

2020-21 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, Section 120, the report provides information on the charter school landscape in Tennessee, charter school numbers, academic performance, enrollment, and student characteristics. All data presented in this report is from the **2020-21 school year**, unless otherwise noted.

Additional information regarding charter schools is available on the <u>Tennessee Department of Education's website</u>, including application materials, available grants, required reports, authorizer matters and answers to frequently asked questions.

2020-21 Tennessee Charter School Quick Facts

- A total of 115 Tennessee charter schools were located within the geographic boundaries
 of four (4) school districts across the state: Hamilton County Schools, Knox County
 Schools, Metro Nashville Public Schools, and Memphis-Shelby County Schools.
- Six (6) entities acting as local education agencies (LEAs) authorized charter schools to operate: Hamilton County Schools, Knox County Schools, Metro Nashville Public Schools, and Memphis-Shelby County Schools, along with the Achievement School District (ASD) and the Tennessee State Board of Education (SBE).
- Two (2) new charter schools began operating in 2020, one (1) charter school closed at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, and two (2) charter schools merged into a single school at the end of the 2020-21 school year.
- The Charter Commission heard three (3) appeals regarding LEA decisions on new applications and upheld two (2) of those decisions.
- Tennessee charter schools enrolled over 44,000 students, roughly 4.7% of the student population statewide.
- Approximately 58% of the student population at charter schools was deemed economically disadvantaged, and over 90% of students belonged to racial and ethnic minority groups. Compared with district-run schools, on average, the enrollment of minority students at charter schools was 27 percentage points higher and the enrollment of economically disadvantaged students was 15 percentage points higher.
- Approximately 75% of Tennessee charter schools were elementary and middle schools, while only 25% were high schools and middle/high schools.
- 6.1% of charter schools were identified as Tennessee Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS) Level 5 "Most Effective" as compared to 18.9% of district-run schools.

• The average charter high school graduation rate was 5 percentage points lower than the average high school graduation rate at district-run schools.

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. A charter school, while still part of its LEA, is governed by an independent governing board and has greater autonomy over its budget, 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 a 501(c) (3) exemption.

Charter schools are publicly funded, and as such, are subject to the same performance standards outlined by the SBE for traditional public schools. A charter school may be closed if it fails to make sufficient progress toward performance expectations set forth in its charter agreement, materially violates its charter agreement, or fails to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management. A charter school agreement may be revoked by the authorizer if the school is designated a Priority school under the state's accountability system.

In 2018, schools earned Priority designations if their one- or two-year success rates—for the K-8 and high school pools, respectively—were in the bottom five percent statewide and the schools did not have TVAAS composites of 4 or 5 in both 2016-17 and 2017-18. The success rates included 2015-16 and 2016-17 data for schools in the high school pool and 2016-17 data only for schools in the K-8 pool. Schools with graduation rates of less than 67 percent were also designated as Priority schools.¹

If the authorizer decides not to revoke a charter school agreement once the school has been identified as a Priority school, then the school must develop and implement a comprehensive support and improvement plan. A charter school agreement must be revoked by the authorizer if the school is designated a Priority school for two consecutive years. (More about Tennessee's accountability system is available here.)

¹ 2019 Accountability Protocol (tn.gov), page 44.

The Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002 allowed for the establishment of charter schools as "an alternative means within the public school system for ensuring accomplishment of the necessary outcomes of education" (Tenn. Code Ann. § 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. Previously, preference had 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 was aimed at increasing the number of high-performing charter schools in Tennessee. This Act required charter authorizers to adopt high-quality authorizing practices and established an authorizer fee to be paid by charter schools to the LEA for costs associated with charter authorizing. It also clarified funding procedures for charter schools and established a grant that could be used by charter schools to purchase school facilities or to pay for renovation and maintenance costs for existing facilities.

In 2018-19, local boards of education, the ASD, and the SBE served as charter school authorizers in Tennessee. Local boards of education authorize most charter schools and were once the only charter authorizers in Tennessee. In 2018-19, the SBE received requests for appeals from charter school applicants that were denied by their local boards of education. The SBE could choose to uphold or overturn a local board's denial. The SBE could only serve as the authorizer for charter schools whose applications were denied by a local board with at least one Priority School operated by the district. If the district did not have a Priority school, a reversal by the SBE upon appeal would result in the local board serving as the authorizer for the school. The establishment of the ASD in 2012 created a state-run entity with the power to authorize charters for schools designated as Priority schools; in 2018-19, it authorized 26 charter schools.

