



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Massachusetts Charter Schools Fact Sheet

Massachusetts Charter School: A charter school is a public school that is managed by a board of trustees and operates independently of any school committee under a five-year charter granted by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. It has the freedom to organize around a core mission, curriculum, theme, and/or teaching method and to control its own budget and hire (and fire) teachers and staff. In return for this freedom, a charter school must attract students and produce positive results within five years or its charter will not be renewed. The first Massachusetts charter schools opened in 1995.

Charter School Types: There are two types of charter schools: *Commonwealth* and *Horace Mann*. Further, there are three types of Horace Mann charter schools each with a particular set of requirements for collective bargaining unit involvement. A Horace Mann 'I' must have its charter application approved by the local school committee and the local teacher's union in addition to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education while a Horace Mann 'II' is a conversion school approved by a majority of its faculty. Horace Mann 'III' charter school can be chartered without the approval of the local collective bargaining unit. All Horace Mann charter schools must operate under a Memorandum of Understanding with the district from which it resides.

2015-2016 Operating Status	#
Operating Commonwealth charter schools in 2015-2016:	71
Operating Horace Mann I charter schools in 2015-2016:	4
Operating Horace Mann II charter schools in 2015-2016:	0
Operating Horace Mann III charter schools in 2015-2016:	6
Charters approved but not yet open:	1
Charters granted but closed or never opened since 1994:	24
Total currently operating charter schools:	81
Total active charters granted by BESE since 1994:	82
Total charters granted by BESE since 1994:	106

Historical Accountability Status	#
Closed: Pre-Opening Surrender	4
Closed: Post-Opening Surrender	9
Closed: Revocation	4
Closed: Non-renewal	2
Charter Returned due to merger	5
Operating or Planning: Less than 5-years old	24
Operating for at least 5 years, one renewal	8
Operating for at least 10 years, two renewals	16
Operating for at least 15 years, three renewals	20
Operating for at least 20 years, four renewals	14
Total Charters Granted by BESE Since 1994:	106

Summary Statistics	#
Maximum enrollment allowed by currently authorized charters	48,994
# of students attending charter schools in 2014-2015 on Oct. 1, 2014	37,402
# of unique students on charter school waiting lists for 2015-2016 as of March 2	44,876
% of 2014-2015 PK-12 public school population enrolled in charter schools	3.9%
# of charter applications received since 1994	253

School Type	#
Elementary	5
Elementary-Middle	24
Middle	5
Middle-High	25
High	11
K-12	11
Operating Total	81

Location Type	#
Boston	25
Urban-not-Boston	38
Suburb	14
Rural	4
Operating Total	81

School Size at Maximum	#
Less than 100:	0
100-300:	14
301-500:	31
501-1000:	25
More than 1000:	11
Operating Total	81

Regional	#
Yes	29
No	52
Operating Total	81

2014-2015 Demographics	Charter	State
First Language Not English	23.8%	18.5%
Limited English Proficient	10.0%	8.5%
Special Education	14.0%	17.1%
Economically Disadvantaged	34.3%	26.3%

African-American	29.1%	8.7%
Asian	4.8%	6.3%
Hispanic	28.8%	17.9%
White	33.7%	63.7%
Native-American	0.3%	0.2%
Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%
Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic	3.1%	3.1%

Males	48.3%	51%
Females	51.7%	49%

Educational Management	#
Operating with management organization	10
Formerly operating with management organization	10

School Year	Operating Schools	Total Enrollment as of Oct 1	Waitlist
1995-1996	15	2,613	Not Available
1996-1997	22	5,311	Not Available
1997-1998	24	6,607	Not Available
1998-1999	34	9,828	Not Available
1999-2000	39	12,440	Not Available
2000-2001	40	13,712	Not Available
2001-2002	42	14,381	Not Available
2002-2003	46	15,805	12,959
2003-2004	50	17,869	13,153
2004-2005	56	20,259	14,709
2005-2006	57	21,866	15,823
2006-2007	59	23,500	16,004
2007-2008	61	25,034	18,989
2008-2009	61	26,384	21,312
2009-2010	62	27,393	24,066
2010-2011	63	28,422	26,708
2011-2012	72	30,595	35,942
2012-2013	77	31,830	45,176
2013-2014	81	34,631	40,376
2014-2015	80	37,402	44,876
2015-2016*	81	41,802	37,470

