

INCREASED ACCESS TO CHARTER SCHOOLS GIVES STUDENTS IN INEFFECTIVE SCHOOLS A CHANCE TO SUCCEED.

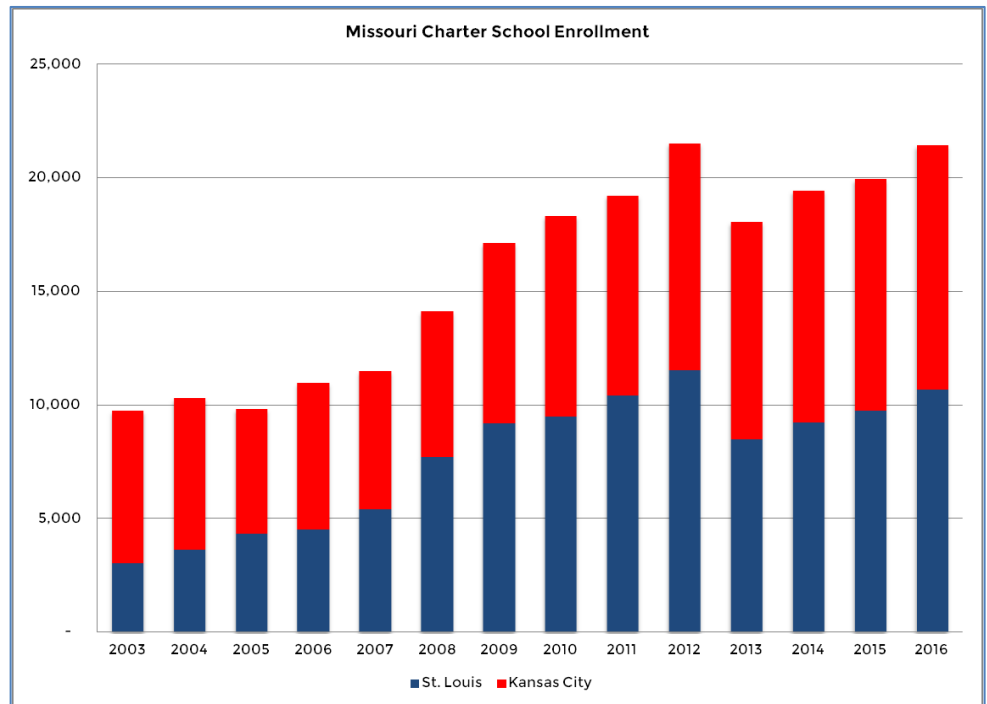
CHARTER SCHOOL FACTS

Charter schools are independent public schools that are tuition-free and open to all students.

Nearly 2.9 million students attend charter schools nationwide.

Missouri currently has 68 charter schools serving 21,000 students.

Charter schools are held accountable to their sponsors and board, to DESE, and are subject to state and federal law.



Source: https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/qs-charter-2016-enrollment_0.pdf

CHARTER SCHOOL REFORM

THE PROBLEM: Although charter schools have seen success where traditional public schools have not, our current state law restricts where charter schools may be established, by whom they may be established, and the number of students allowed to enroll in charter schools.

Meaningful charter school reform would:

- ✓ Allow charter schools to be operated in any school district in the state.
 - Charter schools have seen success where traditional public schools have not.
 - According to the Missouri Charter Public School Association, "[b]etween 2010 and 2013, 15 of 16 independent studies found that students attending public charter schools do better academically than their traditional public school peers."
 - Charter schools have a greater ability to address individual needs.
 - Charter schools give parents greater choice when choosing the best education option for their child.