The Tennessee Public Charter School Commission (Charter Commission) was created by Chapter 219 of the Public Acts of 2019. The Charter Commission was established to hear new start, revocation, and renewal charter school appeals from across the state and to serve as an authorizer to any charter schools that it authorizes upon appeal, replacing the role previously held by the SBE. The Charter Commission took over charter school appeal responsibilities from the SBE on January 1, 2021. On July 1, 2021, the Commission assumed the authorization responsibilities from the SBE.

Charter Schools by the Numbers

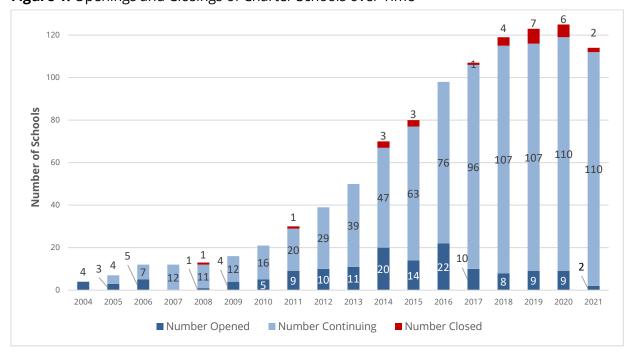
In 2020-21, six (6) authorizers existed in Tennessee. Local boards of education acting as authorizers included Hamilton County Schools, Knox County Schools, Metro Nashville Public

Schools, and Memphis-Shelby County Schools. Charter schools were also authorized by the ASD and the SBE. In 2020-21, a total of 115 charter schools serving 44,573 students operated within the geographic boundaries of the school districts identified above.

Figure 1 depicts the change in total number of charter schools statewide since the first charter schools opened in 2003-04.

115 charter schools operated during the 2020-21 school year, serving 44,573 students.

Figure 1. Openings and Closings of Charter Schools over Time²



Since the first charter schools opened in school year 2003-04, there was a steady increase in new schools opening each year. Since the 2017-18 school year, that number has been about nine new schools opening a year, however that number dropped to only two new schools in the 2020-21 school year. Several charter schools delayed the opening of their school due to operational concerns caused by COVID-19. Additionally, two charter schools closed in the 2020-21 school year. One school closure was the result of a merger between two schools within the same charter network, and the other was self-imposed due to low enrollment before the start of the next school year.

² "Number Opened" indicates a school that was not in operation in the prior school year. "Number Continuing" indicates a school that was in operations the prior school year and in the current school year. "Number Closed" indicates a school that was in operation in the current school year but not in the subsequent school year.

Figure 2 shows the corresponding growth in charter school enrollment since 2010. The number of students enrolled at charter schools increased over 820%, from approximately 4,800 students to over 40,000 students. From school year 2019-20 to 2020-21, charter school enrollment increased by approximately 3.2%.

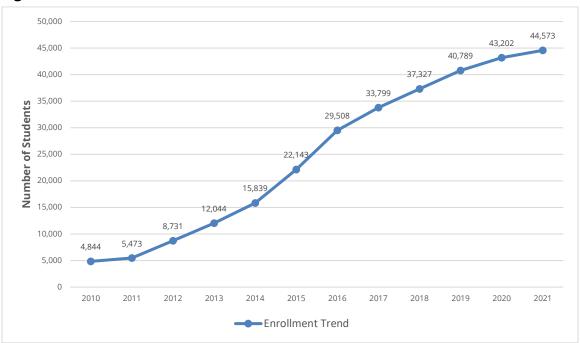


Figure 2. Growth in Charter School Enrollment over Time

Even with the growth of students enrolled in charter schools, charter enrollments still only accounted for less than 5% of the total public-school enrollment in the state. Table 1 below breaks down charter enrollment across the authorizers at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Table 1. Charter School Enrollment by Authorizer, EOY 2020-21

| | Number of Charters | Charter only Enrollment | Total Enrollment | % Charter Enrollment within the LEA |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Achievement School District | 23 | 8,474 | 9,321 | 91% |
| Hamilton County Schools | 5 | 1,617 | 44,086 | 4% |
| Knox County Schools | 1 | 438 | 59,151 | 1% |
| Memphis-Shelby County Schools | 56 | 19,157 | 110,796 | 17% |
| Metro Nashville Public Schools | 27 | 13,628 | 80,348 | 17% |
| Tennessee State Board of Education | 3 | 1,259 | 1,259 | 100% |
| Tennessee | 115 | 44,573 | 984,994 | 4.5% |

Table 2 documents the ratio of new applications submitted compared to new applications approved, as well as the ratio of the number of appeals to the SBE compared to the number of successful appeals. To date, 34% of charter school applications have been approved by their respective local boards of education, and only about 34% of charter school appeals to the state appellate body have been successful.

