



2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT ON TYPE 2, 4, AND 5 CHARTER SCHOOLS

INTRODUCTION

Charter schools are public schools in Louisiana that exercise increased levels of autonomy in exchange for increased levels of accountability. They are able to make decisions about curriculum, staffing, and budgets based on the specific students enrolled in their schools. In exchange for this increased autonomy, charter schools are held accountable to an increasing set of accountability expectations year-on-year in order to continue serving students in Louisiana.

The three key tenets of charter school operations in Louisiana are:

1. **Choice:** Parents select the school their child attends and teachers and principals choose to work at schools that fit them best.
2. **Autonomy:** Charter school leaders and boards are free to make decisions about staffing, curriculum development, and other factors to meet the needs of their students.
3. **Accountability:** Charter schools are held to high academic, financial, and organizational standards and given state letter grades. They are closed if performance is consistently low.

There are five types of charter schools in Louisiana, outlined in the table below. The oversight for Type 1 and 3 charter schools lies with the local district by which they are authorized, while the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is directly responsible for the oversight of Type 2, 4, and 5 charter schools.

Charter Type	Creation	Authorizer	Governance	Total # of Schools	Students served
Type 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local school board	Non-profit Board of Directors	25	9,760
Type 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New or conversion school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BESE	Non-profit Board of Directors	35	20,340
Type 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conversion school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local school board	Non-profit Board of Directors	14	10,603
Type 3B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Former Type 5 charter school transferred from RSD back to local school system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local school board	Non-profit Board of Directors	1	826
Type 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New or conversion school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BESE	Local School Board	1	383
Type 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recovery School District school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BESE	Non-profit Board of Directors	62	32,696

CHARTER SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY

The Charter School Performance Compact (CSPC) is an agreement between the Department and Type 2, 4, and 5 charter schools to define the academic, organizational, and financial performance standards to which all charter schools are held. The Compact was developed as a collaborative effort between schools and the Department of Education with the common objective of providing a clear bar for accountability for all charter schools in our state.

The Charter School Performance Compact assesses schools on their ability to operate as sound, independent

entities with all schools receiving Academic, Financial, and Organizational Performance Scores. The Academic Performance Score mirrors the School Performance Score received by all public schools in the state. Financial Performance Scores are measured through four indicators: fund balance, audit findings, debt to assets ratio, and timely reporting. Organizational Performance Scores are comprised of six areas of focus: enrollment, facilities, discipline, special education and at-risk populations, health and safety, governance, and compliance and reporting.

An overview of the academic, financial, and organizational performance for all Type 2, 4, and 5 charter schools can be found in the appendix of this report.

APPENDIX: CHARTER SCHOOL DATA

Appendix A: 2015-2016 Academic, Financial, and Organizational Performance for Type 2, 4, and 5 Charter Schools

School	Type	Non-Profit	District	Year Opened	Grade Level	Students Served (10/1)	2016 SPS	2016 Letter Grade	2015 SPS	2015 Letter Grade	Financial Performance	Organizational Performance
Type 2												
Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy	2	Lafayette Charter Foundation	Lafayette	2014-15	K-7	786	102.7	A	94.4	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Advantage Charter Academy	2	Louisiana Achievement Charter Academies	Baker School District	2014-15	K-6	475	54.4	D	54.8	D	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations
Avoyelles Public Charter School	2	Avoyelles Public Charter School, Inc.	Avoyelles	2000-01	K-12th	734	120.8	A	125.8	A	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Baton Rouge Charter Academy at Mid-City	2	South Louisiana Charter Foundation Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2013-14	K-8th	654	38	F	33.4	F	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Belle Chasse Academy	2	Belle Chasse Academy, Inc.	Plaquemines	2002-03	K-8th	943	116.5	A	116.4	A	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
D'Arbonne Woods Charter School	2	D'Arbonne Woods Charter School, Inc.	Union	2009-10	K-12th	895	102.1	A	99.4	B	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations

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Delhi Charter School	2	Delhi Charter School	Richland	2001-02	K-12th	854	93.7	B	91.6	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Delta Charter School	2	Delta Charter School, Inc.	Concordia	2013-14	K-12th	455	86.8	B	92.6	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
GEO Prep Academy of Greater Baton Rouge	2	GEO Academies EBR	East Baton Rouge	2015-16	K-3rd	130	77.2	C	N/A	N/A	Fails to Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations
Glencoe Charter School	2	Glencoe Education Foundation, Inc.	St. Mary	1999-00	K-8th	368	101.5	A	98.9	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Iberville Charter Academy	2	South Louisiana Charter Foundation, Inc.	Iberville	2014-15	K-7th	310	33.9	F	35.6	F	Fails to Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations
Impact Charter Elementary	2	Education Explosion, Inc.	Baker School District	2014-15	K-4th	294	58	D	43.5	F	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
International High School of New Orleans	2	Voices for International Business and Education	Orleans	2010-11	9th-12th	565	81	C	85.6	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
International School of Louisiana	2	International School of Louisiana	Orleans	2000-01	K-8th	963	100.6	A	102.5	A	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
JCFA - East	2	JCFA	Jefferson	2013-14	8th-12th	173	57	D	64	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
JS Clark Leadership Academy	2	Outreach Community Development Corporation	St. Landry	2012-13	5th-10th	297	63	D	71.7	C	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations
Lafayette	2	Lafayette	Lafayette	2014-15	K-7	682	71.3	C	65	D	Meets	Meets

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Renaissance Charter Academy		Charter Foundation									Expectations	Expectations
Lake Charles Charter Academy	2	Lake Charles Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.	Calcasieu	2011-12	K-8th	868	83.9	C	74.2	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Lake Charles College Prep	2	Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.	Calcasieu	2014-15	9-10th	262	45.1	F	47.1	D	Fails to Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations
Louisiana Connections Academy	2	Friends of Louisiana Connections Academy	East Baton Rouge	2011-12	K-12th	2141	75.6	C	82	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Louisiana Key Academy	2	Louisiana Key Academy	East Baton Rouge	2013-14	1st-4th	233	3.9	F		U	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations
Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy	2	Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2011-12	K-12th	1914	62.6	D	63.1	D	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations
Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle Orleans	2	Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle Orleans, Inc.	Orleans	2011-12	PK-5th	626	105.6	A	95	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Madison Preparatory	2	Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2009-10	9th-12th	450	78.7	C	89.7	B	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations
Milestone Academy	2	Innovators in	Orleans	2003-04	K-8th	327	61	D	69.3	C	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations

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		Milestones, Inc.										
New Orleans Military/Maritime Academy	2	New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, Inc.	Orleans	2011-12	9th-12th	645	98.8	B	103.2	A	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
New Vision Learning Academy	2	New Vision Learning Academy	City of Monroe	1998-99	K-6th	343	71.3	C	93.4	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Northeast Claiborne Charter	2	Cajun Butterflies, Inc.	Union	2014-15	K-12	156	51.3	D	42.6	F	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Northshore Charter School	2	Northshore Charter Schools, Inc.	City of Bogalusa	2013-14	K-6th,9-11th	551	40.1	F	40.7	F	Fails to Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations
Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy	2	Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.	Calcasieu	2012-13	K-8th	747	69.9	C	59.1	D	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations
Tallulah Charter School	2	Madison-Tallulah Education Center	Madison	2013-14	PK-7th	412	77	C	72.2	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Tangi Academy	2	Tangipahoa Charter School Association, Inc.	Tangipahoa	2015-16	K-5	215	58.8	D	N/A	N/A	Fails to Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations
The MAX Charter School	2	The Maxine Giardina Charter School, Inc.	Lafourche	2007-08	1st-8th	119	53	D	62.6	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Vision Academy	2	Learning Solutions, Inc.	City of Monroe	2014-15	9th-12th	179	30.2	F	13.1	F	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations

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Willow Charter Academy	2	Louisiana Achievement Charter Academies	Lafayette	2014-15	K-6	574	42.8	F	39	F	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations

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Type 4												
Louisiana High School for Agricultural Sciences	4	Avoyelles Parish School Board	Avoyelles	2000-01	7-12	383	112.5	A	96	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations

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Type 5												
Akili Academy of New Orleans	5	Crescent City Schools	Orleans	2008-09	K-8th	552	62.2	D	67	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Algiers Technology Academy	5	Algiers Charter School Association, Inc.	Orleans	2007-08	9th-12th	237	59.7	D	54.5	D	Fails to Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations
ARISE Academy	5	ARISE Academy	Orleans	2009-10	K-8th	497	43.4	F	47.8	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Arthur Ashe Charter School	5	Firstline Schools, Inc.	Orleans	2007-08	K-8th	713	77.7	C	73.2	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Baton Rouge Bridge Academy	5	Baton Rouge Bridge Academy, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2015-16	K	76	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Baton Rouge College Preparatory	5	Baton Rouge College Preparatory,	East Baton Rouge	2015-16	5th - 6th	99	71.7	C	N/A	N/A	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations

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		Inc.										
Baton Rouge University Preparatory Elementary	5	Baton Rouge University Preparatory School Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2014-15	K-1st	174	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Capitol High School	5	Friendship Louisiana Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2014-15	9th-12th	405	57.9	D	15.9	F	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Celerity Crestworth Charter School	5	Celerity Schools Louisiana	East Baton Rouge	2014-15	K-8th	240	57.4	T	25.6	T	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Celerity Dalton Charter School	5	Celerity Schools Louisiana	East Baton Rouge	2014-15	K-6th	531	38.7	F	35.5	F	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Celerity Lanier Charter School	5	Celerity Schools Louisiana	East Baton Rouge	2014-15	K-6th	436	47.6	T	30.2	T	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Cohen College Prep	5	New Orleans College Preparatory Academies	Orleans	2012-13	8th-12th	391	79	C	88	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Crescent Leadership Academy	5	Crescent Leadership Academy	Orleans	2012-13	7th-12th	104	17	F	20.2	F	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Crocker College Prep	5	New Orleans College Preparatory Academies	Orleans	2013-14	PK-7th	482	58.6	D	69.2	T	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Democracy Prep Baton Rouge	5	Democracy Prep Louisiana Charter School	East Baton Rouge	2015-16	K,6th	137	67.4	C	N/A	N/A	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Dwight D. Eisenhower Academy of Global Studies	5	Algiers Charter School Association, Inc.	Orleans	2005-06	PK-8th	741	57	D	71.3	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Edgar P.	5	Spirit of	Orleans	2010-	K-8th	348	64.2	D	76.2	C	Fails to Meet	Meets

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Harney Spirit of Excellence Academy		Excellence Academy, Inc.		11							Expectations	Expectations
Esperanza Charter School	5	Choice Foundation	Orleans	2010-11	K-8th	517	89	B	72.2	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Fannie C. Williams Charter School	5	Community Leaders Advocating Student Success	Orleans	2011-12	PK-8th	604	57.2	D	66.3	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
G.W. Carver Collegiate Academy	5	Collegiate Academies	Orleans	2012-13	9th-11th	428	67.1	D	73.6	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
G.W. Carver Preparatory Academy [Closed following 2015-16 SY]	5	Collegiate Academies	Orleans	2012-13	9th-11th	410	53.1	D	59.1	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Gentilly Terrace Charter School	5	New Beginnings Schools Foundation	Orleans	2010-11	PK-8th	456	58.7	D	52	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Harriet Tubman Charter School	5	Crescent City Schools	Orleans	2011-12	PK-8th	557	79.9	C	81.4	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
James M. Singleton Charter School	5	Dryades Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)	Orleans	2006-07	PK-8th	485	69	C	47.4	D	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations
Joseph A. Craig Charter School	5	Friends of King	Orleans	2012-13	PK-8th	336	49.1	D	53.2	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Joseph S. Clark Preparatory High School	5	FirstLine Schools, Inc.	Orleans	2011-12	9th-12th	403	51.3	D	62.4	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations

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Kenilworth Science and Technology Charter School	5	Pelican Educational Foundation, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2009-10	6th-8th	562	56.6	D	50.8	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
KIPP Believe Primary and College Prep	5	KIPP New Orleans, Inc.	Orleans	2005-06	K-8th	873	84.4	C	78.8	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
KIPP Central City Academy	5	KIPP New Orleans, Inc.	Orleans	2007-08	5th-8th	433	93.2	B	85.4	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
KIPP Central City Primary	5	KIPP New Orleans, Inc.	Orleans	2008-09	K-4th	506	81.6	C	75.1	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
KIPP East Community Primary	5	KIPP New Orleans, Inc.	Orleans	2014-15	K-1st	145	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
KIPP McDonogh #15 Primary and Middle School for the Creative Arts	5	KIPP New Orleans, Inc.	Orleans	2006-07	K-8th	898	76.7	C	79	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
KIPP New Orleans Leadership Academy	5	KIPP New Orleans, Inc.	Orleans	2010-11	K-8th	876	73.2	C	64.5	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
KIPP Renaissance	5	KIPP New Orleans, Inc.	Orleans	2010-11	9th – 12 th	469	100	A	96.8	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Lafayette Academy	5	Choice Foundation	Orleans	2006-07	PK - 8th	885	80.8	C	89.6	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Lake Area New Tech Early College High School	5	New Beginnings Schools Foundadtion	Orleans	2009-10	9th – 12 th	787	75.1	C	79.4	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Langston Hughes Academy	5	Firstline Schools, Inc.	Orleans	2007-08	PK-8th	842	63.3	D	59	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations

