



A Letter from ASBCS

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Important Dates

- **January 13, 2020:
Next
Regular
Board
Meeting**

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Read All About It!

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools' Annual Report has been released!

Our charter portfolio has continued to grow in 2019, and it is with great pride that our office has compiled a range of data to highlight this past year's successes for both the Board and the charter community as a whole.

Attached is the 2019 Annual Report, and it can be found on our website and Facebook page.

Thank you all for a wonderful year, and we look forward to 2020!

Military Student Identifier

The Military Student Identifier ("MSI") is a recently established code by which families indicate upon enrollment at a school that their student has at least one parent who is a member of the Armed Forces on active duty.

The Every Student Succeeds Act ("ESSA") recognizes military-connected students as a distinct subgroup, and public schools must include the military student identifier question in their enrollment paperwork. Therefore, all charter schools are required to add the MSI question to the enrollment paperwork for the upcoming school year.

A reminder of this change will be in the ASBCS monthly newsletter through the end of Fiscal Year 2020. More information regarding the MSI can be found here.

2019 by the Numbers

Improved Oversight

550
HOURS

CONDUCTING SCHOOL
VISITS

10
ADDITIONAL
EMPLOYEES

TO FULFILL CHARTER
ACCOUNTABILITY WORK

25
HOURS

CONDUCTING CHARTER OPERATOR
TRAININGS

Expanding Quality Charters

70%



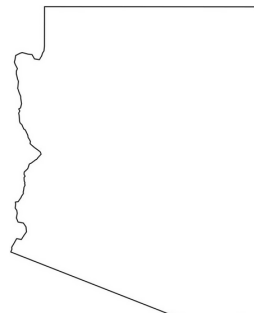
of all charter
schools rated A + B



6



new operator
applications approved
for 2020



26,354

student seats created
over the next 4 years

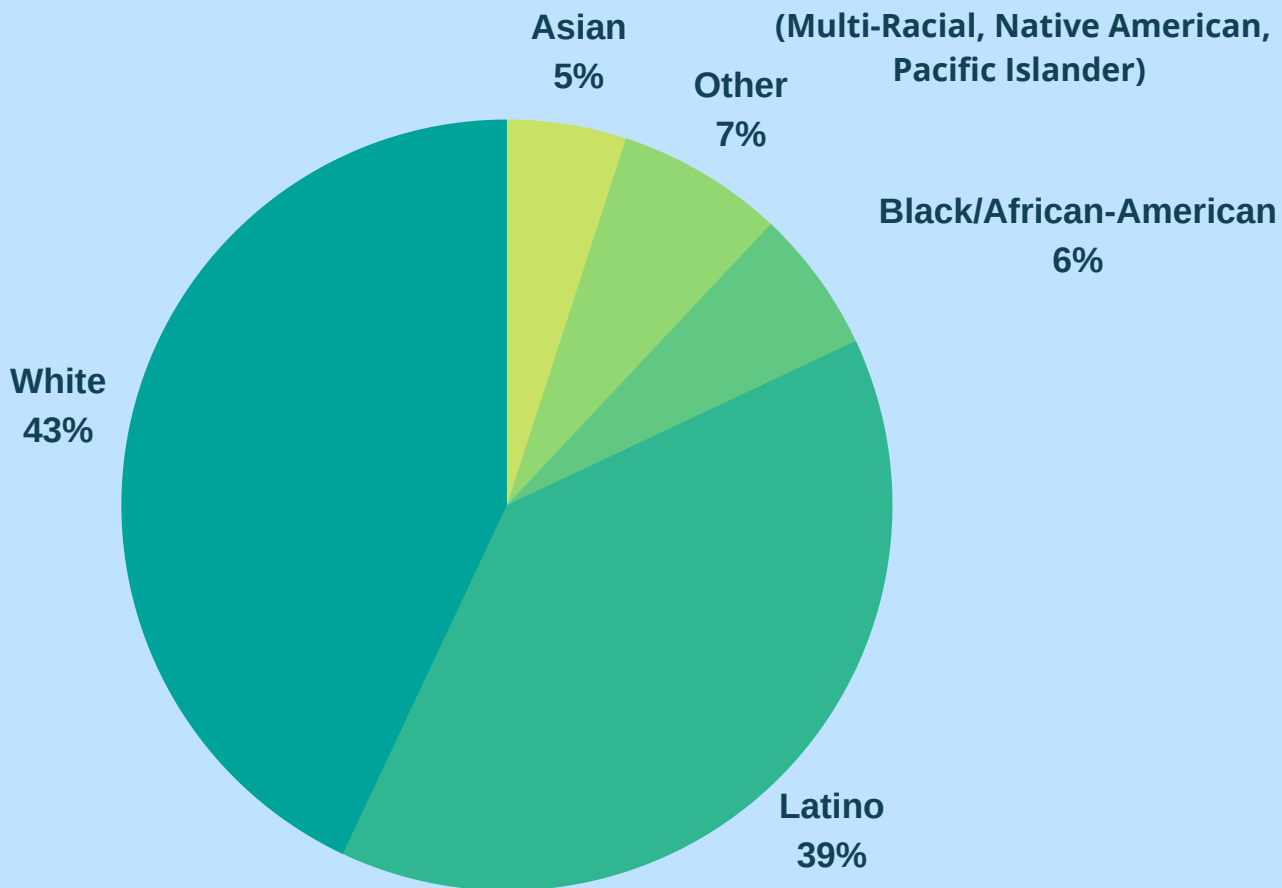


58%

of alternative charter
schools rated A + B

Additional accountability measures approved in 2019 include increased site visits, a revised financial framework with stricter levels of transparency, and expanded reporting requirements to ensure financial and operational compliance

Our Portfolio



Source: <https://www.azed.gov/accountability-research/data/>

Arizona charter schools serve a "majority minority" population, meaning that the majority of enrolled charter school students identify as a race other than White

21

program of instruction choices for families

5

years of growth on the AZMERIT statewide assessment by minority charter students

201,857

Arizona students enrolled in charter schools