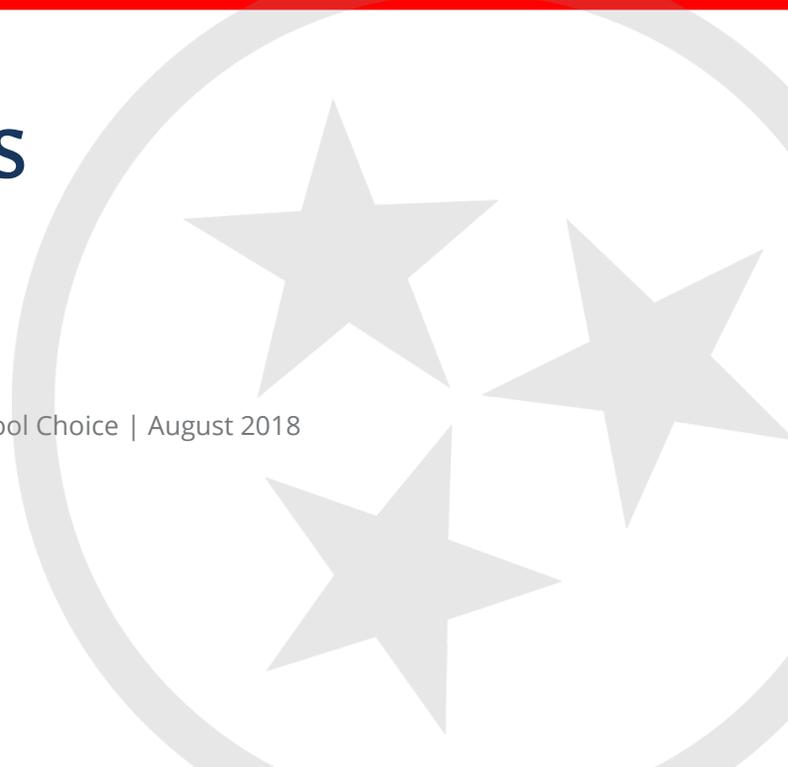




Charter Schools Annual Report

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Introduction

Each year, the Tennessee Department of Education produces an annual report on charter schools operating in the state. In compliance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, the report provides information on charter school applications, charter school approvals and appeals, and charter school academic performance. All data presented in the following report is 2016-17 school year data unless otherwise noted.

Additional information regarding public charter schools is available on the [Tennessee Department of Education's website](#), including a list of currently operating public charter schools, application and authorization materials, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Tennessee Charter School Quick Facts

- Operating Tennessee charters are currently located in six districts across the state: Hamilton County, Metro Nashville Public Schools, Shelby County, Knox County, the Achievement School District, and the Tennessee State Board of Education.
- Tennessee charter schools served over 33,000 students in 2016-17, roughly 3 percent of the student population statewide.
- The student population of charter schools is over 60 percent economically disadvantaged, and over 90 percent of students belong to racial and ethnic minority groups.
- Charter school performance varies considerably at the school level; charter schools range from the highest to lowest levels of value-added scores in patterns similar to district-run schools.
- Student attendance in charter elementary schools looks similar to district-run schools, but charter high schools average slightly higher attendance rates.
- Charter middle and high schools document fewer disciplinary incidents than district-run schools, but suspend students at higher rates for rule violations.
- A considerable number of charter schools have earned recognition as Reward schools for year-over-year growth in student performance.

The Charter School Landscape in Tennessee

Legislative History

A charter school is a public school that is established and operating under the terms of a charter agreement in accordance with the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002.

Charter schools are governed by an independent governing board and have greater autonomy over their budgets, personnel, curricula, and operations in exchange for heightened accountability. Tennessee law prohibits for-profit entities from operating or managing charter schools and requires all governing bodies to be not-for-profit organizations with 501(c) (3) exemption. Charter schools are publicly funded, and as such, subject to the same performance standards outlined by the Tennessee State Board of Education for traditional public schools. Charter schools may be closed if they demonstrate poor academic performance, violate their charter agreement, or engage in practices of fiscal mismanagement. Additionally, a public charter school agreement must be revoked or denied renewal by the chartering authority if it receives designation as a Priority school under the state's accountability system. (More about Tennessee's accountability system is available [here](#).)

The Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002 allowed for the establishment of charter schools as "alternative means within the public school system for ensuring accomplishment of the necessary outcomes of education," (T.C.A. 49-13-102(b)). Initially, a mandatory cap limited the number of charter schools that could operate in Tennessee, but that cap was removed in 2011 to facilitate the replication of high-quality charter schools in the state. Enrollment eligibility was also extended to all students in 2011, whereas preference had originally been given to students in failing schools or students qualifying for free or reduced price lunch.

Enacted in 2017, the Tennessee High-Quality Charter Schools Act is aimed at increasing the number of high-performing charter schools in Tennessee by requiring charter authorizers to adopt high-quality authorizing practices, establishing an authorizer fee to be paid by charter schools to the LEA for costs associated with charter authorizing, clarifying funding procedures for charter schools, and establishing a charter schools facility grant that can be used by charter schools to purchase school facilities or to pay for renovation and maintenance costs.

Local boards of education, the Achievement School District (ASD), and the State Board of Education (SBE) serve as charter school authorizers in Tennessee. Local boards of education authorize the majority of charter applications and were once the only charter authorizers in Tennessee. The establishment of the ASD in 2012 created a new state-run entity with the license to authorize charters for schools in the lowest 5 percent of academic achievement statewide. The SBE receives requests for appeal from charter school applicants that have been denied by their local boards of education. The SBE can choose to uphold or overturn a district's denial. The SBE can also serve as the authorizer to charter applicants seeking to establish a school in a district with at least one Priority school.

Charter Schools by the Numbers

Charter schools currently operate in six districts in Tennessee: Hamilton County, Knox County, Metro Nashville Public Schools, Shelby County, the Achievement School District, and the Tennessee State Board of Education. In 2016-17, a total of 102 charter schools operated in these districts, serving 33,799 students.

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Figure 1 depicts the change in total number of charter schools statewide since the first charter school opened in 2003-04. While expansion has been relatively steady over time, the greatest increase in charter school numbers occurred during the last five years.