*Pre-enrollment and waitlist as of 3/16/15

Massachusetts Charter Schools Facts At-A-Glance

LEA	Charter School	Type	Location	7/1/2015	Charter Granted	Year		Last Charter Renewal	Charter Expires	Year Closed	Regional	EMO	Max Grade Span	Max. Enroll #
						Opened (Fall)	FY16 Year of Oper.							
0445	Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School	C	Worcester	No Status	1998	1998	18	2013	2018	NA	Yes	Former	K-12	1426
0412	Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School	C	Boston	No Status	1995	1997	19	2012	2017	NA	No	No	05-12	545
0430	Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School	C	Marlborough	Conditions	2004	2005	11	2015	2020	NA	Yes	No	06-12	966
0409	Alma del Mar Charter School	C	New Bedford	No Status	2011	2011	5	0	2016	NA	No	No	K-08	360
3509	Argosy Collegiate Charter School	C	Fall River	No Status	2014	2014	2	0	2019	NA	No	No	6-12	644
0491	Atlantis Charter School	C	Fall River	No Status	1994	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	No	No	K-12	1378
0427	Barnstable Community Horace Mann Charter Public School	HM	Barnstable	Conditions	2004	2004	12	2014	2019	NA	NA	No	K-03	475
3502	Baystate Academy Charter Public School	C	Springfield	No Status	2012	2013	3	0	2018	NA	No	No	6-12	560
0420	Benjamin Banneker Charter Public School	C	Cambridge	No Status	1995	1996	20	2011	2016	NA	No	No	K-06	350
0447	Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School	C	Franklin	No Status	1994	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	Yes	No	K-08	900
3511	Bentley Academy Charter School	HM3	Salem	No Status	2015	2015	1	0	2020	NA	No	Yes	K-05	350
0414	Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter Public School	C	Adams	No Status	2003	2004	12	2014	2019	NA	Yes	No	06-12	363
0449	Boston Collegiate Charter School	C	Boston	No Status	1998	1998	18	2013	2018	NA	No	No	05-12	665
0424	Boston Day and Evening Academy Charter School	HM	Boston	No Status	1998	1998	18	2013	2018	NA	NA	No	09-12	405
0411	Boston Green Academy Horace Mann Charter School	HM3	Boston	Probation	2011	2011	5	0	2016	NA	NA	No	6-12	595
0416	Boston Preparatory Charter Public School	C	Boston	No Status	2003	2004	12	2014	2019	NA	No	No	06-12	400
0481	Boston Renaissance Charter Public School	C	Boston	Conditions	1994	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	No	Former	PK-06	944
0417	Bridge Boston Charter School	C	Boston	No Status	2011	2011	5	0	2016	NA	No	No	PK-8	335
0457	Brooke Charter School East Boston	C	Boston	No Status	2011	2012	4	0	2017	NA	Yes	No	K-08	510
0443	Brooke Charter School Mattapan	C	Boston	No Status	2011	2011	5	0	2016	NA	No	No	K-08	510
0428	Brooke Charter School Roslindale	C	Boston	No Status	2001	2002	14	2012	2017	NA	No	No	K-08	510
0432	Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School	C	Harwich	Conditions	1994	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	Yes	No	06-12	400
0418	Christa McAuliffe Charter School	C	Framingham	No Status	2001	2002	14	2012	2017	NA	Yes	No	06-08	396
0437	City on a Hill Charter Public School Circuit Street	C	Boston	No Status	1994	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	No	Former	09-12	280
3504	City on a Hill Charter Public School Dudley Square	C	Boston	No Status	2013	2013	3	0	2018	NA	No	No	09-12	280
3507	City On A Hill Charter Public School New Bedford	C	New Bedford	No Status	2013	2014	2	0	2019	NA	No	No	09-12	280
0438	Codman Academy Charter Public School	C	Boston	No Status	2001	2001	15	2011	2016	NA	No	No	PK-12	345
0436	Community Charter School of Cambridge	C	Cambridge	Conditions	2004	2005	11	2015	2020	NA	No	No	06-12	360
