
Research

Charter schools are a wise investment. For every dollar spent, the state saves money in the long run.

Charter schools serve at-risk populations, are accountable for achievement, literacy, and assuring graduation.

1. Student dropouts lose lifetime earning potential: Males: \$365,707; Females: \$236,111. Lost wages = Lost economic gain for the state economy.
 2. 1 in 4 NH students drops out (NH Public Policy research 2002). DOE posting for cumulative dropout rate 15.1% for 2002.
NH deaf student dropout rate is 3X the national average.
 3. Each year's dropouts cost the US 200 billion in lost income and unrealized tax revenue.
 4. High School dropouts are 2.7 times more likely to receive needy family assistance.
 5. Dropouts are 3.7 times more likely to receive food stamps.
 6. Dropouts are 6 x more likely to be incarcerated and state supported.
 7. Remedial education costs taxpayers and the state millions.
 8. Individualized programs for all students in Charter Schools reduce special education needs and costs.
 9. Charter schools typically cost less per pupil to run. One state's study found 15-20% less per student per year. New Hampshire's 1995 charter school law is based on funding at 80% of the prior year's per pupil cost.
 10. A recent national poll indicates 78% of Americans support creation of new public schools—charter schools—held accountable for results but without more cost per child.
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