Figure 1. Openings and Closings of Charter Schools over Time

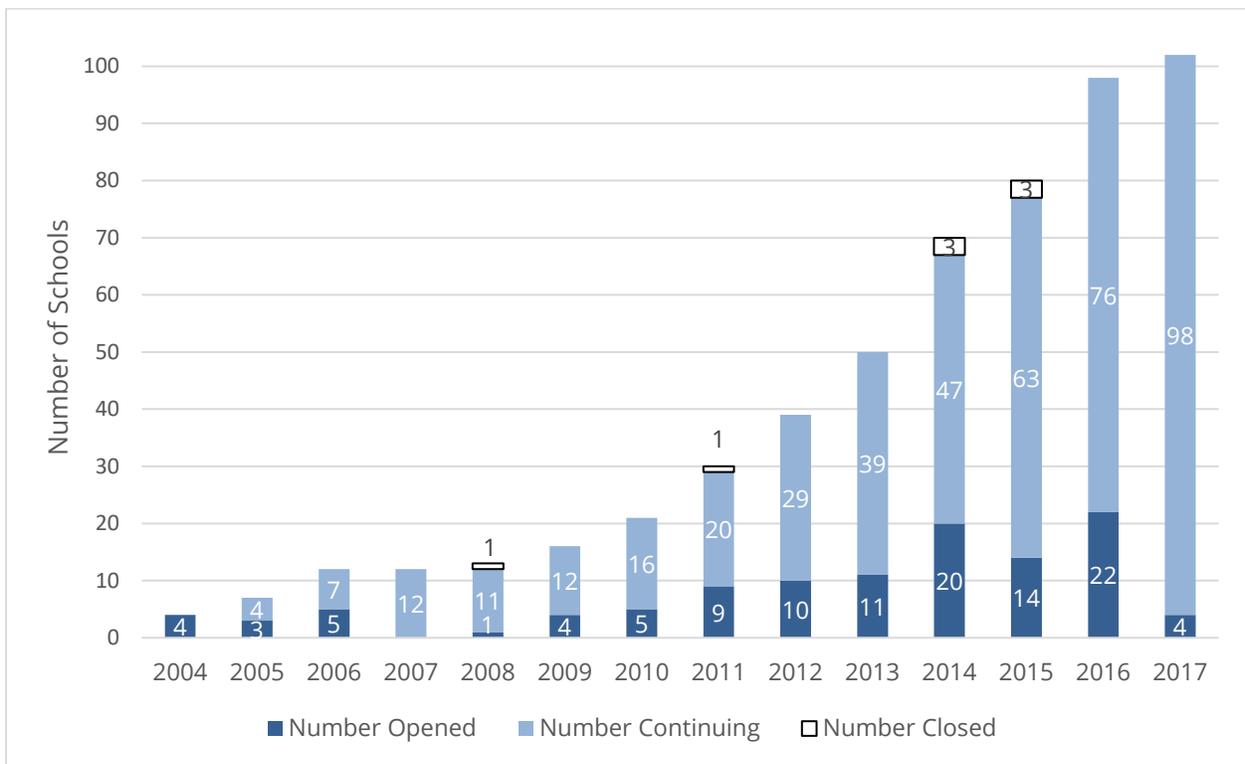
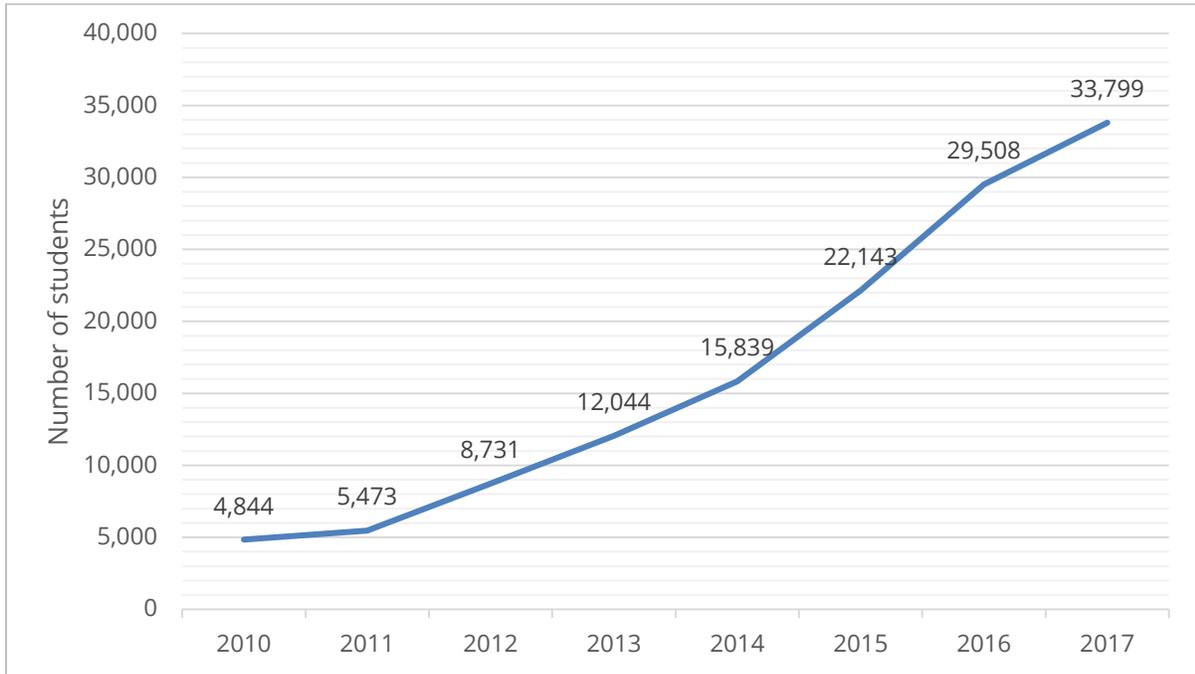


Figure 2 shows the corresponding growth in charter school enrollment since 2010 with the number of students expanding over 500 percent, from around 5,000 to over 33,000 students.

Figure 2. Growth in Charter School Enrollment over Time



Even with the growth in students served by charter schools, charter enrollments still only account for approximately 3 percent of the total 999,701 public school students in the state. Table 1 below breaks down charter enrollment across the districts in 2017.

Table 1. Charter School Enrollment by District, 2017

| | Number of Charter Schools | Charter-only Enrollment | Total Enrollment | % Charter Enrollment |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Hamilton County | 4 | 1,094 | 44,444 | 2% |
| Metro Nashville Public Schools | 28 | 9,886 | 85,453 | 12% |
| Shelby County | 44 | 13,017 | 109,664 | 12% |
| Achievement School District | 25 | 9,551 | 12,030 | 79% |
| Knox County | 1 | 251 | 60,356 | 0% |
| Tennessee | 102 | 33,799 | 999,701 | 3% |

Notably, only eight charter schools have closed since charter school legislation was enacted. Six of those closures happened during the last five years. At the same time, authorizers have set a high bar for charter approval. Table 2 documents the ratio of submitted compared to approved applications by year. To date, 35 percent of charter school applications have been approved by their respective local board of education, and 31 percent of charter school appeals to the SBE have been successful.

Table 2. Charter School Applications, Approvals, and Appeals

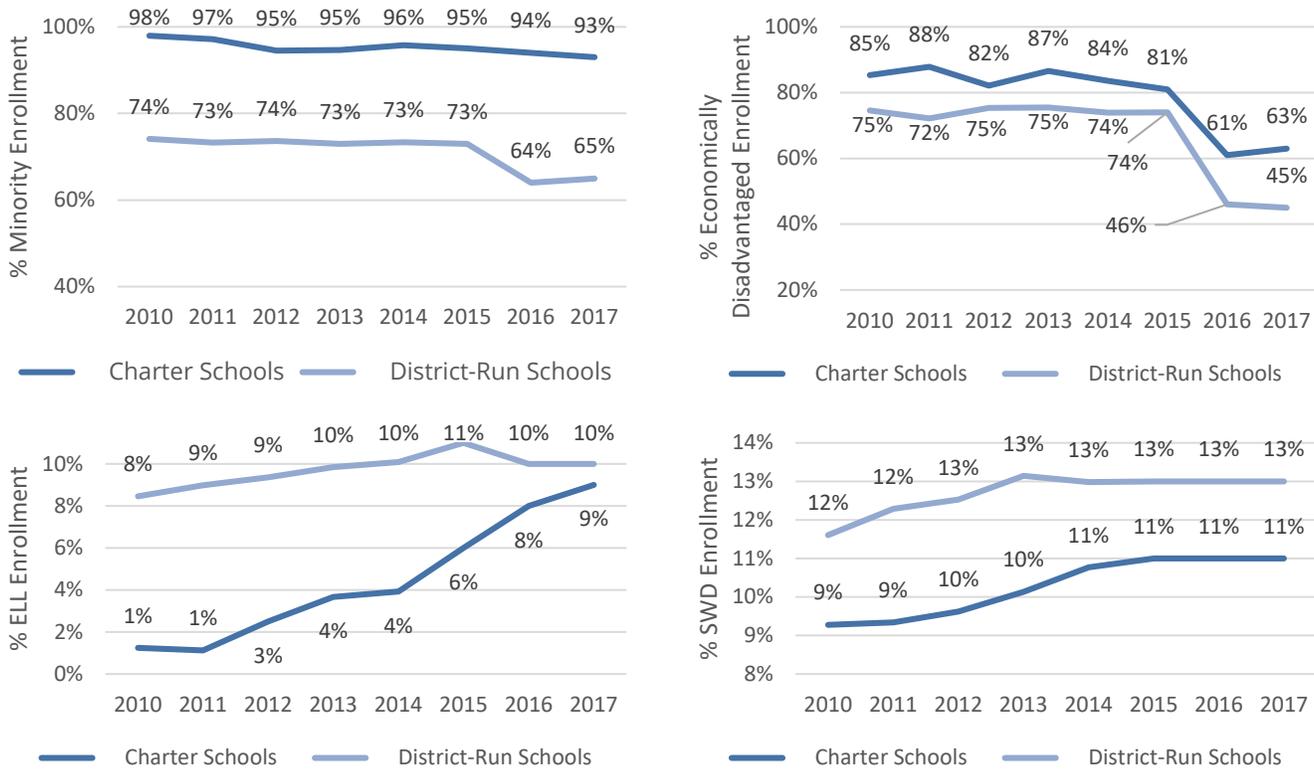
| Year | # New Applications: # Approved | # SBE Appeals: # Successful | # ASD Applications: # Approved |
|--------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 2002 | 8:4 | 3:0 | -- |
| 2003 | 18:4 | 8:1 | -- |
| 2004 | 14:7 | 2:1 | -- |
| 2005 | 3:0 | 1:0 | -- |
| 2006 | 5:2 | 1:0 | -- |
| 2007 | 10:4 | 1:0 | -- |
| 2008 | 12:6 | 1:1 | -- |
| 2009 | 28:8 | 9:0 | -- |
| 2010 | 23:11 | 6:2 | -- |
| 2011 | 38:6 | 20:15 | 9:2 |
| 2012 | 15:5 | 5:1 | 10:8 |
| 2013 | 22:4 | 3:0 | 18:9 |
| 2014 | 26:17 | 6:0 | 7:1 |
| 2015 | 25:11 | 6:2 | 8:2 |
| 2016 | 17:8 | 1:1 | -- |
| 2017 | 21:4 | 2:0 | -- |
| Total | 285:101 | 74:23 | 52:22 |