Table 2. Charter School Applications, Approvals, and Appeals

| Year | # New Applications: # Approved | # 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 | |
| 2018 | 20:9 | 4:0 | |
| 2019 | 13:1 | 6:2 | |
| 2020 | 12:1 | 6:4 | |
| 2021 | 7:3 | 3:2* | |
| Total | 337:115 | 94:32 | 52:22 |

^{*}The first year in which charter school new start application appeals were determined by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission. Prior to 2021, appeals were determined by the Tennessee State Board of Education.

Student Characteristics

The following sections compare the demographics of students in charter schools to the demographics of students in non-charter public schools within the same district. Throughout this report, the non-charter public schools within districts that authorize charter schools are referred

to as "district-run" schools. Total charter comparisons reflect students in all charter schools compared to students in non-charter, traditional public schools in districts with charter schools.

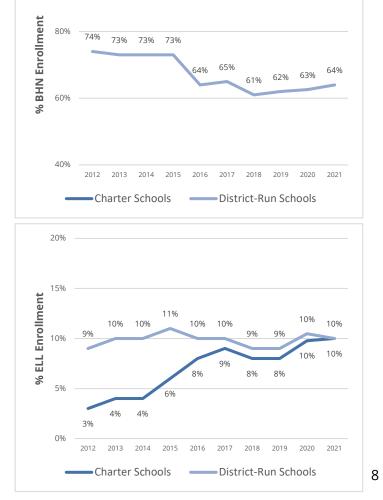
Compared to district-run schools, Tennessee's charter schools enroll a larger proportion of minority and economically disadvantaged students. Figure 3 depicts the percentages of minority students, economically disadvantaged (ED) students, English language learners (ELL), and students with disabilities (SWD) enrolled in charter schools compared to district-run schools since 2012. The significant reduction of students identified as ED from 2015 to 2016 resulted when the state redefined the term. In previous years, the state's definition of "economically disadvantaged" counted all students receiving free or reduced-priced lunches. Commencing in 2016, students who were directly certified to receive free lunches were counted as ED, together with migrant, homeless, runaway, and foster students. The newer definition more clearly captures the students who are most at-risk in terms of poverty and family stability.

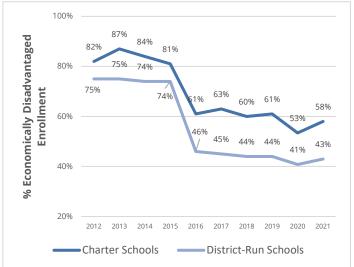
Figure 3. Student Demographics Enrolled in Charter Schools over Time³

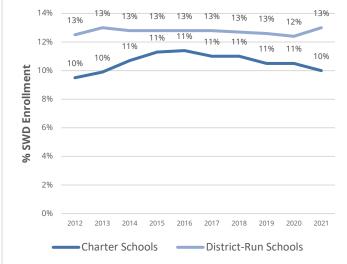
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Over the past decade, charter schools have consistently enrolled a population of students that represents a larger proportion of minority students than district-run schools, with differences of up to 30 percentage points. Likewise, charter schools have consistently enrolled a greater proportion of ED students than district-run schools. In 2020-21, that difference was 15 percentage points. The comparison of other subgroups is less drastic. In the 2020-21 school year, both charter schools and district run school enrollment include 10% ELL. In that same year, charter school enrollment included 13% SWD compared to 10% in district-run schools. Table 3 provides charter school demographics specific to each authorizer.

Table 3. Demographics of Charter Schools by Authorizer, 2020-21

| | Ham Cou | ilton ınty | | iox inty | MN | IPS | - | s-Shelby Schools | A | SD | State Board ⁴ |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | Charter Schools | District- Run Schools ⁵ | Charter Schools |
| % White | 21% | 48% | 17% | 63% | 15% | 27% | 2% | 7% | 2% | 0% | 19% |
| % Black | 49% | 33% | 73% | 22% | 48% | 44% | 79% | 78% | 91% | 95% | 53% |
| % Hispanic | 29% | 15% | 10% | 12% | 35% | 25% | 18% | 14% | 7% | 4% | 24% |
| % Asian | <1% | 3% | 0% | 2% | 1% | 4% | <1% | 1% | <1% | 0% | 5% |
| % Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander | <1% | <1% | 0% | <1% | <1% | <1% | 0% | <1% | 0% | <1% | <1% |
| % ED | 37% | 38% | 64% | 33% | 46% | 42% | 64% | 62% | 70% | 75% | 36% |
| % ELL | 12% | 6% | 4% | 6% | 16% | 18% | 9% | 7% | 4% | 0% | 17% |
| % SWD | 11% | 14% | 16% | 18% | 13% | 15% | 8% | 13% | 13% | 10% | 13% |

School Size and Structure

Charter schools have the freedom to organize and structure themselves in the manner they determine to be most effective for educating students. Many use the same models as traditional district-run schools, organizing into elementary, middle, and high schools.

