

Report to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

2022-2023 Annual Report on Type 2, 4, and 5 Charter Schools

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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 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.

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 charters. 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 2021-2022	Students served in 2021-2022
Type 1	New School	Local school board	Non-profit Board of Directors	56	27,340
Type 2	New or conversion school	BESE	Non-profit Board of Directors	42	27,623
Type 3	Conversion school	Local school board	Non-profit Board of Directors	15	12,695
Type 3B	Former Type 5 charter school transferred from RSD back to local school system	Local school board	Non-profit Board of Directors	31	20,801
Type 4	New or conversion school	BESE	Local School Board	1	380
Type 5	Recovery School District school	BESE	Non-profit Board of Directors	6	1,330

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 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.

Appendix: Charter School Data

Appendix A: 2022-2023 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)	2022-2023 SPS	2022-2023 Letter Grade	2021-2022 SPS	2021-2022 Letter Grade	2020-2021 Simulated SPS*	2020-2021 Letter Grade	2022-2023 Financial Performance	2022-2023 Organizational Performance
Type 2														
Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy	2	Lafayette Charter Foundation	Lafayette	2014-2015	K-12	1,820	90.6	A	99.7	A	90.3	N/A	Meets Most Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Advantage Charter Academy	2	Louisiana Achievement Charter Academies	East Baton Rouge	2014-2015	K-8	509	81.6	B	75.1	B	60.2	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish	2	Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish	Jefferson	2018-2019	K-8	1,101	50.6	D	51.6	D	39.7	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Avoyelles Public Charter School	2	Avoyelles Public Charter School, Inc.	Avoyelles	2000-2001	K-12	701	95.6	A	100.4	A	101.8	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Belle Chasse Academy	2	Belle Chasse Academy, Inc.	Plaquemines	2002-2003	K-8	781	97.3	A	98.8	A	97.7	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Collegiate Baton Rouge	2	Collegiate Academies	East Baton Rouge	2017-2018	9-12	464	58.1	D	50.8	D	36.7	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
D'Arbonne Woods Charter School	2	D'Arbonne Woods Charter School, Inc.	Union	2009-2010	K-12	973	98.9	A	93.3	A	90.9	N/A	Meets Most Expectations	Meets All Expectations

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Delhi Charter School	2	Delhi Charter School	Richland	2001-2002	K-12	656	73	C	73.7	C	67.6	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Delta Charter School MST	2	Delta Charter School, Inc.	Concordia	2013-2014	K-12	488	77.7	B	62.2	C	67.8	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
GEO Next Generation High School	2	GEO Academies EBR	East Baton Rouge	2019-2020	9-12	379	65.6	C	58.8	D	46.8	N/A	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets All Expectations
GEO Prep Academy of Greater Baton Rouge	2	GEO Academies EBR	East Baton Rouge	2015-2016	K-8	749	72.8	C	66.7	C	55.4	N/A	Meets Most Expectations	Meets All Expectations
GEO Prep Baker	2	GEO Academies EBR	City of Baker	2022-2023	K-1	65	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
GEO Prep Mid-City of Greater Baton Rouge	2	GEO Academies EBR	East Baton Rouge	2017-2018	K-8	656	72.8	C	64.9	C	58	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Iberville Charter Academy	2	South Louisiana Charter Foundation, Inc.	Iberville	2014-2015	K-8	497	62.7	C	56.2	D	55.5	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Impact Charter School	2	Education Explosion, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2014-2015	PK-8	442	76	B	71.1	C	64.7	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
International High School of New Orleans	2	Voices for International Business and Education	Orleans	2010-2011	9-12	379	57.6	D	55	D	54.8	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

