



## National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

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### **SEVENTEEN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS MAKE NEWSWEEK'S LIST OF TOP 100 U.S. HIGH SCHOOLS Results Surpass Charters' 5% Share of All High Schools**

Washington, D.C. - Seventeen public charter schools are among the nation's 100 best high schools according to Newsweek's annual report. Charter high schools comprise only 5.5% of high schools nationwide and enroll approximately 400,000 students in grades 9-12 compared with 14,000,000 students enrolled in traditional district public schools according to the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools.

"Once again, we see charter schools over-represented in a listing of the nation's top-performing public schools – further evidence that the charter model of innovation and accountability works," said Nelson Smith President and CEO of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. He added, "Newsweek's analysis shows that these great schools set high expectations and focus every effort on success."

The listings follow:

Charter Schools on Newsweek's The Top of The Class List: 1-100:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
5	BASIS Charter	Tucson, AZ
9	North Hills Prep	Irving, TX
10	Preuss UCSD	La Jolla, CA
26	Signature **	Evansville, IN
27	Sturgis Charter Public	Hyannis, MA
33	Raleigh Charter	Raleigh, NC
39	Pacific Collegiate	Santa Cruz, CA
51	Benjamin Franklin	New Orleans, LA
61	Peak to Peak Charter	Lafayette, CO
80	YES Prep Southeast	Houston, TX

84	MATCH Charter	Boston, MA
87	KIPP Houston	Houston, TX
30	Northcoast Preparatory & Performing Arts	Arcata, CA
56	Hawthorne Math & Science Academy	Hawthorne, CA
89	Northland Prep Academy	Flagstaff, AZ
90	Walton	Marietta, GA
93	Mystic Valley Regional Charter	Malden, MA

Rankings for all 1,500 schools and methodology for the report can be viewed on line at: <http://www.newsweek.com/id/201160>.

Charter schools are independent public schools free to be more innovative and are held accountable for improved student achievement. During the 2008-2009 school year 1.4 million students in 40 states and the District of Columbia were enrolled in 4,618 charter schools. For charter school statistics by state visit: <http://www.publiccharters.org/states>.

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The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools ([www.publiccharters.org](http://www.publiccharters.org)) is the national nonprofit organization committed to advancing the charter school movement. The Alliance provides assistance to state charter school associations and resource centers, develops and advocates for improved public policies, and serves as the united voice for this large and diverse movement. Currently, more than 1.4 million students attend 4,600 public charter schools in 40 states and the District of Columbia. The first charter school opened in Minnesota in 1992. Growth has risen sharply recently, with over 1,000 schools opening in the past three years.