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Foundation Says Charter School Wait Huge

A public policy group says the waiting list to get into charter schools is doing nothing but growing. The Texas Public Policy Foundation's Brooke Terry says the number of kids waiting to get into charter schools has more than doubled in just the last year. "In the 2007-08 school year it was 16,810 students and last year it was 40,813 students." Terry says that's because of the state's cap on the total number of charters. She hopes these numbers will convince lawmakers to eliminate the cap next session. She says in the meantime the state should close the few bad charter schools and open new ones in their place, but that still won't do much to shrink the waiting list.

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