

## What is a charter school?

# A PUBLIC SCHOOL SERVING PUBLIC STUDENTS.

Charter schools are independently-operated public schools that contract with the state to improve student achievement and provide parents a choice.

### How are charter schools held accountable?



#### Academically

- ↻ Statewide tests, now called AzMERIT
- ↻ A-F letter grades
- ↻ Monitored annually, high stakes reviews every five-years



#### Financially

- ↻ Independent financial audits and legal compliance reviews
- ↻ Operations and finances reviewed by authorizer
- ↻ Transparent frameworks, easily reviewable by public



### How many charter schools and students are in Arizona?

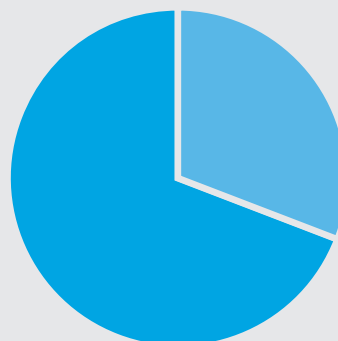
**618**

public charter schools in the 2014-15 school year.



**1 OUT OF 3**

public schools is a charter school.



**31%**

of public schools are charter schools.

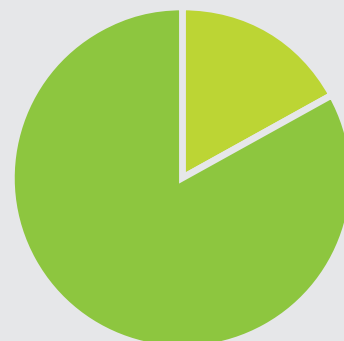
**190,000**

students attend public charter schools in the 2014-15 school year.



**1 OUT OF 6**

public school students attend a charter school.



**17%**

of public students go to charter schools.