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Policy Feature Issue: Charter Schools

This week, the House is recognizing National Charter School Week. Below are 10 quick facts about charter schools.

Facts You Need to Know:

1. The first charter school opened its doors in 1992 in Minnesota. Minnesota continues to have the number one ranked state chartering system. Indiana ranks number two.
2. In 1999, 36 states and the District of Columbia had charter school authorizing legislation in place. In 2014, the number increased to 42 states and the District of Columbia.
3. There were approximately 1,941 charter schools in 2001. For the 2013-2014 school year, it is estimated there will be 6,440 charter schools.
4. There were 459,000 charter school students in 2011. In 2007, there were 1.29 million students enrolled in charter schools. Now, approximately, 2.57 million students attend charter schools nationwide.
5. There are approximately one million students on the waiting list to attend a charter school.
6. During the 2012-2013 school year, 561 new charter schools opened, an increase of 6.7 percent. There are an estimated 642 new charter schools in operation during the 2013-2014 school year.
7. For the 2010-2011 school year, the most recent year available, more than half the students made AYP compared to the 40 percent in public schools.
8. 87.7 percent of charter schools were non-unionized during the 2009-2010 school year, the most recent year for which data is available.
9. For the 2012-2013 school year, 89.3 percent of the charter schools were startups. 10.6 percent were conversion schools.
10. Approximately 3,548 charter schools or 67 percent were free standing in 2010-2011.

For More Information:

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