0426	Community Day Charter Public School - Gateway	C	Lawrence	No Status	2011	2012	4	0	2017	NA	No	Yes	PK-08	400
0440	Community Day Charter Public School - Prospect	C	Lawrence	No Status	1994	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	No	Yes	PK-08	400
0431	Community Day Charter Public School - R. Kingman Webster	C	Lawrence	No Status	2011	2012	4	0	2017	NA	No	Yes	PK-08	400
0439	Conservatory Lab Charter School	C	Boston	No Status	1998	1999	17	2014	2019	NA	No	No	PK-08	444
0475	Dorchester Collegiate Academy Charter School	C	Boston	Probation	2008	2009	7	2014	2019	NA	No	No	04-08	238
0407	Dudley Street Neighborhood Charter School	HM3	Boston	No Status	2012	2012	4	0	2017	NA	NA	No	PK-5	308
0452	Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers: A Horace Mann Charter Public School	HM	Boston	No Status	1998	1998	18	2013	2018	NA	NA	No	09-12	448
0410	Excel Academy Charter School	C	Boston/Chelsea	No Status	2003	2003	13	2013	2018	NA	Yes	No	05-12	1344
0413	Four Rivers Charter Public School	C	Greenfield	No Status	2002	2003	13	2013	2018	NA	Yes	No	07-12	220
0446	Foxborough Regional Charter School	C	Foxborough	No Status	1998	1998	18	2013	2018	NA	Yes	Former	K-12	1300
0478	Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School	C	Devens	No Status	1994	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	Yes	No	07-12	400
0496	Global Learning Charter Public School	C	New Bedford	Probation	2006	2007	9	2012	2017	NA	No	No	05-12	500
0499	Hampden Charter School of Science	C	Chicopee	No Status	2008	2009	7	2014	2019	NA	Yes	No	06-12	560
0419	Helen Y Davis Leadership Academy Charter Public School	C	Boston	No Status	2002	2003	13	2013	2018	NA	No	No	06-08	216
0455	Hill View Montessori Charter Public School	C	Haverhill	No Status	2003	2004	12	2014	2019	NA	No	No	K-08	306
0450	Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School	C	East Hampton	No Status	1994	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	Yes	No	K-08	218
0453	Holyoke Community Charter School	C	Holyoke	No Status	2001	2005	11	2015	2020	NA	No	Yes	K-08	702
0435	Innovation Academy Charter School	C	Tyngsborough	No Status	1995	1996	20	2011	2016	NA	Yes	Former	05-12	800
0463	KIPP Academy Boston Charter School	C	Boston	No Status	2011	2012	4	0	2017	NA	No	No	K-08	588
0429	KIPP Academy Lynn Charter School	C	Lynn	No Status	2004	2004	12	2014	2019	NA	No	No	K-12	1586
0454	Lawrence Family Development Charter School	C	Lawrence	No Status	1995	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	No	No	PK-08	800
3503	Lowell Collegiate Charter School	C	Lowell	Conditions	2012	2013	3	0	2018	NA	No	Yes	K-12	1200
0456	Lowell Community Charter Public School	C	Lowell	No Status	1999	2000	16	2015	2020	NA	No	Former	PK-08	800
0458	Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School	C	Lowell	No Status	1994	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	No	No	09-12	150
0464	Marblehead Community Charter Public School	C	Marblehead	No Status	1994	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	No	No	04-08	230
0466	Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School	C	West Tisbury	No Status	1995	1996	20	2011	2016	NA	Yes	No	K-12	180
0492	Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School of Excellence	C	Springfield	Probation	2005	2006	10	2011	2016	NA	No	No	K-05	360
0469	Match Charter Public School	C	Boston	No Status	1999	2000	16	2015	2020	NA	No	No	PK-12	1250
0470	Mystic Valley Regional Charter School	C	Malden	Conditions	1998	1998	18	2013	2018	NA	Yes	Former	K-12	1900
0444	Neighborhood House Charter School	C	Boston	No Status	1994	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	No	No	PK-08	400

