

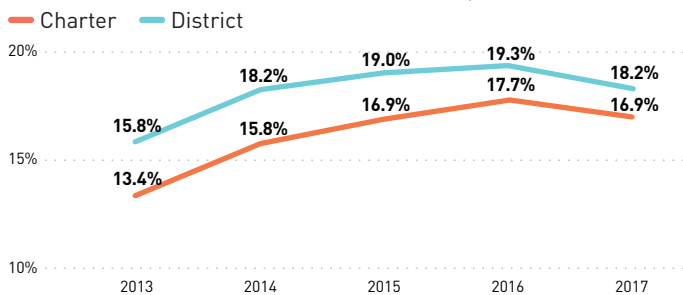
# Students with Disabilities and NYC Charter Schools

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**Charter schools are committed to serving all students, including those with disabilities. NYC charter schools now enroll students with disabilities (SWDs) in numbers comparable to the district and they continue to recruit more of these students as they expand their programming.**

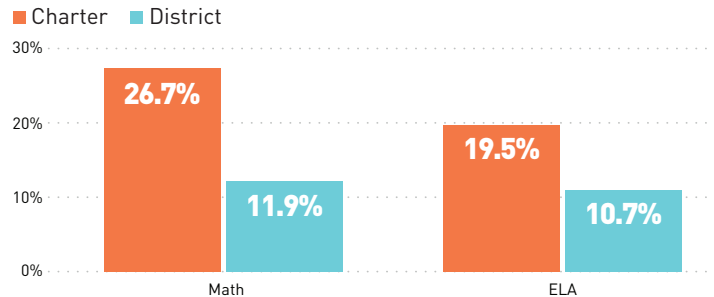
- The percentage of students with disabilities enrolled in NYC charter schools increased by one-third between 2012 and 2015.
- NYC charter schools students with disabilities score proficient in Math and English Language Arts (ELA) at higher rates than citywide averages.
- Students with disabilities in charter schools are more likely than their district peers to be declassified from special education and move into less restrictive settings. (Source: Marcus Winters, *Why the Gap? Special Education and New York City Charter Schools*, 2013)

## PERCENT OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ENROLLED IN CHARTER SCHOOLS, 2016-17



Source: 2016-17 Preliminary NYSED Enrollment

## 2016-17 MATH AND ELA PERFORMANCE, STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



Source: NY SED Public School 3-8 Assessment Data.

**17%**

of students enrolled in charter schools have disabilities

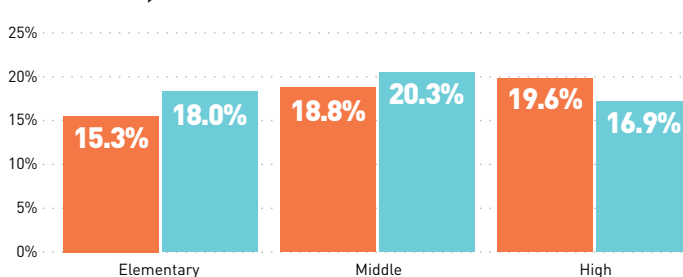
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charter schools featured a preference for students with disabilities in their 2017-18 admissions lotteries

**72**

charter schools enroll a higher proportion of students with disabilities in their schools than the citywide average of **18.2%**

## PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES BY GRADE, 2016-17



## Charters Commit to Students' Needs

**83% of NYC's charter schools** are members of the NYC Special Education Collaborative, an initiative of the Charter Center, which provides schools with the training, professional development, resources, support and expert guidance needed to create a successful and compliant program for students with disabilities. These schools are committed to sharing and learning best practices on everything from building more inclusive programs to specially designed instruction to improve their services and supports.