Student Characteristics

The following sections compare the demographics of students in charter schools to the demographics of students in the schools that those students might have attended. In other words, demographic comparisons are made between students in the district’s charter schools to the students in other schools within the same district. Total charter comparisons reflect students in all charter schools as compared to students in non-charter schools in the state’s five active charter districts in 2016-17: Hamilton County, Knox County, MNPS, Shelby County, and the ASD.

Compared to district-run schools in Hamilton County, Knox County, MNPS, Shelby County, and the ASD, Tennessee’s charter schools disproportionately serve minority and economically disadvantaged students. Figure 3 depicts the percentages of minority students, economically disadvantaged students, English language learners (ELL), and students with disabilities (SWD) served by charter schools compared to district-run schools since 2010.

Figure 3. Student Demographics Served by Charter Schools Over Time



Over the past eight years, charter schools have continued to serve as much as 30 percentage points more minority students than district-run schools. Likewise, charter schools served more (18 percentage points more) economically disadvantaged students than district-run schools in 2017. Charter schools consistently serve fewer students with disabilities than district-run schools by 2 or 3 percentage points with this trend remaining similar year after year. Although at one time, charter schools served eight percentage point fewer English language learners than district-run schools; this gap has declined over time with charter schools most recently serving only 1 percentage point fewer ELL students. Table 3 on the next page shows charter school demographics by district.

Table 3. Demographics of Charter Schools by District, 2017

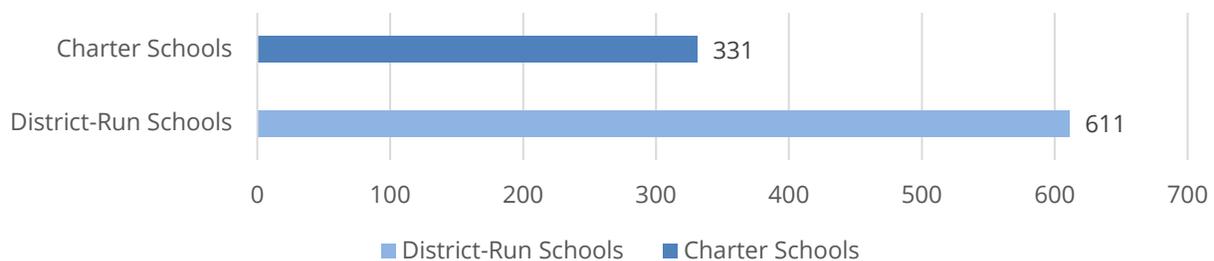
| | Hamilton County | | MNPS | | Shelby County | | ASD | | Knox County | |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | Charter Schools | District-Run Schools |
| % White | 20% | 56% | 18% | 31% | 1% | 8% | 2% | 2% | 15% | 71% |
| % Black | 68% | 30% | 50% | 42% | 90% | 75% | 93% | 95% | 75% | 17% |
| % Hispanic | 11% | 12% | 30% | 22% | 8% | 14% | 5% | 3% | 9% | 9% |
| % Asian | ~1% | 3% | 2% | 5% | ~1% | 2% | ~1% | ~1% | ~1% | 2% |
| %Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander | ~1% | ~1% | ~1% | ~1% | ~1% | ~1% | ~1% | ~1% | N/A | ~1% |
| % Economically Disadvantaged | 21% | 37% | 58% | 48% | 62% | 56% | 74% | 73% | 55% | 27% |
| % ELL | 4% | 6% | 20% | 19% | 5% | 9% | 4% | 1% | 4% | 5% |
| % SWD | 10% | 13% | 11% | 13% | 9% | 13% | 13% | 13% | 11% | 14% |

School Size and Structure

Tennessee law allows for the creation of new schools through the charter process as well as the conversion of traditional public schools to charter status. To date, however, most Tennessee charters outside the ASD have been new schools.

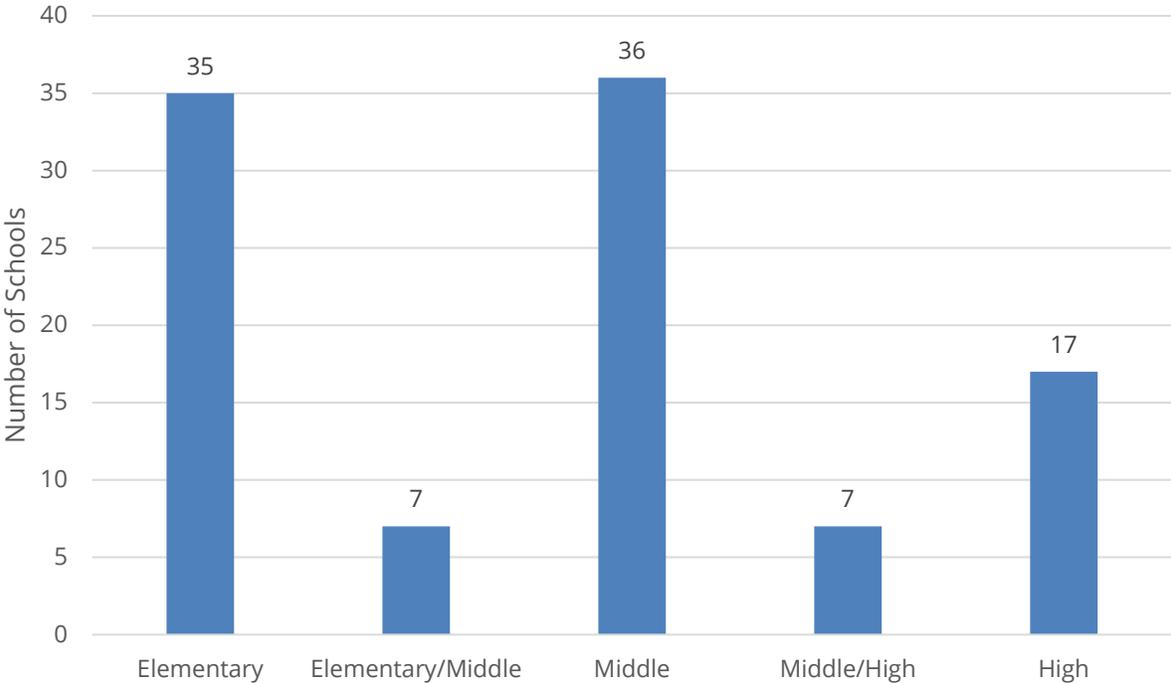
Charter schools in Tennessee tend to enroll fewer students than comparable district-run schools (Figure 4). The average enrollment of charter schools was 331 students in 2016-17 compared to 611 students for district-run schools. Only charter schools that have reached their full grade span are included in the total school enrollment average. For example, charter schools which are continuing to add a grade each year are not included in the average below. Characteristics of individual charter schools are listed in Appendix A.

