

A map of the SELA Civic Leaders Network area, showing various cities and regions including Huntington Park, Maywood, Bell, Cudahy, South Gate, Lynwood, and Walnut Park. The map is overlaid with a blue outline of the network's boundary. The text "SELA CIVIC LEADERS NETWORK" is written in blue across the map.

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Education Forum:

Charters and Traditional Public Schools

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016

BELL COMMUNITY CENTER

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AGENDA

Registration and Networking	5:30 – 6:00
Welcome and Agenda Review	6:00 – 6:10
Presentation of Panelists	6:10 – 6:15
Introduction & General Overview	6:15 – 6:35
Panel	6:35 – 7:15
Public Comments & Questions	7:15 – 7:50
Closing & Announcements	7:50 – 8:00

Purpose

- To inform parents and residents over the differences between charter and traditional public schools.
- To answer questions and concerns about charter schools and traditional public schools.



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Panelists

PANEL

➤ Clayton Rosa

- Director, Regional Advocacy at CA Charter School Association

➤ Jose F. Moreno, PhD

- Professor en California State University, Long Beach

➤ Jose Salas

- Principal at La PrepaTec

➤ Luis Lopez

- Vice-Principal at Locke High School

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Turn in your comment cards.
2. Our team will check the comment cards to ensure it is related to the topic of the forum.
3. We will read your commentaries/questions for the panelist.



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PRESENTATION

CHARTER AND TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



What is a charter school?

- A charter school is a public school, and it may provide instruction in any of grades K-12.
- A charter school is usually created or organized by a group of teachers, parents and community leaders or a community-based organization, and it is usually sponsored by an existing local public school board or county board of education.
- A charter school is generally exempt from most laws governing school districts, except where specifically noted in the law.
- Charter school pupils are required to participate in all statewide assessments that are applicable to pupils in noncharter public schools.
- Public charter schools may not charge tuition and may not discriminate against any pupil on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender, or disability.

Source: California Department of Education

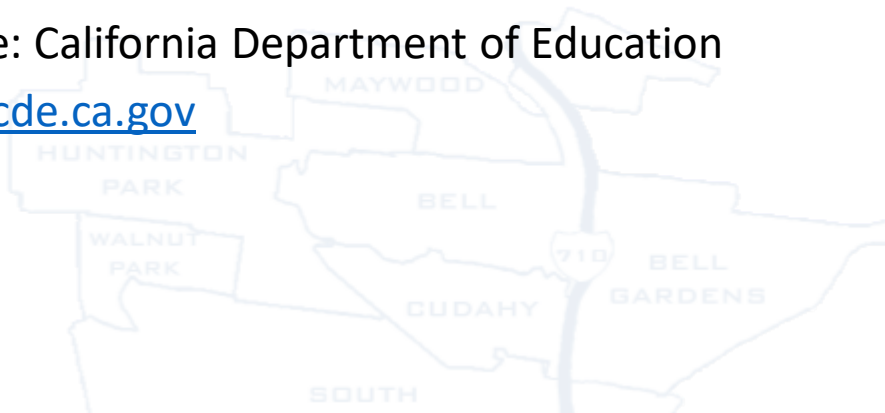
www.cde.ca.gov

Are charter schools part of the Public School System?

Yes. Charter schools are under the jurisdiction of the Public School System, as specified in California Education Code (EC) **Section 47615**.

Source: California Department of Education

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For example....

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) views charter schools as integral to the District's offerings and an opportunity to teach both students and educators.

Source: Los Angeles Unified School District, 2016 (achieve.lausd.net)

In the state of California....

749 charter schools active

41 pending charter schools, and

9 all-charter districts, comprised of
18 of the 749 active charters.

Source: California Department of Education

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In Los Angeles Unified School District...

