Connecticut’s 21 public charter schools provide quality educational options to nearly 11,000 mostly low income and minority students in low performing districts throughout the state. These schools continue to deliver excellent results for kids, are closing the achievement gap, and need the support to continue serving the state’s underserved communities.

On the 2020 Smarter Balanced assessment (SBAC), 100% of in-person public charter schools outperformed the state and district average, and some are among the schools with the highest academic growth in the state. Over 70% of fully remote charter schools and 94% of hybrid charter schools outperformed the state and district average.

Connecticut’s public charter school students excelled on the state’s 2020-2021 Smarter Balanced State Assessments across all learning modes, be it in-person, remote, or hybrid.

On average, public charter schools students met or exceeded grade level expectations compared to students in districts with similar populations by nearly 15 percentage points in English Language Arts (ELA) and by almost 13 percentage points in Math.

On average, the public charter school growth rate in each subject was 5 or more percentage points higher than districts with similar populations.

On the 2020 Smarter Balanced State Assessment, 17 of our hybrid charter schools outperformed district schools in ELA, and 13 hybrid charter schools outperformed district schools in Math.

While fully remote charter schools outperformed district schools in ELA by 100% and in Math by 80%. Schools that outperformed the district in both ELA and Math despite being fully remote include; Jumoke Academy District, Amistad Academy District, and Elm City College Preparatory School District.

Additionally, due to strong performance on the state’s school and district accountability system, the Next Generation Accountability System, several charter schools were named Schools of Distinction based on their 2018-2019 performance, including Achievement First Hartford Academy, Brass City Charter School (Waterbury), and Stamford Charter School for Excellence.

Stamford Charter School for Excellence was ranked in the top 3 elementary schools in our state and Achievement First Hartford Academy was ranking the number #3 high school in the state per U.S. News and World Report rankings.

About Connecticut Charter Schools Association
We are a nonprofit membership organization that serves as a unified voice for the state’s 21 public charter schools, representing their interests at the state and local levels. We fight to ensure that every child in Connecticut has the opportunity to attend a great public charter school capable of unlocking his or her potential. Visit ctcharters.org to learn more.