DESE December 2015)

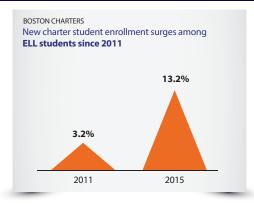
Urban Charters Successfully Retain Students Year to Year

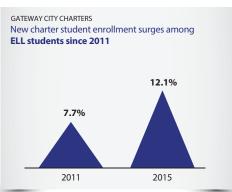
The attrition rate of charter schools in Boston and Gateway Cities has remained lower than the attrition rates for their sending district schools.

According to a November 2015 report from MIT, Boston public charter schools are producing dramatic academic gains among children with special needs and English language learners, and are attracting them in similar numbers as Boston district schools.

More English Language Learners

When compared to sending districts, the percent of ELLs enrolled in charters in Boston and Gateway Cities is catching up, and the enrollment of new ELLs in charters has increased faster than in districts.





Among new charter students enrolled in Boston in 2015, 22.6% were ELLs. (DESE December 2015)



Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and MIT report by Elizabeth Setren, November 2015

