



Charter Schools in Texas: Do We Just Want More Charter Schools, Or Better Ones?

Special interests in Austin want to radically expand the number of charter schools in Texas.

They want you to believe Texas faces a dramatic shortage of charter schools so that the Texas Legislature will authorize a rapid expansion of charter schools run by private operators in Texas.

But here are the facts:

- Of the 505 charter campuses in Texas, ***well over half*** of them are run by charter school operators with ***no legal limit on their ability to expand***.
- Those pushing for dramatic expansion of charter schools say in their ads that there are more than 100,000 students on charter school waiting lists. What they don't tell you is that just two charter operators account for ***more than half*** of the students on this waiting list. Read more from [Politifact](#).
- At the same time, the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission found that the Texas Education Agency "lacks a full range of tools to effectively address poor academic performance and financial mismanagement at low-performing charter schools." Read more [here](#).



So, you have to ask yourself, why the rush by special interest groups to expand charter schools?

Texas needs to ensure that we don't just end up with more charter schools, but better ones. Learn more at RaiseYourHandTexas.org.

About Raise Your Hand Texas

Raise Your Hand Texas is a non-profit education advocacy organization working to strengthen public education in Texas. Raise Your Hand Texas trains public school leaders to lead effective change in their schools, and advocates for public policies that make public schools better for all Texas students and families.

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