Do Texas charter schools get more money than ISD schools?

IT’S NOT COMPLICATED. HERE ARE THE FACTS.

Charter schools receive less money.

- **Charter schools receive 94% of funding received by ISD schools.**
- **Per charter school student: $10,721**
- **Per ISD student: $11,397**

Charters have 2 funding sources. ISDs have 4.

- **Charter Schools Funding:**
  - **STATE M&O People & Materials:** $3,986
  - **STATE I&S Buildings & Debt:** $10,495
  - **LOCAL M&O People & Materials:** $5,856
  - **LOCAL I&S Buildings & Debt:** $1,539
  - **Total per student: $10,721**

- **ISD Schools Funding:**
  - **STATE M&O People & Materials:** $10,495
  - **STATE I&S Buildings & Debt:** $226
  - **LOCAL M&O People & Materials:** $16
  - **LOCAL I&S Buildings & Debt:** $3,986
  - **Total per student: $11,397**

But... Charter schools serve more disadvantaged student populations.

- **TX Student Enrollment:***
  - **African American:** 18% (Charter) vs. 12% (ISD)
  - **Hispanic:** 62% (Charter) vs. 52% (ISD)
  - **Economically Disadvantaged:** 70% (Charter) vs. 60% (ISD)
  - **Special Education:** 7% (Charter) vs. 10% (ISD)
  - **Limited English Proficiency:** 27% (Charter) vs. 19% (ISD)

Sources: Texas Education Agency, Summary of Finances Report and Public Education Information Management System, Texas Education Agency

M&O: Maintenance and Operations funding; I&S: Internet and Sinking funds

Does not reflect federal funding or philanthropy.

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