# FACT SHEET

Council of the Great City Schools
THE NATION'S VOICE FOR URBAN EDUCATION
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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: **7.1 million**

**Student Enrollment Characteristics:**

45% - Hispanic
25% - African American
17% - White
7% - Asian/Pacific Islander
1% - Alaskan/Native American
1% - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
5% - Two or More Races
17% - English Language Learners
73% - 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
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
Wake County
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.