



Council of the Great City Schools

THE NATION'S VOICE FOR URBAN EDUCATION

FACT SHEET

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The Council of the Great City Schools is the only national organization exclusively representing the needs of urban public schools. Composed of 81 large city school districts, its mission is to promote the cause of urban schools and to advocate for inner-city students through legislation, research, and media relations. The organization also provides a network for school districts sharing common problems to exchange information, and to collectively address new challenges as they emerge in order to deliver the best possible education for urban youth.

Total number of students served by Council member district schools: **7.2 million**

Student Enrollment Characteristics:

45% - Hispanic

25% - African American

18% - White

7% - Asian/Pacific Islander

1% - Alaskan/Native American

20% - English Language Learners

75% - Eligible for free/reduced price lunch

17% - Students with Individualized Education Programs

Member Districts:

Albuquerque

Anchorage

Arlington (Texas)

Atlanta

Aurora

Austin

Baltimore

Birmingham

Boston

Bridgeport

Broward County

(Ft. Lauderdale)

Buffalo

Charleston

Charlotte-Mecklenburg

Chicago

Cincinnati

Clark County (Las Vegas)

Cleveland

Columbus

Dallas

Dayton

Denver

Des Moines

Detroit

Durham

Duval County
(Jacksonville)

East Baton Rouge

El Paso

Fayette County

(Lexington)

Fort Worth

Fresno

Guilford County

(Greensboro, N.C.)

Hawaii

Hillsborough County

(Tampa)

Houston

Indianapolis

Jackson

Jefferson County

(Louisville)

Jersey City

Kansas City

Little Rock

Long Beach

Los Angeles

Madison (WI)

Memphis-Shelby County

Miami-Dade County

Milwaukee

Minneapolis

Nashville

New Orleans

New York City

Newark

Norfolk

Oakland

Oklahoma City

Omaha

Orange County

(Orlando)

Palm Beach County

Philadelphia

Phoenix Union High

School District

Pinellas County

Pittsburgh

Portland

Providence

Puerto Rico

Richmond

Rochester

Sacramento

San Antonio

San Diego

San Francisco

Santa Ana

Seattle

St. Louis

St. Paul

Toledo

Tulsa

Washington, D.C.

Washoe County

(Reno)

Wichita

Winston-Salem/

Forsyth County

School districts eligible for membership must be located in cities with populations of 250,000 or more and student enrollments of 25,000 or more. School districts located in the largest city of many states are also eligible for membership, regardless of size.