



PAR: Replicate charter successes in public schools

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A government watchdog group is calling on Louisiana's education department to analyze the state's independently run public charter schools, with an eye toward having traditional public schools replicate any successful practices in those institutions.

The Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana outlines some of those practices in a report released Tuesday. They include charter schools' clearly defined academic and behavioral expectations, their use of data to assess student progress, and their use of Saturday programs, extended school days and extended school years.