

## Commissioner Kamoutsas Celebrates Increased Student Achievement and Record Enrollment in Florida's Charter Schools

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 14, 2026** – During National Charter Schools Week, Commissioner of Education Anastasios Kamoutsas celebrated the continued success and momentum of Florida's charter schools, citing significant gains in student achievement from 2023-24 to 2024-25 as a clear indicator of their impact. According to the latest annual report from the Florida Department of Education, charter school students are outperforming their peers in traditional public schools across the majority of academic measures, reinforcing the strength and effectiveness of Florida's school choice landscape.

The report also highlights remarkable growth in charter school enrollment, with more than 400,000 students now enrolled statewide. This sustained increase underscores the confidence Florida families place in charter schools and reflects a growing demand for high-quality, innovative educational options.

"These results demonstrate that Florida's commitment to educational excellence and parental choice is delivering real outcomes for students," **said Commissioner of Education Anastasios Kamoutsas**. "We are proud to see charter schools continuing to raise the bar and expand opportunities for families across our state."

"Our charter schools are helping students succeed by giving families more high-quality options and empowering educators to innovate," **said Ryan Petty, Chair of the State Board of Education**. "The continued academic progress reflected in this report shows that when parents have choices and schools are focused on student outcomes, students thrive."

"Florida's charter schools continue to prove that innovation, accountability, and flexibility can drive meaningful student achievement," **said MaryLynn Magar, Vice Chair of the State Board of Education**. "Families are choosing charter schools because they see strong academic outcomes, safe learning environments, and opportunities tailored to their children's needs."

"The continued growth in charter school enrollment reflects the trust parents place in Florida's education system and the expanding opportunities available to students," **said Luis Fuste, State Board of Education Member**. "We remain committed to ensuring every family has access to a high-quality education option that best fits their child."

The report, which analyzes statewide assessment data from the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years, compares student performance in English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, as well as student learning gains.

### Key findings include:

- Charter school students showed strong performance in English Language Arts and mathematics, with consistent advantages across multiple grade levels and student subgroups.
- Charter school students outperformed traditional public-school students in 55 of 77 achievement comparisons in 2024-25, an improvement from 2023-24 when charter schools outperformed traditional public-school students in 53 of 77 comparisons.
- In both 2023-24 and 2024-25, charters schools demonstrated higher learning gains than traditional public schools in most of the 96 comparisons across grade levels and student subgroups.
- Positive outcomes were observed across key student groups, including students from economically disadvantaged families and students with disabilities.

Florida's charter schools remain a key component of the state's educational choice system, providing families with innovative approaches to teaching and learning. The Student Achievement in Florida's Charter Schools annual report is available at: <https://www.fldoe.org/file/7778/SAR2023.pdf>.

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