



**NORTH CAROLINA**  
COALITION FOR  
CHARTER SCHOOLS

## Charter Schools 101

### *Fast Facts*



206 Charter Schools



138,679 Students



63 Counties

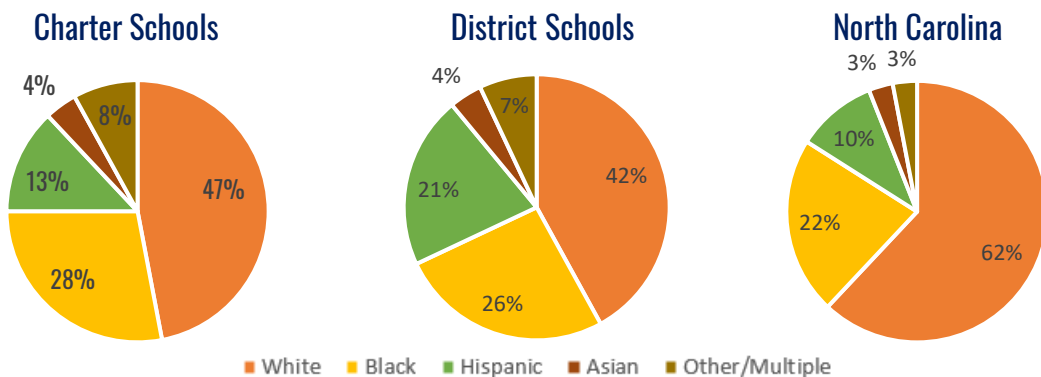


60,000+ waitlist

### *Key Info*

- ✓ Charter schools are free, **public** schools.
- ✓ **Any student** is eligible to attend any charter school.
- ✓ Charter schools can specialize in areas like STEM or the arts.
- ✓ If there are not enough slots, charter schools select students via random lottery.
- ✓ 40%+ of charter schools weight lotteries to prioritize underserved populations.
- ✓ Charter schools **complement**, rather than compete with, district schools.

### *Demographics*



### *Funding*

- Charter schools, like district schools, are funded on a per-pupil basis. Charter schools do not take money away from district schools because *all* public schools receive funding *per student*.
- Charter schools receive only about 63% of the local funding that district schools receive.
- No state money is allocated to charter schools to pay for their facilities.