

# Report to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

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**2023-2024 Annual Report on Type 2, 4, and 5  
Charter Schools**

**January 2025**

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# Introduction

Charter schools are public schools in Louisiana that are afforded 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 students enrolled in their schools. In exchange for this 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.

The table below outlines the six types of charter schools in Louisiana. The local district is the authorizing agency for Type 1, 3, and 3B charters. BESE authorizes Type 2, 4, and 5 charters. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is directly responsible for overseeing Type 2, 4, and 5 charter schools.

Charter Type	Creation	Authorizing Agency	Governance	Total # of Schools in 2023-2024	Students Served in 2023-2024
Type 1	New School	Local School Board	Non-profit Board of Directors	55	28,322
Type 2	New or Conversion School	BESE	Non-profit Board of Directors	44	30,510
Type 3	Conversion School	Local School Board	Non-profit Board of Directors	15	12,922
Type 3B	Former Type 5 charter school transferred from RSD back to local school system	Local School Board	Non-profit Board of Directors	28	19,886
Type 4	New or Conversion School	BESE	Local School Board	1	385
Type 5	Recovery School District School	BESE	Non-profit Board of Directors	5	1,845

# Charter School Accountability

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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 CPSC evaluates each school's performance against predetermined 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 state. 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](mailto:charters@la.gov).

# Appendix A: 2023-2024 Academic, Financial, and Organizational Performance of Type 2, 4, and 5 Charter Schools

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Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy	2	Lafayette Charter Foundation	Lafayette	2014-2015	K-12	2885	99.7	A	90.6	A	94.7	A	Meets Most Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Advantage Charter Academy	2	Louisiana Achievement Charter Academies	East Baton Rouge	2014-2015	K-8	580	75.1	B	81.6	B	80.9	B	Meets Most Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish	2	Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish	Jefferson	2018-2019	K-8	1070	51.6	D	50.6	D	52.5	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Avoyelles Public Charter School	2	Avoyelles Public Charter School, Inc.	Avoyelles	2000-2001	K-12	702	100.4	A	95.6	A	102	A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Baton Rouge Ochsner Discovery	2	Discovery Health Sciences Foundation	East Baton Rouge	2023-2024	PK-4	147	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	78.2	B	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Belle Chasse Academy	2	Belle Chasse Academy, Inc.	Plaquemines	2002-2003	PK-8	783	98.8	A	97.3	A	98.4	A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations

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Collegiate Baton Rouge	2	Collegiate Academies	East Baton Rouge	2017-2018	9-12	501	50.8	D	58.1	D	58.8	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
D'Arbonne Woods Charter School	2	D'Arbonne Woods Charter School, Inc.	Union	2009-2010	K-12	982	93.3	A	98.9	A	101.4	A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Delhi Charter School	2	Delhi Charter School	Richland	2001-2002	K-12	630	73.7	C	73	C	62.9	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Delta Charter School MST	2	Delta Charter School, Inc.	Concordia	2013-2014	K-12	482	62.2	C	77.7	B	72.3	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
GEO Next Generation High School	2	GEO Academies EBR	East Baton Rouge	2019-2020	9-12	434	58.8	D	65.6	C	76.1	B	Meets Most Expectations	Meets All Expectations
GEO Prep Academy of Greater Baton Rouge	2	GEO Academies EBR	East Baton Rouge	2015-2016	K-8	776	66.7	C	72.8	C	75.4	B	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
GEO Prep Baker	2	GEO Academies EBR	East Baton Rouge	2022-2023	K-2	87	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

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GEO Prep Mid-City of Greater Baton Rouge	2	GEO Academies EBR	East Baton Rouge	2017-2018	K-8	662	64.9	C	72.8	C	78.3	B	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Iberville Charter Academy	2	South Louisiana Charter Foundation, Inc.	Iberville	2014-2015	PK-8	511	56.2	D	62.7	C	59.4	D	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Impact Charter School	2	Education Explosion, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2014-2015	PK-8	442	71.1	C	76	B	75.4	B	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
International High School of New Orleans	2	Voices for International Business and Education	Orleans	2010-2011	9-12	408	55	D	57.6	D	59.9	D	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
International School of Louisiana	2	International School of Louisiana	Orleans	2000-2001	K-8	1069	80	B	78.3	B	84.2	B	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
JCFA East	2	JCFA	Jefferson	2013-2014	9-12	131	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	99.7	A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
JCFA Lafayette	2	JCFA	Lafayette	2017-2018	9-12	59	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	106.1	A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
JS Clark Leadership Academy	2	Outreach Community Development Corporation	St. Landry	2012-2013	K-1,5-12	390	73.7	C	71.6	C	72.7	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

