

2016 Accountability Fact Sheet

For the second straight year, Arizona charter students outperformed their peers across the state. According to AzMERIT scores released this week, charter students scored better than the state average in the ELA and Math assessment in every grade level and subject area except Algebra I, where charter students tied the state average.

Charter schools are public schools that are innovative while still being held accountable for improved student achievement. Arizona laws provide public charter schools more autonomy in exchange for greater accountability for improved student achievement.

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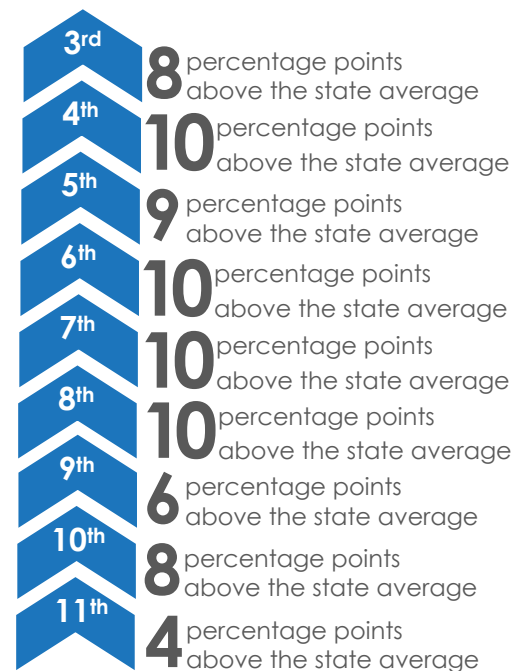
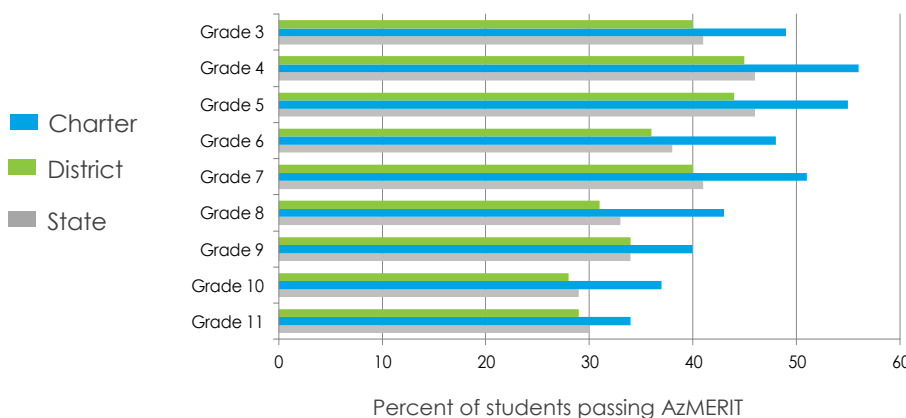
The Arizona Department of Education reported AzMERIT data for 1,904 schools, enrolling nearly 1.1 million students in the 2015-16 school year. 526 (28 percent) are public charter schools (15 percent of state enrollment) and 1,378 (72 percent) are public district schools (85 percent of state enrollment).

Charter Highlights

- Public charter students outperformed the state average of students passing the English/Language test on average by 9 percentage points.
- Public charter students outperformed the state average of students passing the Mathematics test on average by 6 percentage points.
- All 50 of the top LEAs on the English/Language Arts exam are charter schools, when looking at percent of students passing the test.
- 49 of the 50 top LEAs on the Math exams are charters, when looking at percent of students passing the test.



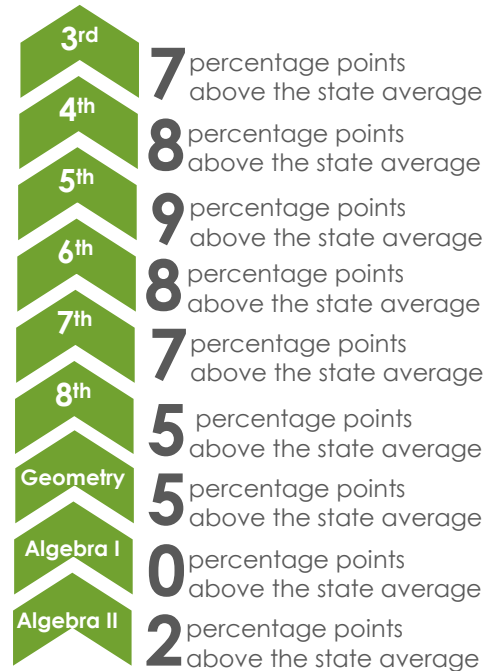
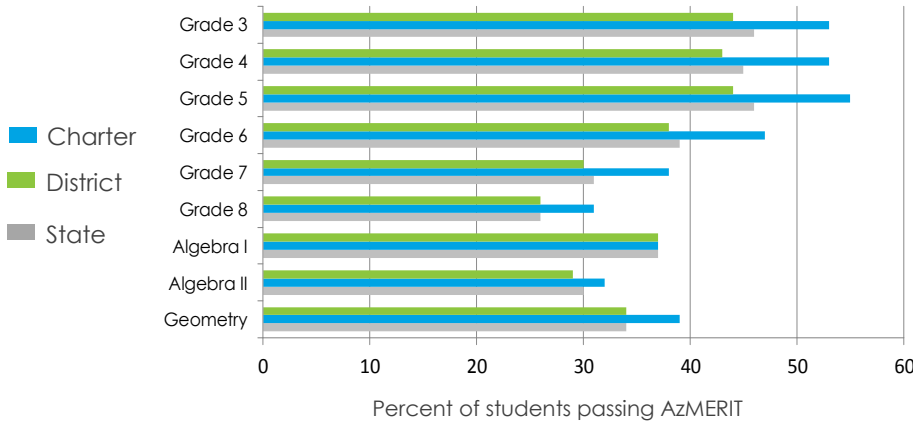
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Recent data indicate that Arizona's charter students outperformed nearly every other state on the 2015 National Assessment of Educational Progress. On eighth grade mathematics, for instance, Arizona charter students scored in a statistical dead heat with Massachusetts, the highest scoring of the 50 states.