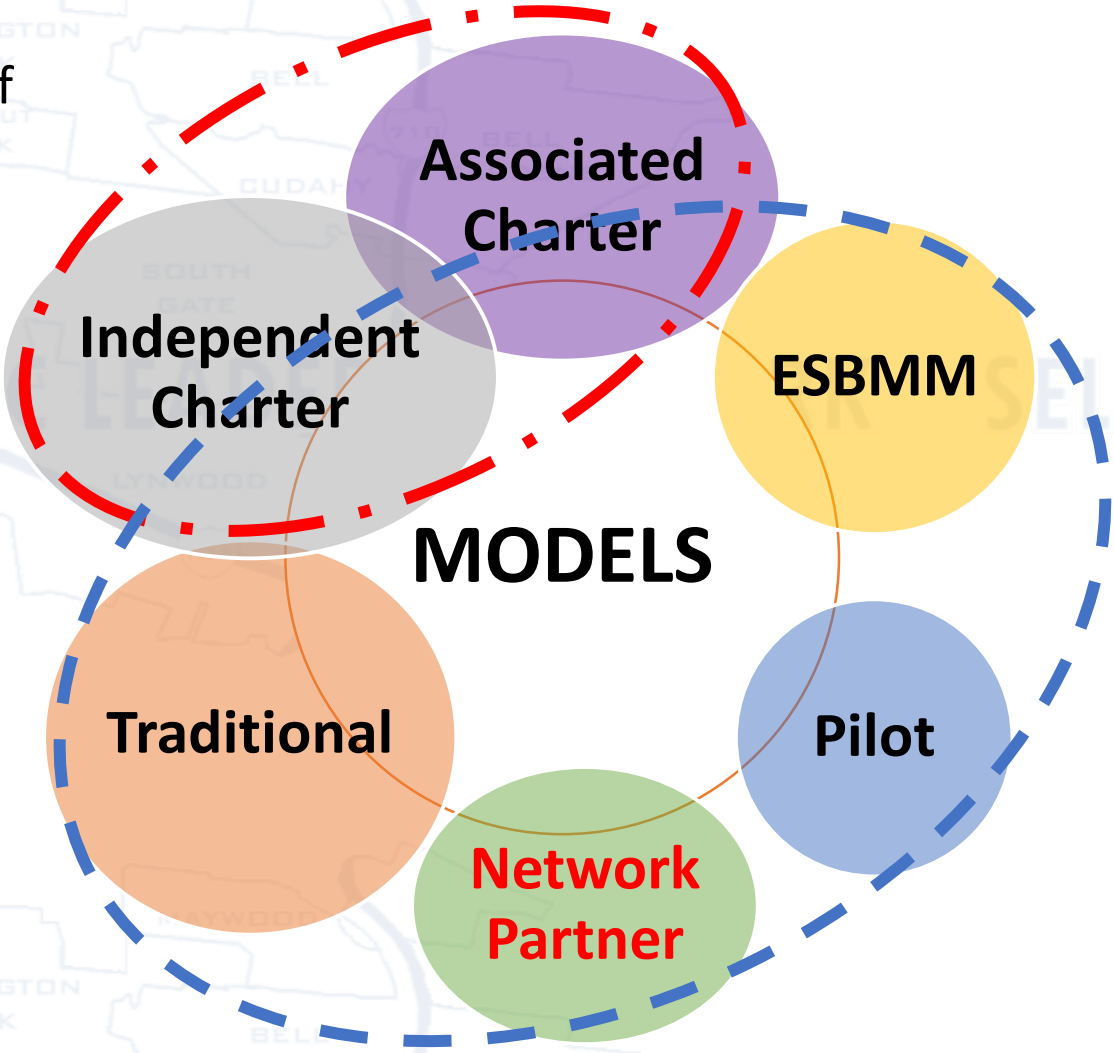
274 charter schools

- **53** *affiliated*
- **221** *independent*

Charter schools are serving more than 138,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

