



2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT ON TYPE 2, 4, AND 5 CHARTER SCHOOLS

INTRODUCTION

Charter schools are public schools in Louisiana that are afforded with autonomy from many of the laws and regulations that govern traditional school districts; charter school leaders have broad authority to make decisions about curriculum, staffing, and budgets based on the needs of the students enrolled in their schools. In exchange for increased autonomy, charter schools agree to be held to higher standards of accountability. Charters authorized by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) are evaluated against rigorous and transparent performance standards; the academic, financial, and organizational performance of each school is evaluated annually and factored into charter extension/renewal determinations. Academic performance standards become more rigorous over time, reflecting the state's expectation that charters continue to improve student performance.

There are six types of charter schools in Louisiana, outlined in the table below. The local school district is the authorizing agency for Type 1, 3, and 3B charter. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is directly responsible for the oversight of Type 2, 4, and 5 charter schools.

Charter Type	Creation	Authorizing Agency	Governance	Total # of Schools in 2020-2021	Students served in 2020-2021
Type 1	New School	Local school board	Non-profit Board of Directors	36	18432
Type 2	New or conversion school	BESE	Non-profit Board of Directors	39	26,523
Type 3	Conversion school	Local school board	Non-profit Board of Directors	17	11,834
Type 3B	Former Type 5 charter school transferred from RSD back to local school system	Local school board	Non-profit Board of Directors	39	24,833
Type 4	New or conversion school	BESE	Local School Board	1	412
Type 5	Recovery School District school	BESE	Non-profit Board of Directors	6	2,008

CHARTER SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY

The [Charter School Performance Compact \(CSPC\)](#) is an agreement between the LDOE and Type 2, 4, and 5 charter schools that defines the academic, financial, and organizational performance standards to which all charter schools are held. The CSPC was developed as a collaborative effort between schools and the LDOE in an effort to provide greater transparency and accountability about charter school performance for charters, authorizing agencies, and the public.

The Charter School Performance Compact evaluates each school's performance against pre-determined standards that are aligned with federal and state laws and regulations as well as best practices for charter schools. Each year, the LDOE

compiles and publishes an annual review for each BESE-authorized charter that quantifies the school's academic, financial, and organizational performance. The Academic Performance Score mirrors the School Performance Score received by all public schools in the state¹. Financial performance is evaluated using the Fiscal Risk Assessment and annual audit submitted by charter schools. Organizational performance is determined by a review of a school's performance on indicators defined in the CSPC related to enrollment, special populations, and compliance with law and policy.

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. For more information regarding charter schools, please contact charters@la.gov.

¹ School performance scores (SPS) for 2020-2021 are simulated and not to be used for evaluative purposes. The simulated SPS is provided for informational purposes however academic performance scores were not assigned in 2020-2021.

APPENDIX: CHARTER SCHOOL DATA

Appendix A: 2020-2021 Academic, Financial, and Organizational Performance for Type 2, 4, and 5 Charter Schools

School	Type	Non-Profit	District	Year Opened	Grade Level	Students Served (2/1)	2020-2021 Simulated SPS	2019-2020 SPS	2018-2019 SPS	2018-2019 Letter Grade	2017-2018 SPS	2017-2018 Letter Grade	2020-2021 Financial Performance	2020-2021 Organizational Performance
Type 2														
Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy	2	Lafayette Charter Foundation	Lafayette	2014-2015	K-8	891	90.3	N/A	91.6	A	89.7	B	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Advantage Charter Academy	2	Louisiana Achievement Charter Academies	East Baton Rouge	2014-2015	K-8	660	60.2	N/A	53.7	D	53.3	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish	2	Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish	Jefferson	2018-2019	K-6	971	39.7	N/A	43.6	F	N/A	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Avoyelles Public Charter School	2	Avoyelles Public Charter School, Inc.	Avoyelles	2000-2001	K-12	733	101.8	N/A	102.2	A	102.2	A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Baton Rouge University Preparatory Elementary ²	2	Baton Rouge University Preparatory School Inc	East Baton Rouge	2017-2018	K-4	289	35.8	N/A	33.9	F	51.8	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Belle Chasse Academy	2	Belle Chasse Academy, Inc.	Plaquemines	2002-2003	K-8	947	97.7	N/A	93.9	A	94	A	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Collegiate Baton Rouge	2	Collegiate Academies	East Baton Rouge	2017-2018	9-10	275	36.7	N/A	64.1	C	64.4	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
D'Arbonne Woods Charter School	2	D'Arbonne Woods Charter School, Inc.	Union	2009-2010	K-12	968	90.9	N/A	93.5	A	93.4	A	Meets Most Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Delhi Charter School	2	Delhi Charter School	Richland	2001-2002	K-12	888	67.6	N/A	74	C	74	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Delta Charter School MST	2	Delta Charter School, Inc.	Concordia	2013-2014	K-12	485	67.8	N/A	75.3	B	84.1	B	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
GEO Next Generation High School	2	GEO Academies EBR	East Baton Rouge	2019-2020	9-10	195	46.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

