

Using research and data to improve charter school performance and student outcomes in Louisiana

The high proportion of charter schools in Louisiana, along with their continued growth in the state, has intensified the need to ensure the quality of these schools. The **Louisiana Charter Schools Research Alliance** is a collaborative partnership of educators, policymakers, and researchers seeking to improve charter school quality and effectiveness in the state through **research and analytic technical support**.

“ I just wanted to thank you, your associates, AIR, and REL Southwest for the terrific training program for our charter school leaders and teachers . . . I have received great feedback from our participants.

— Kenneth J. Ducote, Ph.D.,  
AICP Executive Director, Greater New Orleans  
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## Alliance priorities and work



### Charter school performance and student achievement

- ▶ **Workshop:** Getting ready for PARCC assessments in Louisiana charter schools
- ▶ **Workshop:** Addressing students' math needs through reform-based instruction
- ▶ **Study:** Identifying promising features of New Orleans charter schools
- 🎯 **Alliance members and charter school educators are using the evidence-based practices to improve charter school instruction, reduce math achievement gaps, and prepare for state assessments**

### Student privacy and policy

- ▶ **Technical assistance:** Understanding federal and state student privacy policies
- ▶ **Expert panel/conference session:** Spotlight on education privacy policy (Act 837) in Louisiana
- 🎯 **Education leaders and charter school educators increased their awareness and understanding of federal and state laws governing student privacy and the use of student data in schools and research**

### Special education

- ▶ **Expert panel series:** Spotlight on special education in Louisiana charter schools
- ▶ **Study:** Examining the special education enrollment gap in four Louisiana communities
- 🎯 **The data are informing state leaders, charter school operators, and others in their efforts to ensure that Louisiana charter schools provide equitable services for students with special needs**

### Data availability and use

- ▶ **Workshop series:** Using available data to inform charter school policy and practice, guide instruction in a culturally responsive environment, and identify knowledge gaps and prioritize research
- 🎯 **Alliance members and charter school educators learned about relevant data sources and expanded their capacity to use data effectively to address specific education needs**

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