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About This Study

At the recommendation of Congress, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) is sponsoring a National Study of Charter Schools. The research contract is coordinated with the other ED charter school activities, including the State Grant Program through the Department's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Study is monitored as a joint activity of the National Institute on Governance, Finance, Policymaking, and Management; the National Institute on Student Achievement, Curriculum, and Assessment; and the National Institute on the Education of At-Risk Students. The Study is funded under contract number RC 95 196001 to RPP International.

The four-year study includes:

- An annual survey of all charter schools every year for four years.
- An ethnographic study of a stratified random sample of 72 charter schools.
- Longitudinal data on student achievement at the 72 schools.
- Site visits and student testing at 28 matched comparison schools.

An electronic copy of this report, its Executive Summary, and other material from the National Study also may be found at the following World Wide Web sites:

<http://carei.coled.umn.edu/Charterschools/NatChrtr.html>

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/charters/>

<http://www.uscharterschools.org/>