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0467	New Liberty Charter School of Salem	HM3	Salem	No Status	2011	2011	5	0	2016	NA	NA	No	09-12	125
3501	Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School	C	Holyoke	No Status	2012	2013	3	0	2018	NA	Yes	No	9-12	500
0493	Phoenix Academy Charter Public High School, Chelsea	C	Chelsea	No Status	2005	2006	10	2011	2016	NA	Yes	No	09-12	225
3508	Phoenix Academy Public Charter High School, Springfield	C	Springfield	No Status	2013	2014	2	0	2019	NA	Yes	No	9-12	250
0494	Pioneer Charter School of Science	C	Everett	No Status	2006	2007	9	2012	2017	NA	Yes	No	07-12	360
3506	Pioneer Charter School of Science II	C	Saugus	No Status	2013	2013	3	0	2018	NA	Yes	No	07-12	360
0497	Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School	C	Hadley	No Status	2007	2007	9	2012	2017	NA	Yes	No	K-12	584
0479	Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School	C	South Hadley	Conditions	1996	1996	20	2011	2016	NA	Yes	No	07-12	400
0487	Prospect Hill Academy Charter School	C	<small>Somerville (K-6); Cambridge (7-12)</small>	No Status	1996	1996	20	2011	2016	NA	Yes	Former	PK-12	1200
0483	Rising Tide Charter Public School	C	Plymouth	No Status	1998	1998	18	2013	2018	NA	Yes	Former	05-12	700
0482	River Valley Charter School	C	Newburyport	No Status	1999	1999	17	2014	2019	NA	Yes	No	K-08	288
0484	Roxbury Preparatory Charter School	C	Boston	No Status	1998	1999	17	2014	2019	NA	No	Yes	05-12	1800
0441	Sabis International Charter School	C	Springfield	Conditions	1995	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	No	Yes	K-12	1574
0485	Salem Academy Charter School	C	Salem	No Status	2003	2004	12	2014	2019	NA	No	No	06-12	480
0486	Seven Hills Charter Public School	C	Worcester	No Status	1994	1996	20	2011	2016	NA	No	Former	K-08	666
0477	Silver Hill Horace Mann Charter School	HM	Haverhill	No Status	2008	2008	8	2013	2018	NA	NA	No	K-05	592
0474	Sizer School, A North Central Charter Essential School	C	Fitchburg	No Status	2001	2002	14	2012	2017	NA	Yes	No	07-12	400
0488	South Shore Charter Public School	C	Norwell	No Status	1994	1995	21	2015	2020	NA	Yes	No	K-12	610
3510	Springfield Preparatory Charter School	C	Springfield	No Status	2014	2015	1	0	2020	NA	No	No	K-08	486
0489	Sturgis Charter Public School	C	Hyannis	No Status	1998	1998	18	2013	2018	NA	Yes	No	09-12	800
0480	UP Academy Charter School of Boston	HM3	Boston	No Status	2011	2011	5	0	2016	NA	NA	Yes	06-08	540
3505	UP Academy Charter School of Dorchester	HM3	Boston	No Status	2013	2013	3	0	2018	NA	NA	Yes	PK-08	750
3512	UP Academy Charter School of Springfield	HM3	Springfield	No Status	2015	2016	0	0	2021	NA	NA	Yes	06-08	800
0498	Veritas Preparatory Charter School	C	Springfield	No Status	2011	2012	4	0	2017	NA	No	No	05-08	324
Closed Schools										NA				
0415	Amesbury Academy Charter Public School	HM	Amesbury	NA	2001	2001	NA	NA	NA	2015	NA	No	9-12	50
0423	Barnstable Horace Mann Charter School	HM	Barnstable	NA	1998	1999	NA	NA	NA	2012	No	No	04-05	1000
0425	Boston University Residential Charter School	C	Granby	NA	1994	1997	NA	NA	NA	2000	No	No	NA	NA
0434	Champion Charter Public School	HM	Brockton	NA	1998	1998	NA	NA	NA	2008	No	No	09-12	125
0433	Dorchester Prep	C	Boston	NA	2011	NA	NA	NA	NA	2012	No	Former		
0459	Excel Academy Charter School - Boston II	C	Boston	NA	2011	2012	NA	NA	NA	2014	No	No	05-12	448
0461	Excel Academy Charter School - Chelsea	C	Chelsea	NA	2011	2011	NA	NA	NA	2014	No	No	05-12	448
0495	Fall River Maritime Charter Public School	C	Fall River	NA	2006	NA	NA	NA	NA	2006	No	Former	05-08	80
0442	Frederick Douglass Charter School	C	Boston	NA	1999	2000	NA	NA	NA	2005	No	No	06-12	408
0448	Gloucester Community Arts Charter School	C	Gloucester	NA	2009	2010	NA	NA	NA	2013	No	No	K-08	240
0462	Grove Hall Prep	C	Boston	NA	2011	2011	NA	NA	NA	2012	No	Former		
0448	Horace Mann Charter School of Essential Studies	HM	Springfield	NA	1999	NA	NA	NA	NA	2000	No	No	NA	NA
0460	Lynn Community Charter School	C	Lynn	NA	1996	1997	NA	NA	NA	2002	No	No	NA	NA
0465	MATCH Community Day Charter Public School	C	Boston	NA	2011	2011	NA	NA	NA	2014	No	No	PK-12	700
0472	New Bedford Global Learning Charter School	HM	New Bedford	NA	2000	2002	NA	NA	NA	2007	No	No	05-12	400
0471	New Leadership Charter School	HM	Springfield	NA	1998	1998	NA	NA	NA	2013	No	No	06-12	500
0473	North Star Academy Charter School	C	Springfield	NA	1995	1996	NA	NA	NA	2001	No	No	NA	NA
0476	Northern Bristol County Charter School	C	Bristol County	NA	2001	NA	NA	NA	NA	2002	Yes	No	NA	NA
0451	Robert M. Hughes Academy Charter Public School	C	Springfield	NA	1999	1999	NA	NA	NA	2010	No	No	K-08	180
0422	Roxbury Charter High Public School	C	Boston	NA	2002	2003	NA	NA	NA	2005	No	No	09-12	400
0421	South End College Preparatory Charter School	C	Boston	NA	2002	NA	NA	NA	NA	2003	No	No	NA	NA
0476	Spirit of Knowledge Charter School	C	Worcester	NA	2010	2010	NA	NA	NA	2013	No	No	07-12	275
0490	Uphams Corner Charter School	C	Boston	NA	2002	2002	NA	NA	NA	2009	No	No	05-08	200
0498	Youth Build Boston Charter School	C	Boston	NA	1994	1995	NA	NA	NA	1997	No	No	NA	NA