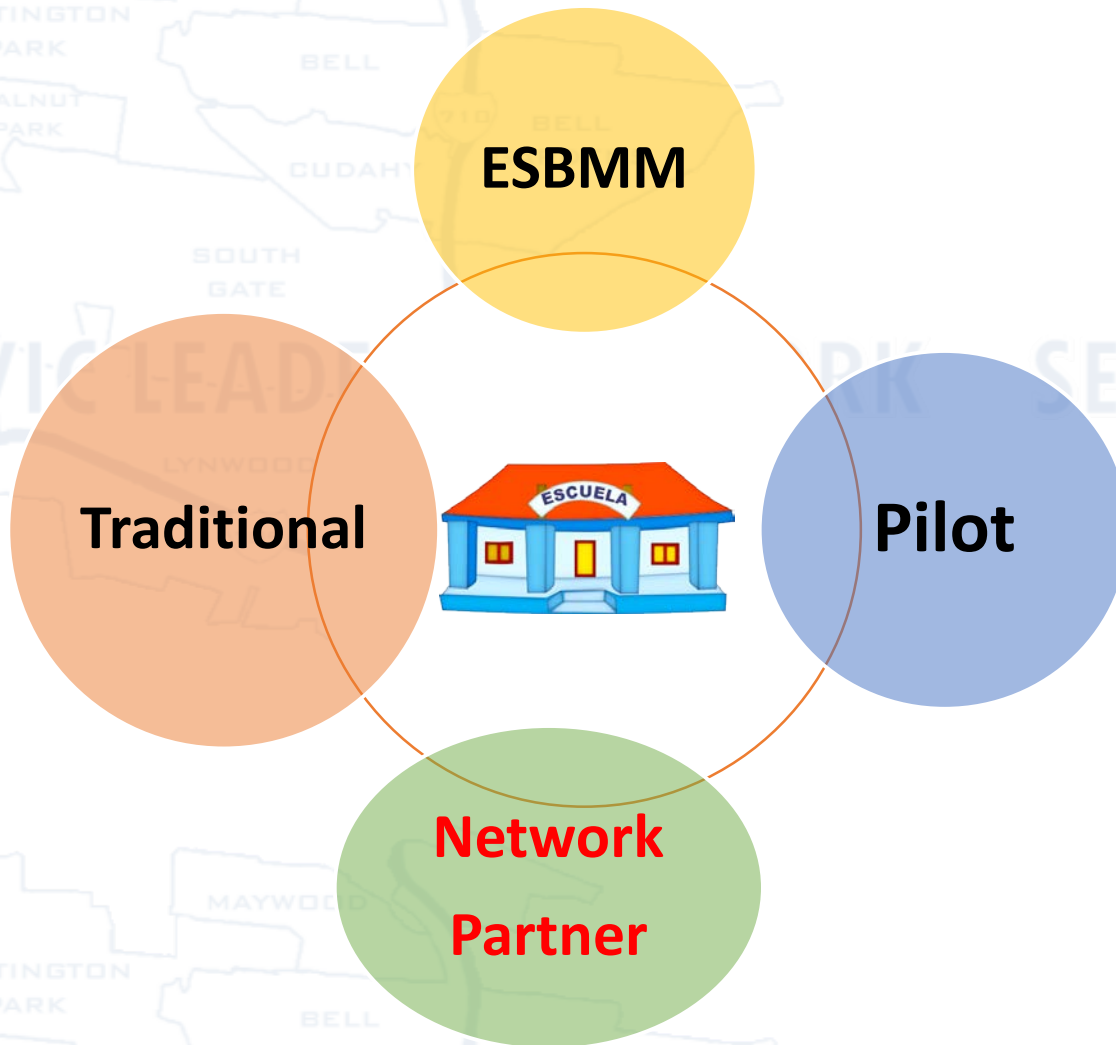
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Six (6) Models of Public Schools



Source: Los Angeles Unified School District Public School Choice, 2016

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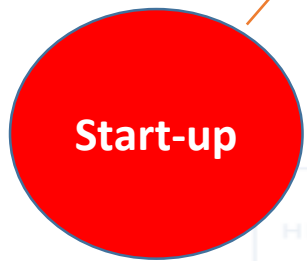
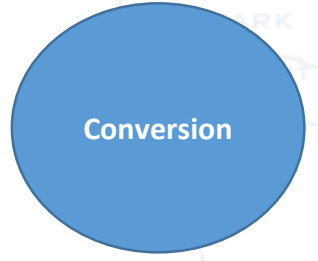
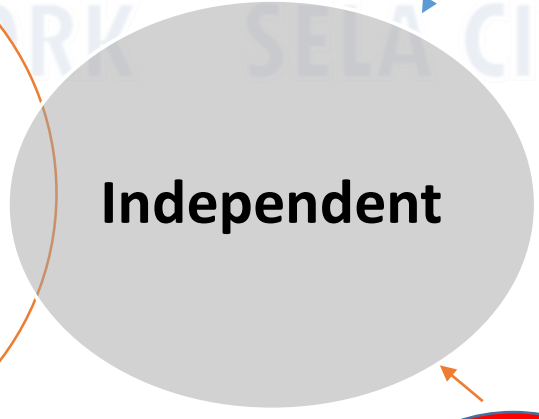
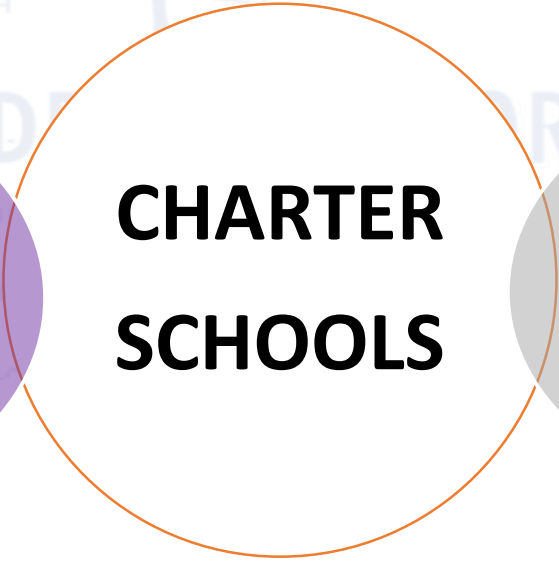
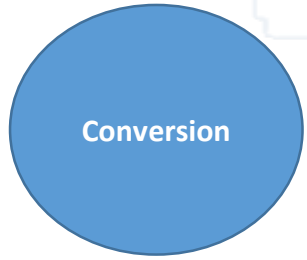
LAUSD
Traditional