² Closed at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

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GEO Prep Academy of Greater Baton Rouge	2	GEO Academies EBR	East Baton Rouge	2015-2016	K-6	523	55.4	N/A	61.3	C	67.5	C	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
GEO Prep Mid-City of Greater Baton Rouge	2	GEO Academies EBR	East Baton Rouge	2017-2018	K-8	678	58	N/A	56	T	51	T	Meets Most Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Iberville Charter Academy	2	South Louisiana Charter Foundation, Inc.	Iberville	2014-2015	K-8	266	55.5	N/A	58.2	D	58.8	D	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Impact Charter School	2	Education Explosion, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2014-2015	PK-7	364	64.7	N/A	55	D	56.1	D	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
International High School of New Orleans	2	Voices for International Business and Education	Orleans	2010-2011	9-12	509	54.8	N/A	71.4	C	63.2	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
International School of Louisiana	2	International School of Louisiana	Orleans	2000-2001	K-8	1405	73.6	N/A	84.2	B	85.2	B	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
JCFA Lafayette	2	JCFA	Lafayette	2017-2018	9-12	64	59.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
JCFA - East	2	JCFA	Jefferson	2013-2014	8-12	248	54.4	N/A	56.4	D	41.7	F	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
JS Clark Leadership Academy	2	Outreach Community Development Corporation	St. Landry	2012-2013	5-12	232	79.4	N/A	88.7	B	52.2	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy	2	Lafayette Charter Foundation	Lafayette	2014-2015	K-8	929	62.4	N/A	65.1	C	66.6	C	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Lake Charles Charter Academy	2	Lake Charles Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.	Calcasieu	2011-2012	PK-8	1020	68.5	N/A	70.9	C	68.8	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Lake Charles College Prep	2	Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.	Calcasieu	2014-2015	9-12	455	71.6	N/A	71.1	C	50	D	Meets Most Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Lincoln Preparatory School	2	Grambling High Foundation, Inc.	Lincoln	2016-2017	K-12	456	59	N/A	60.1	C	60.5	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Louisiana Key Academy	2	Louisiana Key Academy	East Baton Rouge	2013-2014	K-7	339	37	N/A	36.3	F	33.7	F	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy	2	Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2011-2012	K-12	1917	59.1	N/A	56.3	D	57.9	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	2	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans, Inc.	Orleans	2011-2012	PK-8	907	74.5	N/A	85.3	B	84.9	B	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

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Madison Preparatory Academy	2	Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2009-2010	9-12	557	82.4	N/A	85.9	B	85.1	B	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
New Harmony High Institute	2	New Harmony High Institute	Orleans	2018-2019	9	43	65.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy	2	New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, Inc.	Orleans	2011-2012	9-12	865	82.1	N/A	99.6	A	89.6	B	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
New Vision Learning Academy	2	New Vision Learning Academy	Ouachita	1998-1999	PK-6	307	51.5	N/A	66	C	63.2	C	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Noble Minds	2	Noble Minds	Orleans	2017-2018	K-3	57	39.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Northeast Claiborne Charter	2	Cajun Butterflies, Inc.	Claiborne	2014-2015	K-12	181	61.6	N/A	58.8	D	57.6	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Red River Charter Academy		Red River Charter Academy, Inc.	Avoyelles	2019-2020	6-8	270	52.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy	2	Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.	Calcasieu	2012-2013	PK-8	670	51.2	N/A	56.7	D	63.6	C	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
The MAX Charter School	2	The Maxine Giardina Charter School, Inc.	Lafourche	2007-2008	1-8	120	42.5	N/A	44.8	F	51.4	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
University View Academy	2	Foundation for Louisiana Students	East Baton Rouge	2011-2012	PK-12	3019	64.6	N/A	55.8	D	59	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
V. B. Glencoe Charter School	2	Glencoe Education Foundation, Inc.	St. Mary	1999-2000	PK-8	374	81.8	N/A	90.2	A	88.7	B	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Willow Charter Academy	2	Louisiana Achievement Charter Academies	Lafayette	2014-2015	K-8	616	55.2	N/A	52	D	54.2	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

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Type 4														
LA School for Ag Science	4	Avoyelles Parish School Board	Avoyelles	2000-2001	7-12	412	99.1	N/A	100.4	A	96.4	A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

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Type 5														
Dalton Charter School	5	Redesign Schools of Louisiana	East Baton Rouge	2014-2015	PK-5	246	46.4	N/A	44.9	F	54.8	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Democracy Prep Baton Rouge	5	Democracy Prep Louisiana Charter School	East Baton Rouge	2015-2016	K-8	526	35.3	N/A	52	D	52.1	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Glen Oaks Middle School	5	Redesign Schools of Louisiana	East Baton Rouge	2019-2020	6-8	242	34.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Kenilworth Science and Technology Charter School	5	Pelican Educational Foundation, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2009-2010	6-8	389	53.7	N/A	58.2	D	59	D	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Lanier Charter School	5	Redesign Schools of Louisiana	East Baton Rouge	2014-2015	PK-5	268	51.7	N/A	65	C	69.6	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations