California students have choices

From charter schools to districts of choice, from Career Technical Education to independent study, California’s public schools offer students numerous paths to success in college, career and civic life.

Charter schools

California has more charter schools and more charter students than any state in the U.S.

- **602,837** Students Enrolled
- **1,254** Charter Schools

Source: CA Department of Education

Charter school students in California

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<th>Ethnicity</th>
<th>Enrollment</th>
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<td>African American</td>
<td>48,154</td>
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<td>Native American</td>
<td>3,784</td>
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<td>Asian/Pacific Isl.</td>
<td>30,328</td>
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<td>Filipino</td>
<td>9,709</td>
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<td>Hispanic or Latino</td>
<td>306,545</td>
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<td>White</td>
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Source: CA Department of Education

Districts of choice

More than 200 California school districts send students to districts of choice. A district of choice must accept all interested students up to its locally-approved amount.

- **47** Districts
- **10,000** Total transfer students

Source: Legislative Analyst’s Office

District of choice students in California

- **24%** Asian
- **32%** Hispanic/Latino
- **35%** White
- **9%** Other

- **27%** Low income

Source: Legislative Analyst’s Office
**Linked Learning Partnership**

63 school districts and counties participating, serving

30% (600,000+) of California’s public high school students

Source: James Irvine Foundation

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**Academies**

A “school within a school” for grades 10-12.

- Rigorous academics
- Work-based learning
- Career technical education
- Comprehensive support services

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**Other options**

Includes alternative schools, programs of choice, independent study, magnet programs and online education.

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**Students are exercising more and more options...**

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<td>Magnet programs</td>
<td>145,618</td>
<td>152,201</td>
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<td>38,765</td>
<td>66,375</td>
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<td>191,099</td>
<td>164,988</td>
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**Just some of the additional options California students have:**

- **261** Alternative schools
- **452** Continuation schools
- **21** Opportunity schools
- **134** Special Education schools
- **3** State special schools

Total 871

Source: CA Dept. of Education (2015-16)

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**Total California students** in alternative schools, programs of choice, independent study, magnet programs and online education:

750,000+

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**Regional occupation centers and programs:**

- **74** centers
- **470,000** students

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office

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**Dual & concurrent enrollment:**

117,871 students

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office