Figure 4. Average Enrollment at Charter Schools and District-Run Schools



Charter schools tend to scale up over time, often starting with only a single grade and taking multiple years to reach a planned grade configuration. Figure 5 shows the anticipated grade configurations of all currently operating charters as indicated in their applications. As illustrated, most charters are slated to be either elementary or middle schools.

Figure 5. Grade Configurations of Charter Schools



Charter School Outcomes

The following sections provide comparisons between charter and district-run schools across a variety of academic and behavioral outcomes that the state tracks over time. As noted in the previous section, however, charter schools are serving a significantly different population of students than their district counterparts, and the comparisons presented here should not be interpreted as reports on the differential *effects* of charter schools versus traditional public schools. The most recent studies that have attempted to unpack the causal impact of Tennessee charter schools on student outcomes are from the Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO) at Stanford University and can be found at the following link: <https://credo.stanford.edu/>.

Academic Achievement

Tennessee's accountability system holds schools accountable for the academic performance of their students. At the end of every school year, students in grades 3-8 take TNReady exams in math, reading/language arts, science, and social studies. Students in Grades 9-12 take end-of-course exams (EOCs) in English I, English II, English III, Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology, and U.S. History. Students who score On Track or Mastered on these exams are meeting grade-level expectations.

On average, charter schools performed lower than district-run schools on EOC exams.

Figure 6 depicts the percentage of students in charter schools scoring On Track or Mastered in EOC exams compared to that of district-run schools in 2017. Statewide, charter schools performed lower on average than district-run schools on EOC exams. However, substantial variation in student performance exists across charter schools, which can be seen in the breakdown of achievement by district in Table 4 on the next page. For school-level percentages of students scoring On Track or Mastered in each subject, please see Appendices B and C.

Figure 6. Percent of Students Scoring On Track or Mastered on EOC exams, 2017

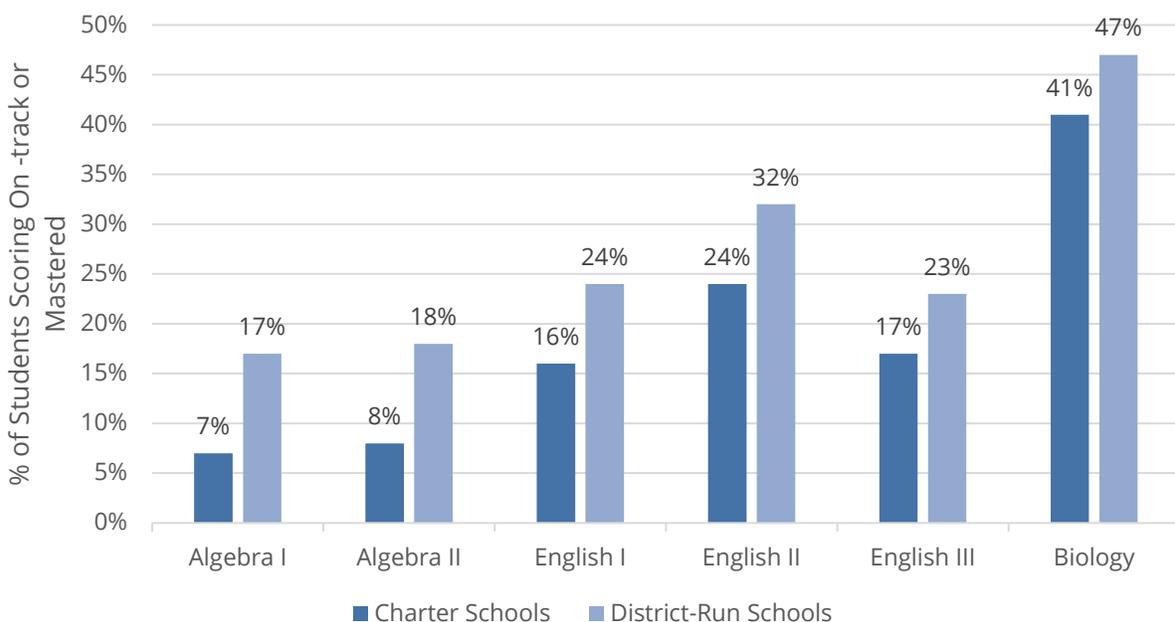


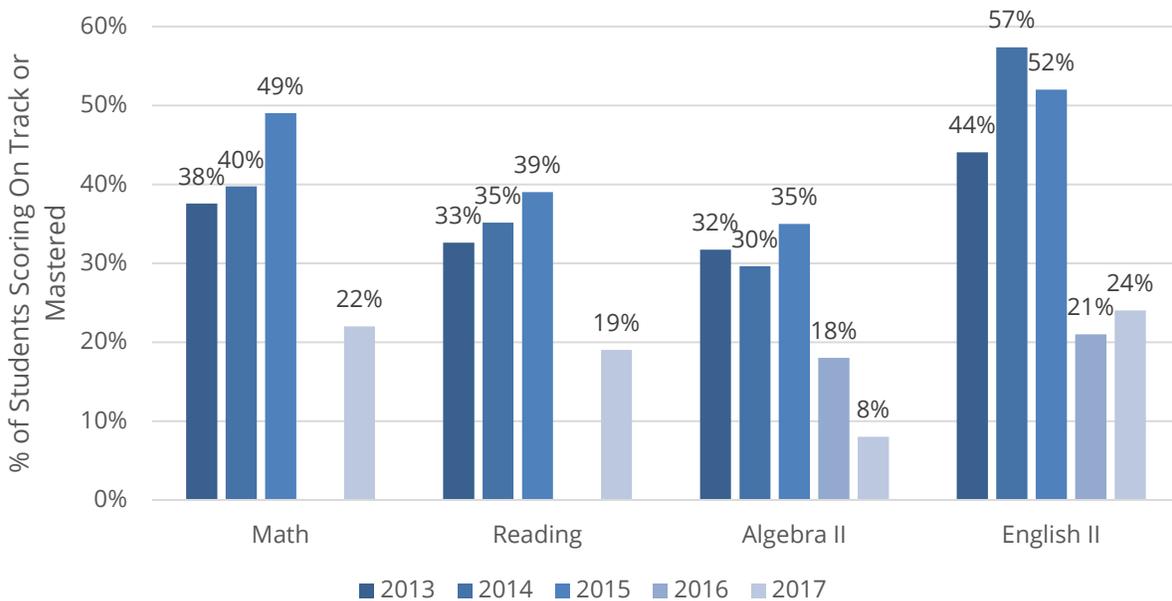
Table 4. Percent of Students Scoring On Track or Mastered on TNReady and EOC Exams by District

| | Hamilton County | | MNPS | | Shelby County | | ASD | | Knox County | |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | Charter Schools | District-Run Schools |
| TNReady | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reading | 20% | 32% | 30% | 25% | 15% | 21% | 8% | 8% | 13% | 40% |
| Math | 23% | 38% | 38% | 25% | 15% | 22% | 8% | 10% | 21% | 40% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| EOC Exams | | | | | | | | | | |
| Algebra I | 6% | 18% | 24% | ** | 8% | 6% | ** | ** | N/A | 29% |
| Algebra II | 15% | 18% | 29% | 13% | 5% | 11% | ** | ** | N/A | 32% |
| English I | 15% | 25% | 29% | 22% | 13% | 16% | ** | 6% | N/A | 36% |
| English II | 33% | 34% | 40% | 29% | 22% | 25% | 10% | 12% | N/A | 44% |
| English III | 25% | 28% | 29% | 17% | 18% | 19% | 9% | 10% | N/A | 31% |
| Biology I | 47% | 54% | 60% | 41% | 38% | 38% | 17% | 12% | N/A | 62% |

**District-level results suppressed when there are fewer than 30 valid tests or when percentage On Track/Mastered is greater than 95 percent or less than 5 percent.