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Kenilworth Science and Technology Academy	2	Pelican Educational Foundation, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2023-2024	K-8	688	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	62.6	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy	2	Lafayette Charter Foundation	Lafayette	2014-2015	PK-12	1750	64.3	C	70.1	C	66.2	C	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Lake Charles Charter Academy	2	Lake Charles Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.	Calcasieu	2011-2012	PK-8	922	74.1	C	70.8	C	69.1	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Lake Charles College Prep	2	Lake Charles Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.	Calcasieu	2014-2015	9-12	605	76.4	B	87.5	B	79.1	B	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Lincoln Preparatory School	2	Grambling High Foundation, Inc.	Lincoln	2016-2017	K-12	680	64.5	C	51.9	D	55.3	D	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Louisiana Key Academy Baton Rouge	2	Louisiana Key Academy	East Baton Rouge	2013-2014	K-9	443	39.8	F	43.4	F	41.7	F	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

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Louisiana Key Academy Caddo	2	Louisiana Key Academy	Caddo	2023-2024	K-4	90	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	48.3	F	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Louisiana Key Academy Northshore	2	Louisiana Key Academy	St. Tammany	2022-2023	1-5	258	N/A	N/A	46.1	F	38	F	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy	2	Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2011-2012	K-12	1920	57.9	D	65	C	68.5	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Lycee Francais de la Nouvelle-Orléans	2	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans, Inc.	Orleans	2011-2012	PK-12	938	80.4	B	83.7	B	83.5	B	Meets Most Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Madison Preparatory Academy	2	Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2009-2010	9-12	585	86	B	86.6	B	88.5	B	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
New Harmony High Institute	2	New Harmony High Institute	Orleans	2018-2019	9-12	340	54.7	D	63.5	C	66.9	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations



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New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy	2	New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, Inc.	Orleans	2011-2012	8-12,	896	82.9	B	79	B	87.8	B	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
New Vision Learning Academy	2	New Vision Learning Academy	Ouachita	1998-1999	PK-6	228	51.8	D	49.2	F	55.9	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Noble Minds	2	Noble Minds	Orleans	2017-2018	K-8	159	32.9	F	50.6	D	48.1	F	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Northeast Claiborne Charter	2	Cajun Butterflies, Inc.	Claiborne	2014-2015	K-12	198	60.9	C	68.3	C	55.9	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Red River Charter Academy	2	Red River Children's Alliance	Avoyelles	2019-2020	6-12	129	48.4	F	45.5	F	49	F	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy	2	Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.	Calcasieu	2012-2013	PK-8	771	57.7	D	56.4	D	63.9	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
St. Landry Charter School	2	St. Landry Primary School Inc.	St. Landry	2021-2022	K-6	292	46.4	F	54.4	D	51.5	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
The MAX Charter School	2	The Maxine Giardina Charter School, Inc.	Lafourche	2007-2008	1-8	100	N/A	N/A	22.7	F	31.7	F	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

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University View Academy, Inc. (FRM LA Connections)	2	Foundation for Louisiana Students	East Baton Rouge	2011-2012	K-12	3720	63.7	C	68.3	C	67.9	C	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
V. B. Glencoe Charter School	2	Glencoe Education Foundation, Inc.	St. Mary	1999-2000	PK-12	490	87.5	B	87.9	B	87.7	B	Meets Most Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Willow Charter Academy	2	Louisiana Achievement Charter Academies	Lafayette	2014-2015	K-8	577	65.7	C	69.4	C	77.2	B	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
LA School for Ag Science	4	Avoyelles Parish School Board	Avoyelles	2000-2001	7-12	385	102.5	A	104.8	A	101.7	A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Dalton Elementary School, A Redesign School	5	Redesign Schools Louisiana	East Baton Rouge	2014-2015	PK-5	161	46.2	F	54.2	D	61.1	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Lanier Elementary School, A Redesign School	5	Redesign Schools Louisiana	East Baton Rouge	2014-2015	PK-5	180	53.5	D	59.6	D	64.3	C	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Linwood Charter School	5	Redesign Schools Louisiana	Caddo	2009-2010	PK-5	1122	47.9	F	50.9	D	56.7	D	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Prescott K-8 Academy	5	Third Future	East Baton Rouge	2023-2024	PK-8	320	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	58.5	T	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

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Zion City School, A Redesign School	5	Redesign Schools Louisiana	East Baton Rouge	2019-2020	6-8	62	37.7	F	39.9	F	45.3	F	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

\*Linwood Charter School and Prescott K-8 Academy operating on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BESE.