

Special needs enrollment: traditional public schools vs. charter schools

At the charter schools that serve the most area students, the percentage of kids classified as having special needs ranges from 9.8 percent to 18 percent. Some of the traditional public schools that have lost significant percentages of their enrollments to charters report higher percentages with special needs, and the state average exceeds that of most area charters.

DISTRICT	EARLY 2011-12 ENROLLMENT	SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT	% SPECIAL EDUCATION
Urban Pathways Charter School	365	57	15.6
City Charter High School	575	84	14.6
Environmental Charter School at Frick Park	380	53	13.9
Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School	9,651	1,173	12.2
Propel Homestead	555	100	18.0
Propel East	396	56	14.1
Propel McKeesport	381	43	11.3
Propel Montour	388	38	9.8
Duquesne School District	457	117	25.6
Sto-Rox School District	1,467	306	20.9
Clairton School District	797	166	20.8
Woodland Hills School District	4,178	831	19.9
Pittsburgh School District	28,214	4,890	17.3
State as a whole	1,781,206	268,466	15.1