Figure 7 illustrates the percentage of students scoring On Track or Mastered in math, reading, Algebra II, and English II for charter schools that have been open for at least three years.

Figure 7. Percent of Charter School Students Scoring On Track or Mastered



Value-Added Measures of School Effectiveness

The Tennessee Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS) provides measures of school effectiveness by estimating the impact teachers and schools have on their students' academic progress.

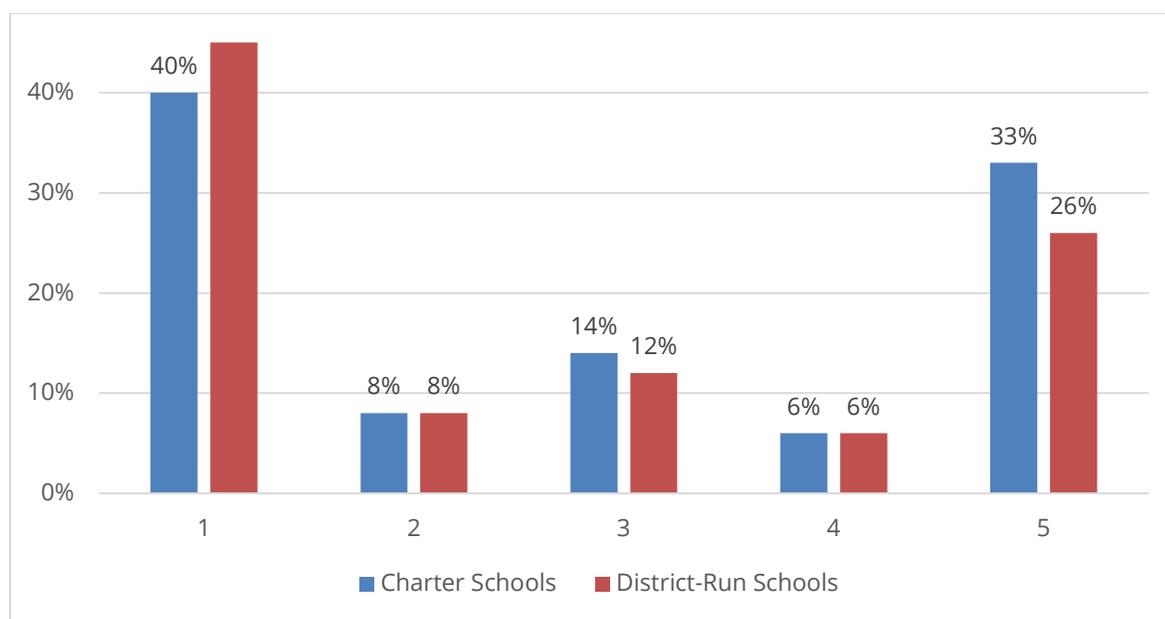
TVAAS measures growth in student achievement from one year to the next. Schools earn composite TVAAS scores each year ranging from Level 1 to Level 5. Level 1 schools are described as "Least Effective,"

while Level 5 schools are "Most Effective." A Composite TVAAS score of 3 indicates that students are making expected levels of growth across a year. Composite TVAAS scores measure growth in math, reading, science, and social studies on TNReady exams for schools serving grades 3-8. For schools offering EOC exams, Composite TVAAS scores measure students' growth in English I, English II, English III, Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology, and U.S. History.

Charter schools vary in effectiveness as measured by Composite TVAAS scores.

As shown in Figure 8, both charter schools and district-run schools display considerable variation in overall effectiveness as measured by Composite TVAAS scores. Fifty-three percent of charter schools received TVAAS scores that suggest students were making expected or greater than expected growth. Composite TVAAS scores for individual schools, where available, are included in Appendices B and C.

Figure 8. Composite TVAAS Scores, 2016-17



Attendance, Promotion, and Graduation

Table 5 shows rates of student attendance and progression across charters and district-run schools.

Table 5. Attendance, Promotion, and Graduation Rates 2017

| | Grades K-8 | | Grades 9-12 | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| | Attendance | Promotion | Attendance | Graduation |
| Charter Schools | 95% | 96% | 91% | 81% |
| District-Run Schools | 95% | 98% | 89% | 81% |

Student attendance rates are uniformly high for students in charters and district-run schools at the K-8 level. The average charter high school attendance rate of 91 percent is slightly higher than the district-run school attendance rate of 89 percent. In the past, high school graduation rates were significantly higher in charter schools as compared to district-run schools, but in 2016-17 the high school graduation rates are identical.

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Discipline

Each year, Tennessee schools report on disciplinary incidents experienced by students, including the reason for the incident and the type of disciplinary action taken. As illustrated in Figure 9, charter middle and high schools document fewer disciplinary incidents on average than district-run schools. Whereas district-run middle and high schools report that 26-27 percent of their students experience at least one disciplinary incident, charter middle and high schools report that 15 percent of their students experience at least one disciplinary incident.

Figure 9. Disciplinary Incidents by School Type

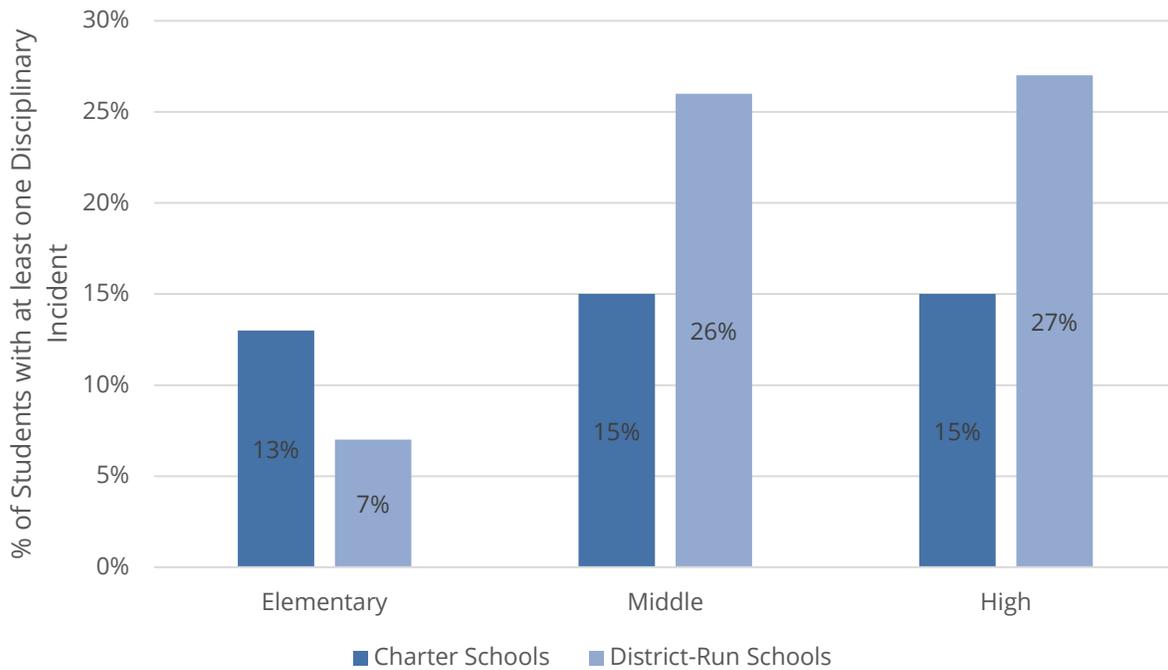
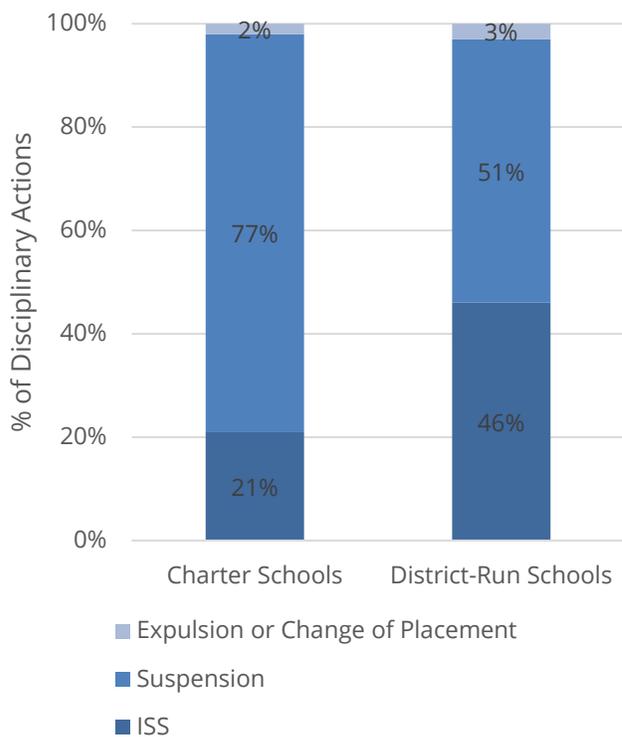


