

# Understanding the privatization of public education

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## How charter schools impact public school district budgets

A compilation of studies nationwide showing that public school students are hurt by policies that prioritize charter school growth over educational opportunities for all students.

## The Cost of Charter Schools for Public School Districts

A first-of-its-kind analysis revealing that public school students in three California districts are bearing the cost of the unchecked expansion of privately managed charter schools.

## How charter schools drain money from public school districts (video)

An animated video explaining how allowing too many charter schools can force cuts at traditional, neighborhood schools to things like counseling, libraries, and special education.

## Fraud and waste in California's charter schools

A report documenting that total alleged and confirmed fraud and waste in California's charter schools has reached over \$149 million, which is only the tip of the iceberg.

## The Failure of Policy Planning in California's Charter School Facility Funding

A report revealing that much of the more than \$2.5 billion in tax dollars or public financing spent on California charter school buildings in the past 15 years has been misspent.

## The Public School Accountability Agenda

An 11-point program to ensure that charter schools, which are publicly funded but privately operated, are fulfilling their role in public education as lawmakers intended.

## Making the Grade: Questions to Ask About School Services Privatization

Specific questions that decision makers should consider when faced with a proposed effort to privatize school services like bussing, food services, and grounds maintenance.

## Ask the Right Questions Before Privatizing

Ten questions public officials, advocates, and the media should ask—and get answered—before any final privatization decision.

## The bizarre law overcrowding California's public schools (video)

A video explaining the headaches for students, parents, and teachers caused by California's Prop 39, a law forcing neighborhood schools to give space to charter schools.

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