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Public Charter Schools Program - 2002

CFDA Number: 84.282 - Charter Schools

Goal 8: To support the creation of a large number of high-quality charter schools and to evaluate their effects.

Objective 8.1 of 1: Encourage the development of a large number of high-quality charter schools that are free from state or local rules that inhibit flexible operation, are held accountable for enabling students to reach challenging state performance standards, and are open to all students.

Indicator 8.1.1 of 2: State legislation: By 2000, 40 states will have charter school legislation.

Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<i>Number of states with charter school legislation (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico)</i>			<p>Status: Target not met</p> <p>Progress: There has been a positive gain even with only two state pursuing legislation between 1999 and 2002. Several states will be considering legislation this year.</p> <p>Explanation: Data shows positive trend even with gain of only one state between 1999 and 2001. Several States will be considering legislation this year. Several states have considered, but have not yet passed, legislation. We will continue to provide information and technical assistance to those states and to new states that are considering legislation.</p>	<p>Additional Source Information: State Educational Agencies (SEA); state legislatures.</p> <p>Frequency: Annually.</p> <p>Collection Period: 2002 - 2003</p> <p>Data Available: January 2003</p> <p>Validated By: On-Site Monitoring By ED.</p> <p>Limitations: There is variation in the definition of state charter school legislation.</p> <p>Improvements: N/A</p>
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
1995	12			
1996	19			
1997	27			
1998	31			
1999	38			
2000	38	40		
2001	39	42		
2002	40	42		

Indicator 8.1.2 of 2: Charter operations: By 2002, there will be at least 3,000 charter schools in operation around the Nation.

Targets and Performance Data			Assessment of Progress	Sources and Data Quality
<i>Number of charter schools in operation</i>			<p>Status: Target not met</p> <p>Progress: There has been a positive trend toward meeting this objective. The number of charter schools in operation has dramatically increased from 100 in 1994 to 2,431 in 2002</p> <p>Explanation: Several states have met caps on the number of charter schools allowed, and the growth has declined slightly to about 400 new schools per year. Several states are considering raising their caps.</p>	<p>Source: Other</p> <p>Other: Other.</p> <p>Sponsor: Center for Education Reform annual survey; State Education Agencies.</p> <p>Frequency: Annually.</p> <p>Collection Period: 2002 - 2003</p> <p>Data Available: January 2003</p> <p>Validated By: On-Site Monitoring By ED.</p> <p>Limitations: Differences in the definition of charter schools (i.e., some states count multiple sites as single charter schools, while others count them as multiple charter schools) cause variability in the counts SEAs.</p>
Year	Actual Performance	Performance Targets		
1995	100			
1996	255			
1997	428			
1998	790			
1999	1,100			
2000	1,700	2,060		
2001	2,110	2,667		
2002	2,431	3,000		

		<p>There is sometimes disagreement about numbers of charter schools in operation among the agencies that do the counting.</p> <p>Improvements: N/A</p>
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