

Charter School Update – FY 2014/15
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CALSTRS

CALIFORNIA STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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**Background
Statistical Data
Resources**





California Department of Education-State Board of Education (CDE/SBE)

- SBE Assigns Number to a Charter School Approved by Local Educational Agencies (LEA)
- Assigned Number is per Charter Petition within Geographic Limitation
- Approval of Charter School Numbers at SBE Bimonthly Meeting



California Laws and Regulations on Charter Schools

- Education Code Part 26.8, Chapters 1-6, Sections 47600-47664 on General Provisions, Establishment, Operation, Notice, University Charter Schools, Funding
- 47605: option to elect STRS, PERS, Social Security
- 47611: electing CalSTRS means all parts of TRL apply
- 47611.3: requires school district or COE to report contributions



CalSTRS Retirement Benefits

- Defined Benefit Program
- Defined Benefit Supplement Program
- Cash Balance Benefit Program
- Pension2 – Voluntary Supplemental Savings Plan



Charter School Electing CalSTRS

- Recognized as Public School by CDE
- Elected CalSTRS on the Charter Petition
- Submit CalSTRS Activation Packet
- Report CalSTRS Contributions via School District or County Office of Education (COE)



CalSTRS Activation Packet ES1026

- Section 1-A: Charter School Profile Summary
- Section 1-B: CalSTRS Contributions Reporting
- Section 2: Employer Paid Member Contribution (EPMC) Resolution
- Section 3: Charter Petition
- Section 4: Additional Documents as Requested



CalSTRS Contribution Reporting Structure

- COE Unit Code Report Unit (RU) ID
- School District Unit Code RU ID
- Charter School District Unit Code RU ID
- Unique Unit Code RU ID



Cumulative Data: 2/1993 – 6/2015

- 1,850 Statutory Cap for FY2014/2015
- 1,726 Total Numbers Issued by SBE
- 1,165 Active Charter Schools
- 1,046 (90% of 1165) Active-CalSTRS Charter Schools



Cumulative Data: 7/2014 – 6/2015

- 70 Numbered by SBE for FY2014/2015
 - 1 Closed
 - 39 (56%) Pending
 - 8 (11%) Active after 6/30/2015
 - 22 (31%) Active through 6/30/2015



22 Active FY2014/2015

– Retirement

- 16 (73%) Active-CalSTRS
- 2 (9%) Other Public Retirement-SSA, 403B
- 4 (18%) Unknown, not specified



22 Active FY2014/2015

- Chartering Authority
 - 16 (73%) School District
 - 9 reporting with Unique RU ID
 - 4 reporting through School District RU ID
 - 3 reporting through Charter District RU ID
 - 3 (13%) COE
 - 3 (13%) SBE



22 Active FY2014/2015

- Founding Entity
 - 14 (64%) Corporation
 - 8 (36%) LEA-School District, COE, SBE



22 Active FY2014/2015

- Organizational Type
 - 15 (68%) Non-Profit
 - 7 (32%) Not Identified as Non-Profit



Geographical Distribution Table – Counties with Corresponding Total of Charter Schools Numbered by SBE, Active Status, and CalSTRS-Active Status for:

- FY 2014-2015
- FY 2010-2015
- FY 1993-2015

(See Page 5 of Handout)



Geographical Distribution Map – Counties with
Cumulative Total of 1,165 Active Charter Schools for
FY1993-2015:

- 583 (50%) in Northern California
- 582 (50%) in Southern California

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CDE-SBE Meeting Agendas

- <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/index.asp>

CDE Data & Statistics-School Identification-Charter School Locator

- <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/si/cs/>
 - Map of CA Charter Schools – Interactive Map
 - Locate a CA Charter School – Search by Name
 - View a List of CA Charter Schools - Database



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