

Southern Nevada Education

A Positive Narrative

We're Growing

- Southern Nevada's public charter schools serve more students than 99% of school districts in the US.
- Nevada public charter school enrollment has increased by over 45,000 students over the last decade.
- Nevada's Public Charter School Authority has been one of the nation's Top 10 Fastest Growing Districts in the country in 8 of the last 11 years.
- Since the pandemic began public school enrollment has dropped by 1.3 MILLION students. Over that same time period enrollment in Nevada's public charter schools has grown by 25%.
- The U.S. Department of Education predicts elementary and secondary enrollment will drop by approximately 3 MILLION students by 2030. (*That's just 6 school years away!*)
- There are talks of closing schools in many major cities in the coming years including: Los Angeles, Chicago, Denver, Fort Worth, and more.

We're Outperforming

- Nevada's public charter school students are outperforming their national peers on the nation's biggest tests.
- In early literacy, Nevada's public charter school students performed academically a year and a half ahead of the average student in a large city.
- Nevada's public charter school students scored higher in 4th grade reading & math and 8th grade reading & math than students from:
 - *Albuquerque, Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore City, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, D.C., Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Duval County (Jacksonville, FL), Fort Worth, Guilford County (Greensboro, NC), Houston, Jefferson County (Louisville, KY), Los Angeles, Milwaukee, New York, Philadelphia, Shelby County (Memphis, TN)*
- While other districts are limiting electives and after school-activities due to declining budgets, Nevada's public charter schools continue to open new campuses offering diverse academic programs such as:
 - *Sports management, Arts Integration, S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics), and more.*

We're Upping Our Investment

- Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo just signed the largest education funding bill in Nevada history.
 - An increase of \$2,500 per student.
 - Overall, education spending will increase by 25%.