



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

A YEAR OF BUILDING COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT

Arizona State Board for
Charter Schools

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 2022, we began with a plan to demonstrate the many lessons we learned these past two years and show how these lessons have contributed to our improved and flexible systems for supporting and monitoring our schools while keeping a focus on our mission:

To improve public education in Arizona by sponsoring charter schools that provide quality educational choices.

Our approach to fulfilling our mission has shifted greatly over the last two decades. As a regulatory agency, it can be challenging to balance our duty to ensure charter schools remain in compliance with the law while offering effective and helpful support.

A renewed emphasis on compliance and accountability for charter schools over the years has resulted in positive revisions to our frameworks and policies, and with your input and feedback, our agency has identified key areas where we can better serve and support our schools. Consistent communication, informative webinars and training, and dialogue with school leaders through both onsite and virtual meetings allow us to balance compliance with assistance.

However, we are continually working to improve, and we invite you all to reach out at any time with suggestions, feedback, questions, or concerns so that we can better serve our portfolio! We continue to build on these efforts each year, and we are truly excited for the future of this Board and its portfolio of quality schools.

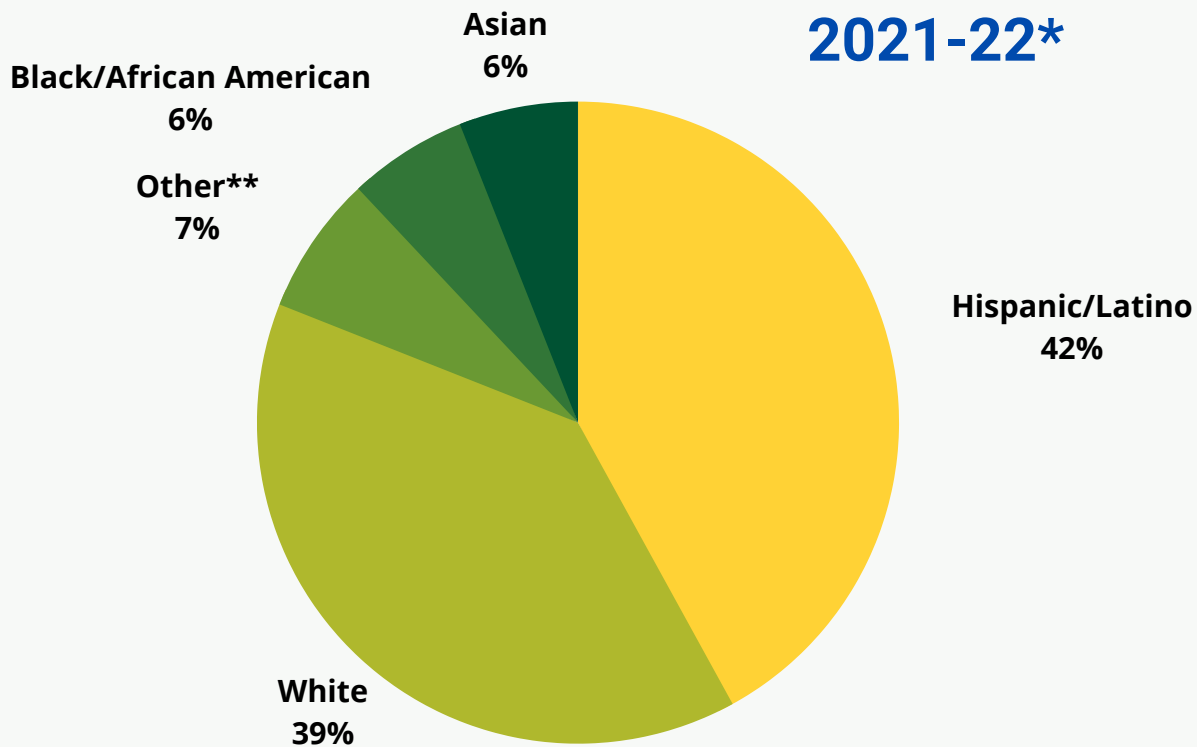
Thank you for your unending dedication to the students and families of Arizona, and your tireless efforts to create innovative, creative, and advantageous spaces in which our students can excel. The charter community is stronger for it.

Thank you,



Ashley Berg
Executive Director

Who Charters Serve



*AZ Dept. of Education 2021-22 Enrollment Data

** indicates Multi-racial, Native American, Pacific Islander

20.3%

total percent of public school students in charters

34%

charter students eligible for free and reduced lunch

60,774

charter students enrolled in grades 9 through 12

9.5%

charter students identified with disabilities

170,038

charter students enrolled in grades K through 8

561

charter schools operated by 414 charter holders

ASBCS by the Numbers

41%

Decrease in number
of complaints
submitted to Board

More than 15 expansion
amendments were
approved, creating

7,686
Student Seats
over the next 4 years

99%

of charters met
the Board's
Operational
Performance
Expectations
demonstrating a
commitment to
operational
excellence &
transparency

169

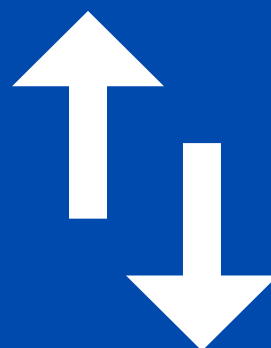
schools visited
in-person or
virtually

404

student records
requests timely
processed

412

audits received & reviewed with
89% of charters meeting the
Board's Financial Performance
Expectations



IMPACTS

The following initiatives took place this year, strengthening our approach to supporting our charter schools, school leaders and constituents. Through these efforts, we found key areas of impact for our schools.



Increase in Staff

With over 550 schools to support, our Board annually recruits & hires additional staff to improve the efficiency of its practices and increase involvement with our schools. Since fiscal year 2022, the Board has added 3 new staff members.



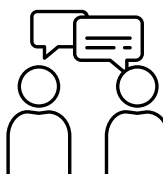
School Visits

Our charter schools are located throughout the State of Arizona in 12 different counties and to support them, our staff develops innovative monitoring practices for onsite and virtual school visits.



Financial Framework

Full implementation of the Board's robust financial framework was in effect, including intervention processes and onsite school visits.



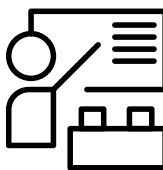
Communication

An increase in communication to our school community through monthly newsletters, informational posts on social media, and a refresh to the Board's website.



Legislative Action

Advocacy for legislative action to enhance the mission and oversight of charter schools. Board staff provides information to legislators each year to relay the impact of new legislation on the charter portfolio.



Professional Development

Informative and enhanced trainings for school leaders and potential new charter school applicants. The hope is to provide information and training to get ahead of potential issues and to better support charters.

A Brief History of ASBCS

1994

- The Arizona State Legislature passed the Charter School Law in 1994, effective September 16th of that year

1995

- In the fall, 67 schools opened and were sponsored by a school district, ASBCS, or the State Board of Education

2010

- State universities added to the list of agencies that can sponsor a charter school
- First charters up for renewal

2012

- Performance Frameworks approved
- Financial Performance (August 13)
- Academic Performance (October 14)

2012

2014

- Operational Performance Framework approved Oct. 14th

2019

- Created a Financial Performance Framework Subcommittee
- Revised framework approved in December

2020

- Navigating distance learning for our schools
- Staff transitioned to teleworking

2021

- Increased the number of staff to 17
- Bootcamp trainings for new operators and existing charters

2022

- Increased number of school visits
- Increased customer service and facilitation through the complaint process

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