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Charter School												
LB Landry - OP Walker College & Career Preparatory High School	5	Algiers Charter School Association, Inc.	Orleans	2005-06	9th-12th	1266	58.7	D	61.5	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Linwood Public Charter School	5	Shreveport Charter School, Inc.	Caddo	2009-10	K-2nd, 6th-8th	670	45.6	F	39.3	F	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Martin Behrman Elementary School	5	Algiers Charter School Association, Inc.	Orleans	2005-06	PK-8th	739	76.4	C	75.8	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Mary D. Coghill Charter School	5	Better Choice Foundation	Orleans	2013-14	K-8th	659	75.1	C	80.4	C	Approaches Expectations	Meets Expectations
McDonogh #32 Elementary School	5	Algiers Charter School Association, Inc.	Orleans	2006-07	PK-8th	619	44.7	F	54.5	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
McDonogh #42 Elementary Charter School	5	Choice Foundation	Orleans	2012-13	PK-8th	529	45.8	F	62.6	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Medard H. Nelson Elementary School	5	New Beginnings Schools Foundation	Orleans	2005-06	PK-8th	493	45.9	F	41.2	F	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Mildred Osborne Charter School	5	Arise Academy	Orleans	2013-14	K-8th	517	54.7	D	50.8	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Morris Jeff Community School	5	Morris Jeff Community School	Orleans	2010-11	PK-7th	620	84.4	C	84.6	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Paul Habans	5	Crescent City	Orleans	2013-	PK-8th	540	53.6	D	39.8	F	Meets	Meets

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Elementary School		Schools		14							Expectations	Expectations
Phillis Wheatley Community School	5	FirstLine Schools, Inc.	Orleans	2010-11	PK-8th	708	66.9	D	64.8	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Pierre A. Capdau Learning Academy	5	New Beginnings Schools Foundation	Orleans	2004-05	K-8th	411	73.7	C	71.4	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
ReNEW Accelerated High School	5	ReNEW-Reinventing Education	Orleans	2011-12	9th - 12th	412	23	F	18.9	F	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
ReNEW Cultural Arts Academy at Live Oak	5	ReNEW-Reinventing Education	Orleans	2010-11	PK-8th	675	72.2	C	74	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
ReNEW Dolores T. Aaron Elementary School	5	ReNEW-Reinventing Education	Orleans	2011-12	PK-8th	864	74.1	C	77.3	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
ReNEW McDonogh City Park Academy	5	ReNEW-Reinventing Education	Orleans	2015-16	K-8th	678	49.9	D	N/A	N/A	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
ReNEW Schaumburg Elementary	5	ReNEW-Reinventing Education	Orleans	2013-14	PK-8th	876	73.1	C	73.6	T	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
ReNEW SciTech Academy at Laurel	5	ReNEW-Reinventing Education	Orleans	2010-11	PK-8th	674	74.7	C	94.2	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
S.J. Green	5	FirstLine	Orleans	2005-	K-8th	501	79	C	73.6	C	Meets	Meets

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Charter School		Schools, Inc.		06							Expectations	Expectations
Sci Academy	5	Collegiate Academies	Orleans	2008-09	9th-12th	496	85.3	B	96.3	B	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Sophie B. Wright Learning Academy	5	Institute for Academic Excellence	Orleans	2005-06	7th-12th	430	87.1	B	81	C	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Success Preparatory Academy	5	Success Preparatory Academy	Orleans	2009-10	K-8th	483	80.3	C	56.9	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
Sylvanie Williams College Prep	5	New Orleans College Preparatory Academies	Orleans	2007-08	PK-6th	449	54.7	D	52.4	D	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
The NET Charter School	5	Educators for Quality Alternatives	Orleans	2012-13	9th-12th	172	29.8	F	25.7	F	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations
William J. Fischer Elementary School	5	Algiers Charter School Association, Inc.	Orleans	2005-06	PK-8th	580	36.2	F	39.6	F	Meets Expectations	Meets Expectations