English Language Learners & NYC Charter Schools

2026 2027

English Language Learners (ELLs) now comprise nearly **11%** of enrollment in NYC public charter schools. Charter schools remain committed to recruiting and providing services to ELL students.

194

Nearly half of NYC charter school campuses featured a preference for ELLs in their 2026-27 admissions lotteries

16,400

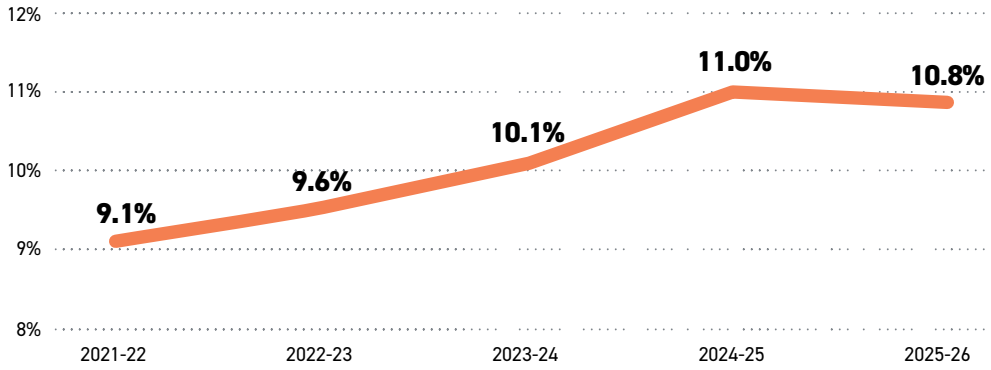
English language learners are enrolled at charter schools in all 5 boroughs in NYC

Nearly

3x

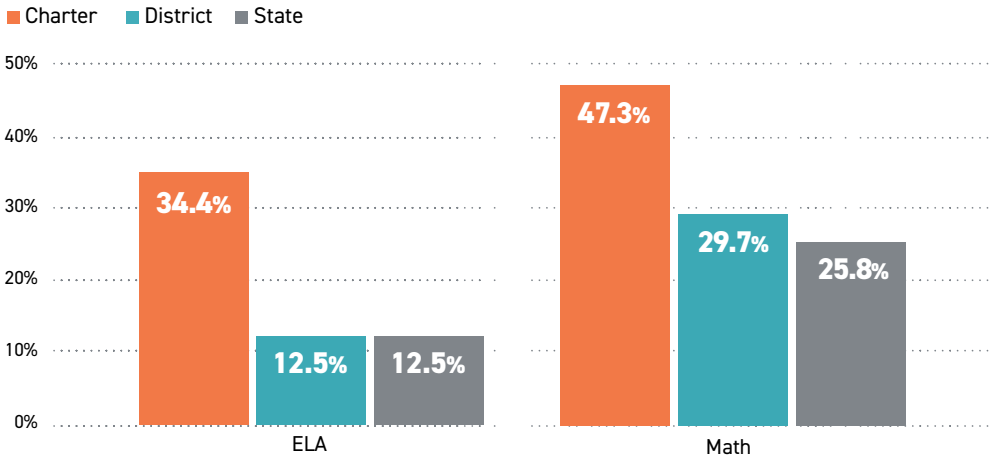
the percentage of ELLs in charter schools tested proficient on the NYS ELA as compared to their NYCPS counterparts

PERCENTAGE OF ENROLLED ELL STUDENTS 2021-2026



Source: Final NYCPS School Demographics Snapshot

2024-2025 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS MATH & ELA PROFICIENCY



Source: NYSED Public School 3-8 Assessment Data and NYCPS ELA and Math 2025 Data

ELL enrollment in charter schools increased **53%** in the last five years

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