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Application Cycle History

Application Cycle Year	Letters of Intent	Commonwealth Prospectus	Horace Mann Prospectus	Total Prospectus	Commonwealth Final Applications	Horace Mann Final Applications	Total Final Apps	# Commonwealth Approved	# Horace Mann Approved	Total Approved
1994	0	64	0	64	48	0	48	15	0	15
1994-1995	0	26	0	26	36	0	36	7	0	7
1995-1996	0	0	0	0		0	0	3	0	3
1996-1997*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1997-1998	74	48	13	61	25	10	35	8	5	13
1998-1999	38	31	4	35	9	1	10	5	1	6
1999-2000	4	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	1
2000-2001	38	32	1	33	16	1	17	6	1	7
2001-2002	34	27	0	27	9	0	9	5	0	5
2002-2003	37	25	0	25	11	0	11	5	0	5
2003-2004	20	12	2	14	5	2	7	3	1	4
2004-2005	15	8	0	8	5	0	5	2	0	2
2005-2006	0	14	0	14	4	0	4	3	0	3
2006-2007	10	10	0	10	4	0	4	1	0	1
2007-2008	12	9	1	10	4	1	5	2	1	3
2008-2009	11	7	0	7	3	0	3	1	0	1
2009-2010	20	13	1	14	7	0	7	1	0	1
2010-2011	63	38	4	42	20	3	23	13	3	16
2011-2012	19	5	2	7	5	1	6	3	1	4
2012-2013	24	21	1	22	10	1	11	4	1	5
2013-2014	16	10	0	10	6	0	6	2	0	2
2014-2015	10	4	2	6	2	2	4	0	2	2
Totals	421	404	33	437	229	24	253	89	17	106

*1996-1997 Cap reached, no application cycle

Approval Rate (Prospectus) as of 2014-2015:	24%
Approval Rate (Applications) as of 2014-2015:	42%

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