

# FACTS ABOUT PENNSYLVANIA'S CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS

For two decades, Pennsylvania's cyber charter schools have been expanding opportunities and addressing specific student needs across the commonwealth.

**From 10 to 32,254**  
STUDENTS IN 1 SCHOOL IN 1998      STUDENTS IN 15 SCHOOLS IN 2017

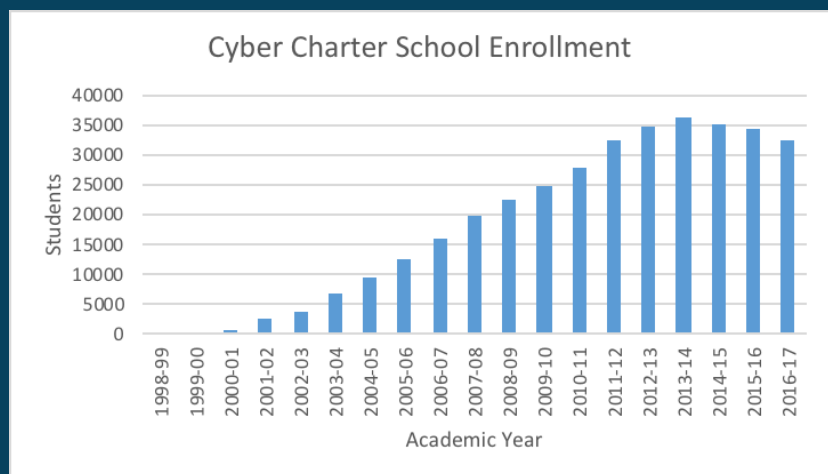
Cyber charter schools enroll students from all

**67**

Pennsylvania counties, and

**99%**

of Pennsylvania's School Districts.



**CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE A GREAT VALUE AND SAVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MONEY**

- For every student that attends a cyber charter school, school districts have **additional money** to support the students that remain within their brick and mortar buildings.
- On average, cyber charter schools **receive just 72%** of the per-pupil allotment for each student.
- School districts **keep the remaining 28%** that they can use for payments on debt, adult education programs, pre-K programs, transportation costs, and building and ground maintenance.
- Cyber charter schools serve as a **model for innovative virtual education opportunities**. Many school districts have started their own cyber programs based on the success of cyber charter schools.

# CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS

- Pennsylvania's current funding formula rewards students in wealthy districts over students in poorer districts, providing **more educational opportunities** to students in wealthy districts.
- ZIP codes should **not** restrict a student's educational opportunities.
- Cyber charter schools **level the playing field** by providing all students with equal access to high quality teachers, resources, and opportunities, regardless of a student's ZIP code.

**49%**  
of cyber charter students come from **economically disadvantaged households**, and

**32%**  
of cyber charter students represent a **nonwhite minority subgroup**.\*

## CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS SUPPORT ALL TYPES OF LEARNERS

- Cyber charter schools **partner** with "special education" providers, therapists, etc., to support the needs of all learners.
- Cyber charters schools **support all types of learners**, from advanced education students to students with high levels of special education needs.

**21%** of cyber charter school students receive some level of **special education assistance** to achieve their individual academic goals.\*

*"My children continue to excel. They are developing a 'love of learning,' not just a head full of facts. My children are mature beyond their years, well socialized across all age groups and have a confidence I do not see in many traditionally schooled children."*

— Anne Marie Coryell, cyber charter school parent



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