



High Performing Charter Schools in Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Identified in Matched Comparison Analysis

The list below identifies charter schools in LAUSD that substantially outperformed their traditional public school peers in the California Charter School's Association matched comparison analysis featured in *Charter School Performance in Los Angeles Unified School District* report (June 2008).¹

Top 5 Charter Schools in Los Angeles Unified School District Overall

Charter School	Grades Served	Matched Comparison API Growth Average Difference
Bright Star Secondary Charter Academy	Middle School	233
Bright Star Schools / Stella Academy	Middle School	228
KIPP Academy of Opportunity	Middle School	211
Animo Film and Theater Arts Charter High	High School	193
KIPP Los Angeles College Preparatory	Middle School	166

Top 5 Charter Schools in Los Angeles Unified School District Serving Predominately African American Students²

Charter School	Grades Served	Matched Comparison API Growth Average Difference
KIPP Academy of Opportunity	Middle School	211
Watts Learning Center (Charter)	Elementary School	156
Frederick Douglass Academy	Middle School	140
Wisdom Academy for Young Scientists	Elementary School	120
View Park Preparatory Accelerated High	High School	97

Top 5 Charter Schools in Los Angeles Unified School District Serving Predominately Latino Students³

Charter School	Grades Served	Matched Comparison API Growth Average Difference
Bright Star Secondary Charter Academy	Middle School	233
Bright Star Schools / Stella Academy	Middle School	228
Animo Film and Theater Arts Charter High	High School	193
KIPP Los Angeles College Preparatory	Middle School	166
Wallis Annenberg High School	High School	160

¹ Median API growth average difference was calculated by 1) taking the difference between the charter and each of its matches and 2) averaging those differences. A positive average difference indicates that the charter school earned higher median API growth than all of its matches. A large average difference means those individual charter-match differences were significant. The top 5 schools with the greatest average difference (and thus the greatest individual differences) are identified.

² Charter schools serving 75% or more African American students were identified as charter schools serving predominately African American students.

³ Charter schools serving 75% or more Latino students were identified as charter schools serving predominately Latino students.