Missouri Charter Schools: Seeing the Big Picture

The Missouri Charter Public School Association has organized, analyzed and compiled data provided by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to address many questions regarding charter schools. The purpose of this data package is to provide evidence accurately comparing charter school performance and student mobility to that of the traditional district schools.

This study shows that:

- Enrollment in Missouri’s charter schools is increasing.
- APR scores do not provide an accurate picture when comparing district schools to charter schools.
- Overall, charter schools strongly outperform their district counterparts.
  - The top-performing schools in both Kansas City and St. Louis are charter schools.
  - 53% of charter schools performed above the local district in English Language Arts.
  - 48% of charter schools performed above the local district average in Math.
- Of students who transfer, 82% are from district schools, while only 18% are from charter schools.

See for yourself. These results conclude that charter schools are addressing the needs of children and delivering a quality and equitable educational experience. Lawmakers, families, and the general public must have a clear, understandable and transparent method of assessing the importance of charter schools in our State.

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