Figure 10. Disciplinary Action Taken by Charter Schools and District-Run Schools



Despite documenting fewer disciplinary incidents, charter schools suspend students at higher rates for documented rule violations. Documented rule violations constitute the majority of disciplinary incidents in both charters and district-run schools. Figure 10 shows that 77 percent of charter school students disciplined for documented rule violations in 2016-17 received out-of-school suspension as punishment, compared to only 51 percent of students at district-run schools.

School Recognitions

Each year under the state’s accountability system, the Tennessee Department of Education recognizes schools for their success. These Reward schools represent the top five percent of schools in the state for performance and the top five percent of schools in the state for year-over-year growth. Eleven charter schools received Reward school designations in 2017.

Table 6. Charter Schools Designated Reward Schools

| District | School | 2015 Reward Status | 2017 Reward Status |
|----------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| MNPS | Cameron College Preparatory | -- | Progress |
| | East End Preparatory School | -- | Performance & Progress |
| | Intrepid College Preparatory Charter School | Progress | -- |
| | KIPP Academy Nashville | Progress | -- |
| | KIPP Nashville College Prep | -- | Progress |
| | KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School | -- | Progress |
| | Lead Academy | Progress | -- |
| | Liberty Collegiate Academy | Performance & Progress | -- |
| | LEAD Prep Southeast | Progress | Progress |
| | New Vision Academy | Progress | Progress |
| | Purpose Prep | -- | Performance |
| Shelby County | Freedom Preparatory Academy | -- | Progress |
| | KIPP Memphis Middle Academy | Progress | -- |
| | Memphis Academy of Health Sciences | Progress | -- |
| | Memphis Academy Of Science Engineering Middle/High | -- | Progress |
| | Memphis Business Academy Elementary School | Progress | -- |
| | Memphis Business Academy Middle School | Progress | -- |
| | Memphis Business Academy High School | Progress | -- |
| | Memphis Grizzlies Preparatory Charter School | -- | Progress |
| | Memphis Rise Academy | -- | Progress |
| | Power Center Academy Middle | Progress | -- |
| | Power Center Academy High School | Progress | -- |
| Star Academy | Progress | -- | |

The State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) also recognizes schools annually for demonstrating success in improving student achievement. The SCORE Prize is awarded each year to the Tennessee elementary, middle, and high school that leads the way in student learning. In 2015, the middle school and high school SCORE Prize winners were both charter schools, New Vision Academy and The Soulsville Charter School. In addition, KIPP Academy Nashville was selected as a finalist. Two charter schools, KIPP Academy Nashville and Freedom Preparatory Academy, were selected as SCORE Prize finalists in 2014.

Priority Schools

The Tennessee Department of Education also identifies Priority schools every three years in accordance with the state’s accountability system. Priority schools are the lowest-performing five percent of schools in Tennessee in terms of academic achievement. These schools are eligible for inclusion in the ASD or in district Innovation Zones (iZones). Tables 7 and 8 list the charter school which received Priority school designation in 2017 and 2015.

Table 7. Charter Schools Designated as 2017 Priority Schools – Improving

| District | School |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Achievement School District | Lester Prep |

Table 8. Charter Schools Designated as 2015 Priority

| District | School |
|----------------------|--|
| Shelby County | Omni Prep Academy - North Point Lower School |
| | Omni Prep Academy - North Pointe Middle School |
| | Southern Avenue Middle |

Appendices

Appendix A. Charter School Enrollment, Type, and Grades Served

| Hamilton County | | | | |
|--|------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|
| School | Enrollment | Charter Type | Year Opened | Grades Served (2016) |
| Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy | 351 | Start-up | 2009-10 | 6-12 |
| Ivy Academy, Inc. | 208 | Start-up | 2009-10 | 9-12 |
| Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence | 454 | Start-up | 2011-12 | K-5 |
| Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence Middle School | 81 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 6-8 |
| Metro Nashville Public Schools | | | | |
| School | Enrollment | Charter Type | Year Opened | Grades Served (2016) |
| Smithson Craighead Academy | 191 | Start-up | 2003-04 | K-4 |
| KIPP Academy Nashville | 369 | Start-up | 2005-06 | 5-8 |
| Lead Academy | 359 | Start-up | 2007-08 | 5-12 |
| New Vision Academy | 211 | Start-up | 2010-11 | 5-8 |
| Liberty Collegiate Academy | 461 | Start-up | 2011-12 | 5-9 |
| STEM Prep Academy | 532 | Start-up | 2011-12 | 5-8 |
| Nashville Prep | 427 | Start-up | 2011-12 | 5-8 |
| East End Preparatory School | 633 | Start-up | 2011-12 | K-8 |
| Cameron College Preparatory | 677 | Conversion | 2011-12 | 5-8 |
| KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School | 264 | Start-up | 2014-15 | 9-12 |
| Knowledge Academy | 264 | Start-up | 2012-13 | 5-8 |
| LEAD Prep Southeast | 486 | Start-up | 2013-14 | 5-12 |
| KIPP Nashville College Prep | 362 | Start-up | 2013-14 | 5-7 |
| Nashville Classical | 294 | Start-up | 2013-14 | K-2 |
| Valor Flagship Academy | 371 | Start-up | 2014-15 | 5-6 |
| Purpose Prep | 300 | Start-up | 2013-14 | K-2 |
| Intrepid College Preparatory Charter School | 374 | Start-up | 2013-14 | 5-7 |
| Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary | 544 | Start-up | 2014-15 | K-4 |
| Nashville Academy of Computer Science | 309 | Start-up | 2014-15 | 5-6 |
| Explore Community School | 159 | Start-up | 2015-16 | K |

| | | | | |
|---|-----|----------|---------|-----|
| Knowledge Academies High School | 179 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 9 |
| Rocketship United | 533 | Start-up | 2015-16 | K-4 |
| STEM Prep High School | 252 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 9 |
| Valor Voyager Academy | 374 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 5-6 |
| Strive Collegiate Academy | 192 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 5 |
| KIPP Academy Nashville Elementary School | 299 | Start-up | 2015-16 | K-1 |
| RePublic High School | 321 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 9 |
| KA at the Crossings | 149 | Start-up | 2016-17 | 5-8 |