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International School of Louisiana	2	International School of Louisiana	Orleans	2000-2001	K-8	1,139	78.3	B	80	B	73.6	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
JCFA East	2	JCFA	Jefferson	2013-2014	9-12	134	95.8	A	65.9	C	54.4	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
JCFA Lafayette	2	JCFA	Lafayette	2017-2018	9-12	59	87.4	B	69.6	C	59.2	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
JS Clark Leadership Academy	2	Outreach Community Development Corporation	St. Landry	2012-2013	K-2, 5-12	329	71.6	C	73.7	C	79.4	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy	2	Lafayette Charter Foundation	Lafayette	2014-2015	K-12	1,331	70.1	C	64.3	C	62.4	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Lake Charles Charter Academy	2	Lake Charles Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.	Calcasieu	2011-2012	PK-8	972	70.8	C	74.1	C	N/A**	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Lake Charles College Prep	2	Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.	Calcasieu	2014-2015	9-12	559	87.5	B	76.4	B	N/A**	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Lincoln Preparatory School	2	Grambling High Foundation, Inc.	Lincoln	2016-2017	K-12	682	51.9	D	64.5	C	59	N/A	Meets Most Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Louisiana Key Academy Baton Rouge	2	Louisiana Key Academy	East Baton Rouge	2013-2014	K-8	426	43.4	F	39.8	F	37	N/A	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

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Louisiana Key Academy Northshore	2	Louisiana Key Academy	St. Tammany	2022-2023	1-4	116	46.1	F	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy	2	Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2011-2012	K-12	1,919	65	C	57.9	D	59.1	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orléans	2	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orléans, Inc.	Orleans	2011-2012	PK-12	988	83.7	B	80.4	B	74.5	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Madison Preparatory Academy	2	Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2009-2010	9-12	569	86.6	B	86	B	82.4	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
New Harmony High Institute	2	New Harmony High Institute	Orleans	2018-2019	9-12	279	63.5	C	54.7	D	65.8	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
New Orleans Military & Maritime Academy	2	New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, Inc.	Orleans	2011-2012	8-12	864	79	B	82.9	B	82.1	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
New Vision Learning Academy	2	New Vision Learning Academy	Ouachita	1998-1999	PK-6	204	49.2	F	51.8	D	51.5	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Noble Minds	2	Noble Minds	Orleans	2017-2018	K-7	140	50.6	D	32.9	F	39.9	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Northeast Claiborne Charter	2	Cajun Butterflies, Inc.	Claiborne	2014-2015	K-12	202	68.3	C	60.9	C	61.6	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Red River Charter Academy	2	Red River Children's Alliance	Avoyelles	2019-2020	6-11	176	45.5	F	48.4	F	52.9	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

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Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy	2	Southwest Louisiana Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.	Calcasieu	2012-2013	PK-8	716	56.4	D	57.7	D	N/A**	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
St. Landry Charter School	2	St. Landry Primary School Inc.	St. Landry	2021-2022	K-5	261	54.4	D	46.4	F	N/A	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
The MAX Charter School	2	The Maxine Giardina Charter School, Inc.	Lafourche	2007-2008	1-8	102	22.7	F	N/A**	N/A**	42.5	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
University View Academy	2	Foundation for Louisiana Students	East Baton Rouge	2011-2012	K-12	3608	68.3	C	63.7	C	64.6	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
V. B. Glencoe Charter School	2	Glencoe Education Foundation, Inc.	St. Mary	1999-2000	PK-12	470	87.9	B	87.5	B	81.8	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Williams Scholar Academy	2	Williams Scholar Academy, Inc.	Vermilion	2021-2022	6-12	72	N/A	N/A	50.2	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Willow Charter Academy	2	Louisiana Achievement Charter Academies	Lafayette	2014-2015	K-8	646	69.4	C	65.7	C	55.2	N/A	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	380	104.8	A	102.5	A	99.1	N/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	K-5	172	54.2	D	46.2	F	46.4	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Democracy Prep Baton Rouge	5	Democracy Prep Louisiana Charter School	East Baton Rouge	2015-2016	PK-8	510	42.2	F	37.8	F	35.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kenilworth Science and Technology Charter School	5	Pelican Educational Foundation, Inc.	East Baton Rouge	2009-2010	6-8	382	55.8	D	53.1	D	53.7	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets All Expectations
Lanier Charter School	5	Redesign Schools of Louisiana	East Baton Rouge	2014-2015	PK-5	190	59.6	D	53.5	D	51.7	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Linwood Charter School	5	Shreveport Charter Schools, Inc.	Caddo	2009-2010	PK-8	992	50.9	D	47.9	F	41.4	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations
Zion City School (FRM Glen Oaks Middle School)	5	Redesign Schools of Louisiana	East Baton Rouge	2019-2020	6-8	76	39.9	F	37.7	F	34.6	N/A	Meets All Expectations	Meets Most Expectations

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