Description	Enrollment	Budget	Decision-Making Authority	Curriculum	Assessments
Public schools that are administered centrally through the Local District Office.	Determined by neighborhood of attendance.	School community budgeting based on average daily attendance (ADA).	School Site Council and the administrative team supported by the local district office.	Follow LAUSD policy on curriculum, methodology, and texts.	Must meet State standards and administer State-required tests. Must administer LAUSD required tests.

A light blue map of the Los Angeles area, showing city boundaries and major highways. The cities labeled are Huntington Park, Walnut Park, Maywood, Bell, Cudahy, South Gate, Lynwood, Bell Gardens, and South. Highways 710 and 105 are also shown. The text 'SELA CIVIC LEADERS NETWORK' is overlaid on the map in a light blue, semi-transparent font.

2 Types of Charter Schools

A **conversion charter** is an existing district school that later becomes a charter.



A **start-up** is a charter school that is created “from scratch” by any member of the public – educators, parents, foundations and others.



GENERAL DESCRIPTION

AFFILIATED

- Public schools governed by the LAUSD that are SEMIAUTONOMOUS, which operate in accordance with district policy, Education Code, and state regulations but with flexibility in the areas of curriculum, utilization of categorical block grant, local school governance, and some aspects of employee selection.

INDEPENDENT

- FULLY AUTONOMOUS public schools governed by their own Board of Directors and operate in accordance with the California Charter Schools Act.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

AFFILIATED

INDEPENDENT

If approved, a charter is granted by the LAUSD Board of Education for a period of up to five (5) years.



Source: Los Angeles Unified School District, 2016 (achieve.lausd.net)

ENROLLMENT



AFFILIATED

- *Determined by neighborhood of attendance.*
- **If additional space is available**, enrollment is open to students who want to attend, using **random public lottery**.

INDEPENDENT

- *Under PSC, determined by neighborhood of attendance.*
- **If additional space exists**, enrollment is open to students who want to attend, using a **random public lottery**.

BUDGET

AFFILIATED

- Locally funded through a **Block Grant** (per **average daily attendance**).
- Has discretion over categorical and the Economic Impact Aid portion only, to implement charter goals and mission.
- Non-categorical portion of budget is LAUSD-administered.
- Pays indirect cost of categorical portion of budget for oversight and use of District facilities.
- Limited flexibility to allocated resources according to charter goals.

INDEPENDENT

- Receive funds directly from the State via the County Office of Education.
- **Block Grant** funded (per **Average Daily Attendance**) directly.
- May apply for **Title I funding** directly.
- Pays 1-3% to **LAUSD for oversight**.
- **Pays** a percentage of Assembly Bill 602 (allocated per Average Daily Attendance) **to contribute to the District's special education costs**.
- **Charter schools are responsible for rental of facilities and related costs.**

Decision-Making Authority Over Resource Allocation

AFFILIATED

- Must follow applicable State and Federal Laws.
- Locally designed governance structure and accountability in accordance to collective bargaining agreements.

INDEPENDENT

- Must follow applicable State and Federal Laws.
- Locally designed governance structure and accountability.
- Fiduciary responsibility held by non-profit Board of Directors with oversight by the LAUSD Board of Education, Los Angeles County of Education or the California State Board of Education.

CURRICULUM

AFFILIATED

- May choose texts, methods and curriculum according to charter goals and mission.
- Innovation is encouraged.
- State funds may only be used on State-approved instructional materials.

INDEPENDENT

- Choice of instructional, standards-based materials.
- State funds may only be used on State-approved instructional materials.

ASSESSMENT

AFFILIATED

- Must meet State standards and administer State-required tests.
- May have flexibility in LAUSD required tests.

INDEPENDENT

- Must meet State standards and administer State-required tests.

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What does this mean?

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Discussion



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