



## **Ten Ways Charter Schools Contribute to A Quality Public Education System**

1. Arizona charter schools win national awards: Two Arizona charter schools and one district school are on US News and World Report's list of top 100 high schools in America; two additional charter schools and one district school were selected as No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools by the US Department of Education
2. Six out of Arizona's top 10 schools are charter schools; nine of the top 10 public high schools in Maricopa County are charter schools, according to reading score data
3. One in every four Arizona public schools is a charter school
4. Nearly 10% of students in Arizona public schools are in charter schools
5. One in five Arizona charter schools is an "alternative" school, serving "at-risk" students
6. One in five Arizona charter schools is excelling or highly performing
7. 95% of charter schools are Performing or better on AZ Learns
8. Almost 10% of Arizona charter school students are enrolled in and are provided special education services
9. About one third of Arizona charter schools participate in the National School Lunch program: 67% of students in those schools are eligible for Free and Reduced Price Lunch
10. One third of Arizona charter school students are Hispanic: Access to alternative schedules and cultural experiences provide flexibility and choice for this important population of Arizona students

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