Shelby County

| School | Enrollment | Charter Type | Year Opened | Grades Served (2016) |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Arrow Academy of Excellence | 82 | Start-up | 2013-14 | K-3 |
| Aspire East Academy | 103 | Start-up | 2016-17 | K-8 |
| Aurora Collegiate Academy | 277 | Start-up | 2012-13 | K |
| Circles Of Success Learning Academy | 239 | Start-up | 2003-04 | K-5 |
| City University Boys Preparatory | 68 | Start-up | 2009-10 | 6-8 |
| City University School Girls Preparatory | 106 | Start-up | 2013-14 | 6-8 |
| City University School of Independence | 21 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 9-12 |
| City University School of Liberal Arts | 290 | Start-up | 2004-05 | 9-12 |
| DuBois Elementary School of Arts Technology | 280 | Start-up | 2013-14 | K-5 |
| DuBois Elementary School of Entrepreneurship | 303 | Start-up | 2013-14 | K-5 |
| DuBois High of Leadership Public Policy | 93 | Start-up | 2014-15 | 9-11 |
| DuBois High School of Arts Technology | 229 | Start-up | 2013-14 | 9-11 |
| DuBois Middle of Leadership Public Policy | 152 | Start-up | 2013-14 | 6-8 |
| DuBois Middle School of Arts Technology | 186 | Start-up | 2013-14 | 6-8 |
| Freedom Preparatory Academy | 652 | Start-up | 2009-10 | 6-11 |
| Freedom Preparatory Academy Elementary School | 56 | Start-up | 2016-17 | K-5 |
| KIPP Memphis Collegiate Elementary | 557 | Start-up | 2012-13 | K-1 |
| KIPP Memphis Collegiate High School | 471 | Start-up | 2011-12 | 9-12 |

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|--|-----|----------|---------|------|
| KIPP Memphis Collegiate Middle | 265 | Start-up | 2008-09 | 5-8 |
| KIPP Memphis Middle Academy | 387 | Start-up | 2012-13 | 5-6 |
| Leadership Preparatory Charter School | 129 | Start-up | 2015-16 | K-1 |
| Memphis Academy of Health Sciences | 322 | Start-up | 2003-04 | 6-8 |
| Memphis Academy of Health Sciences High School | 435 | Start-up | 2008-09 | 9-12 |
| Memphis Academy Of Science Engineering Middle/High | 456 | Start-up | 2003-04 | 6-12 |
| Memphis Business Academy Elementary School | 337 | Start-up | 2011-12 | K-3 |
| Memphis Business Academy High School | 418 | Start-up | 2008-09 | 9-12 |
| Memphis Business Academy Middle | 378 | Start-up | 2005-06 | 6-7 |
| Memphis College Preparatory | 274 | Start-up | 2010-11 | K-3 |
| Memphis Delta Preparatory Charter School | 253 | Start-up | 2016-17 | K-3 |
| Memphis Grizzlies Preparatory Charter School | 269 | Start-up | 2012-13 | 6-7 |
| Memphis Rise Academy | 332 | Start-up | 2014-15 | 6-12 |
| Memphis STEM Academy | 487 | Start-up | 2016-17 | K-5 |
| Nexus STEM Academy Middle School | 75 | Start-up | 2016-17 | 6-8 |
| Power Center Academy Elementary School | 98 | Start-up | 2015-16 | K-5 |
| Power Center Academy High School | 396 | Start-up | 2010-11 | 9-12 |
| Power Center Academy Middle | 694 | Start-up | 2011-12 | 6-8 |
| Promise Academy | 426 | Start-up | 2008-09 | K-5 |
| Soulsville Charter School | 404 | Start-up | 2005-06 | 6-12 |
| Southern Avenue Charter School of Academic Excellence Creative Arts | 634 | Start-up | 2005-06 | K-5 |
| Southern Avenue Middle | 427 | Start-up | 2005-06 | 6-8 |
| Star Academy | 229 | Start-up | 2010-11 | K-5 |
| The Excel Center | 368 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 9-12 |
| Veritas College Preparatory | 130 | Start-up | 2004-05 | 6-8 |
| Vision Preparatory Charter School | 229 | Start-up | 2014-15 | K-5 |

Knox County

| School | Enrollment | Charter Type | Year Opened | Grades Served (2016) |
|--|------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Emerald Academy | 251 | Start-up | 2015-16 | K-8 |
| Achievement School District | | | | |
| School | Enrollment | Charter Type | Year Opened | Grades Served (2016) |
| Aspire Coleman | 547 | Conversion | 2014-15 | PK-6 |
| Aspire Hanley #1 | 472 | Conversion | 2013-14 | K-7 |
| Aspire Hanley #2 | 345 | Conversion | 2013-14 | PK-5 |
| Brick Church: A LEAD Public School | 332 | Conversion | 2012-13 | 5-8 |
| Cornerstone Prep - Lester Campus | 498 | Conversion | 2012-13 | PK-5 |
| Cornerstone Prep Denver Campus | 616 | Conversion | 2015-16 | K-5 |
| Fairley High School | 547 | Conversion | 2014-15 | 9-12 |
| Freedom Preparatory Academy Charter Elementary School | 567 | Conversion | 2014-15 | PK-5 |
| Hillcrest High School | 480 | Conversion | 2017-18 | 9-12 |
| Humes Preparatory Academy Middle School | 313 | Conversion | 2013-14 | 6-8 |
| KIPP Memphis Academy Elementary | 448 | Conversion | 2013-14 | K-3 |
| KIPP Memphis Preparatory Elementary | 228 | Conversion | 2015-16 | K-1 |
| KIPP Memphis Preparatory Middle | 381 | Conversion | 2013-14 | 5-7 |
| KIPP Memphis University Middle | 147 | Conversion | 2014-15 | 6-7 |
| Kirby Middle School | 389 | Conversion | 2016-17 | 6-8 |
| Klondike Preparatory Academy | 199 | Conversion | 2013-14 | K-5 |
| Lester Prep | 251 | Conversion | 2014-15 | 6-8 |
| Libertas School | 224 | Conversion | 2015-16 | PK-1 |
| Martin Luther King Preparatory High School | 625 | Conversion | 2014-15 | 9-12 |
| Memphis Scholars Caldwell-Guthrie | 442 | Conversion | 2016-17 | K-5 |
| Memphis Scholars Florida Kansas | 312 | Conversion | 2015-16 | K-5 |
| Memphis Scholars Raleigh Egypt | 203 | Conversion | 2016-17 | 6-8 |
| Neely's Bend: A LEAD Public School | 244 | Conversion | 2015-16 | 5-6 |
| Promise Academy - Spring Hill | 275 | Conversion | 2014-15 | PK-3 |
| Wooddale Middle School | 466 | Conversion | 2015-16 | 6-8 |

Appendix B. Charter School Performance, Grades 3-8

| Hamilton County | | | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|------|---------|
| School | Composite TVAAS | % On Track or Mastered | | |
| | | Reading | Math | Science |
| Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence | 3 | 15% | 16% | 28% |
| Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy | 3 | 19% | 22% | 51% |
| Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence Middle School | 4 | * | 34% | 32% |
| Metro Nashville Public Schools | | | | |
| School | Composite TVAAS | % On Track or Mastered | | |
| | | Reading | Math | Science |
| Smithson Craighead Academy | N/A | 15% | 11% | 21% |
| KIPP Academy Nashville | 5 | 56% | 37% | 81% |
| New Vision Academy | 5 | 20% | 25% | 61% |
| Liberty Collegiate Academy | 5 | 44% | 31% | 71% |
| STEM Prep Academy | 5 | 46% | 31% | 69% |
| Nashville Prep | 1 | 28% | 25% | 49% |
| East End Preparatory School | 5 | 64% | 41% | 81% |
| Cameron College Preparatory | 5 | 16% | 14% | 52% |
| Knowledge Academy | 1 | 10% | 17% | 60% |
| LEAD Prep Southeast | 5 | 26% | 25% | 70% |
| KIPP Nashville College Prep | 5 | 40% | 17% | 65% |
| Nashville Classical | N/A | 55% | 67% | 69% |
| Valor Flagship Academy | 5 | 74% | 69% | 92% |
| Purpose Prep | N/A | 43% | 68% | 71% |
| Intrepid College Preparatory Charter School | 5 | 60% | 34% | 82% |
| Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary | N/A | 21% | 20% | 11% |
| Nashville Academy of Computer Science | 5 | 25% | 28% | 54% |

| Rocketship United | N/A | 36% | 13% | 15% |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|------|---------|
| Valor Voyager Academy | 5 | 59% | 47% | 84% |
| Strive Collegiate Academy | 5 | 28% | 27% | 60% |
| Knowledge Academy @ The Crossings | 5 | 11% | 15% | 55% |
| Shelby County | | | | |
| School | Composite TVAAS | % On Track or Mastered | | |
| | | Reading | Math | Science |
| Arrow Academy of Excellence | 3 | 6% | 24% | 59% |
| Aurora Collegiate Academy | 3 | 23% | 27% | 42% |
| Circles Of Success Learning Academy | 1 | 26% | 34% | 41% |
| City University Boys Preparatory | 1 | 16% | 10% | 24% |
| City University School Girls Preparatory | 1 | 19% | 6% | 14% |
| DuBois Elementary School of Arts Technology | 1 | 7% | ** | 8% |
| DuBois Elementary School of Entrepreneurship | 2 | 21% | 19% | 41% |
| DuBois Middle of Leadership Public Policy | 1 | 11% | ** | 14% |
| DuBois Middle School of Arts Technology | 2 | ** | ** | 21% |
| Freedom Preparatory Academy | 5 | 16% | 27% | 53% |
| KIPP Memphis Collegiate Elementary | 1 | 11% | 14% | 20% |
| KIPP Memphis Collegiate Middle | 4 | 7% | 12% | 37% |
| KIPP Memphis Middle Academy | 1 | 10% | 9% | 39% |
| Memphis Academy Of Health Sciences | 1 | 9% | ** | 38% |
| Memphis Academy Of Science Engineering Middle/High | 5 | 15% | 21% | 57% |
| Memphis Business Academy Elementary School | 2 | 13% | 15% | 44% |
| Memphis Business Academy Middle | 3 | 14% | 16% | 47% |
| Memphis College Preparatory | 5 | 14% | 18% | 14% |
| Memphis Delta Preparatory Charter School | 1 | 8% | 8% | 9% |
| Memphis Grizzlies Preparatory Charter School | 5 | 18% | 10% | 68% |
| Memphis Rise Academy | 5 | 24% | 35% | 78% |
| Memphis School of Excellence | 5 | 22% | 23% | 67% |
| Nexus STEM Academy Middle School | 1 | 17% | 25% | 35% |
| Power Center Academy Middle | 1 | 22% | 7% | 69% |

| Promise Academy | 1 | 15% | 26% | 34% |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|------|---------|
| Soulsville Charter School | 5 | 17% | 7% | 63% |
| Southern Avenue Charter School Of Academic Excellence Creative Arts | 1 | 13% | 16% | 39% |
| Star Academy | 3 | 27% | 28% | 28% |
| Veritas College Preparatory | 2 | 8% | 15% | 35% |
| Vision Preparatory Charter School | 3 | 15% | 10% | 56% |
| Knox County | | | | |
| School | Composite TVAAS | % On Track or Mastered | | |
| | | Reading | Math | Science |
| Emerald Academy | 4 | 13% | 21% | 39% |
| Achievement School District | | | | |
| School | Composite TVAAS | % On Track or Mastered | | |
| | | Reading | Math | Science |
| Aspire Coleman | 5 | 12% | 13% | 19% |
| Aspire Hanley #1 | 1 | 9% | ** | 12% |
| Aspire Hanley #2 | 5 | 8% | 17% | 26% |
| Brick Church: A LEAD Public School | 2 | 11% | 12% | 16% |
| Cornerstone Prep - Lester Campus | 1 | 9% | 16% | 27% |
| Cornerstone Prep Denver Campus | 1 | ** | 10% | 14% |
| Freedom Preparatory Academy Charter Elementary School | 1 | 7% | 11% | 18% |
| Humes Preparatory Academy Middle School | 5 | 12% | 7% | 48% |
| KIPP Memphis Academy Elementary | N/A | * | * | * |
| KIPP Memphis Preparatory Elementary | 1 | 9% | ** | 37% |
| KIPP Memphis Preparatory Middle | 1 | ** | 6% | 25% |
| KIPP Memphis University Middle | 5 | 9% | 15% | 36% |
| Lester Prep | 1 | 6% | 6% | 23% |
| Libertas School | 1 | 7% | 9% | 7% |
| Memphis Scholars Florida Kansas | 1 | 8% | ** | 7% |
| Neely's Bend: A LEAD Public School | 1 | 1% | 7% | 15% |
| Promise Academy - Spring Hill | N/A | 17% | 17% | 23% |
| Wooddale Middle School | 1 | 6% | ** | 42% |

Note: * Indicates that results were suppressed due to FERPA regulations.

Appendix C. Charter School Performance, Grades 9-12

| Hamilton County | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------|-------|--------|---------|-------|
| School | Composite TVAAS | Graduation Rate | % On Track or Mastered | | | | | |
| | | | Alg I | Alg II | Eng I | Eng II | Eng III | Bio I |
| Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy | 4 | 100% | ** | ** | ** | ** | 36% | 49% |
| Ivy Academy, Inc. | 5 | 77% | ** | ** | ** | ** | 27% | ** |
| Metro Nashville Public Schools | | | | | | | | |
| School | Composite TVAAS | Graduation Rate | % On Track or Mastered | | | | | |
| | | | Alg I | Alg II | Eng I | Eng II | Eng III | Bio I |
| Lead Academy | 5 | 93% | | | ** | ** | ** | 54% |
| KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School | 5 | N/A | 29% | ** | ** | 36% | 57% | 83% |
| Knowledge Academies High School | 3 | N/A | ** | ** | ** | ** | N/A | 61% |
| Lead Academy | 5 | N/A | N/A | ** | ** | 46% | N/A | 73% |
| STEM Prep High School | 1 | N/A | N/A | ** | ** | 46% | N/A | 50% |
| Shelby County | | | | | | | | |
| School | Composite TVAAS | Graduation Rate | % On Track or Mastered | | | | | |
| | | | Alg I | Alg II | Eng I | Eng II | Eng III | Bio I |
| City University School of Independence | 2 | N/A | N/A | ** | N/A | ** | N/A | ** |
| City University School Of Liberal Arts | 1 | 98% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| DuBois High of Leadership Public Policy | 2 | N/A | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| DuBois High School of Arts Technology | 1 | 68% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Freedom Preparatory Academy | 5 | 89% | ** | ** | ** | ** | 39% | ** |

Note: * Indicates that results were masked due to FERPA regulations.

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|---|---|------|----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| KIPP Memphis Collegiate High School | 3 | 81% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Memphis Academy of Health Sciences High School | 4 | 91% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Memphis Academy Of Science Engineering Middle/High | 5 | 98% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | 62% |
| Memphis Business Academy High School | 3 | 99% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Memphis School of Excellence | 5 | 98% | ** | ** | ** | ** | 33% | 68% |
| Power Center Academy High School | 1 | 97% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Soulsville Charter School | 5 | 100% | * | N/A | ** | ** | ** | 51% |
| The Excel Center | 1 | 16% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |

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| School | Composite TVAAS | Graduation Rate | % On Track or Mastered | | | | | Bio I |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------|-------|--------|---------|-------|
| | | | Alg I | Alg II | Eng I | Eng II | Eng III | |
| Fairley High School | 1 | 77% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Hillcrest High School | 1 | 69% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Martin Luther King Preparatory High School | 1 | 65% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** |

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