Figure 4 shows the planned grade configurations of all charter schools operating in 2020-21, as indicated in their original charter applications. As illustrated, most charters planned to operate

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⁵ Includes four Achievement Schools directly operated by the district.

as either elementary or middle schools. However, there are 11 schools that planned to span elementary/middle school grades and 11 that planned to span middle/high school grades. Finally, there were 18 charter high school.

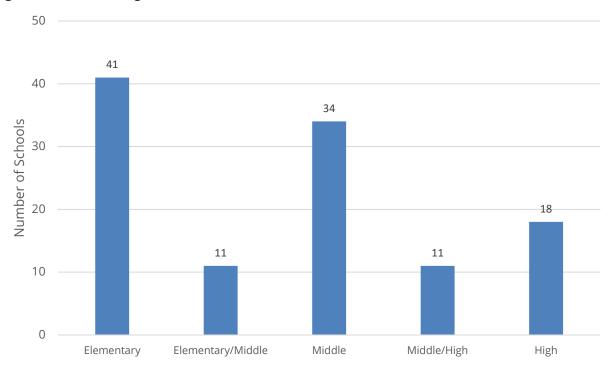


Figure 4. Grade Configurations of Charter Schools, 2020-21

Charter schools in Tennessee tend to enroll fewer students than comparable district-run schools (Figure 5). Often new charter schools scale up over time, starting with only a single grade and taking multiple years to reach a planned grade configuration. Only charter schools that have reached their full grade span are included in the average total school enrollment metric (charter schools that had not reached their full grade span were excluded). Characteristics of individual charter schools are listed in <u>Appendix A</u>.

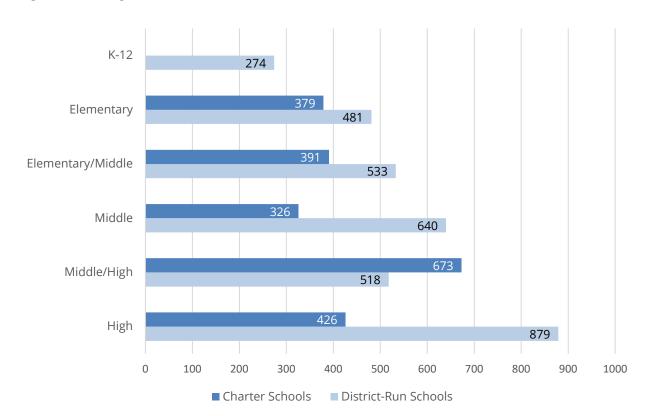


Figure 5. Average Enrollment at Charter Schools and District-Run Schools, 2020-21

Student Mobility

Student mobility refers to students changing schools during a school year, whether voluntary or involuntary. The student mobility rates included in <u>Appendix D</u> are indicated as a percentage of students who transferred (calculated as the number of students who transferred divided by the number of students who attended the school at any point in the 2020-21 school year).

Charter School Outcomes

The following sections provide data on a variety of academic and behavioral outcomes that the State tracks over time for both charter and district-run schools. Recent studies that have attempted to unpack the causal impact of Tennessee charter schools on student outcomes are available from the Center for Research on Education Outcomes at Stanford University and can be found at the following link: https://credo.stanford.edu/.

Value-Added Measures of School Effectiveness

Tennessee's accountability system holds schools accountable for the academic performance of their students. 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 over a year. Composite TVAAS scores measure growth in math, reading, science, and social studies on TCAP assessments for schools serving grades 3-8. For schools offering end-of-course (EOC) exams, composite TVAAS scores measure students' growth in English I, English II, English III, Algebra I, Algebra II, Biology, and U.S. History.

As shown in Figure 6, both charter schools and district-run schools display variation in overall effectiveness as measured by composite TVAAS scores. Approximately 16% of charter schools received TVAAS scores that suggest students were making expected or greater than expected growth (TVAAS 3-5). Composite TVAAS scores for individual schools, where available, are included in Appendices B and C.

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It is worth nothing that in the first test administered post the COVID-19 school closures in Spring 2020, the testing data for the 2020-21 school year was held harmless for schools who met the minimum testing threshold. Chapter 2 of the Public Acts of 2021 (PC 2), passed during the 1st Extraordinary Session of the 112th General Assembly, amended laws regarding educator, student, school, and school district accountability. School districts with at least 80% of eligible students (grades 3-12) participating in the TCAP assessments were held harmless from standard state accountability measures. This allowed school districts and schools to focus on understanding the learning needs of their students, while relieving any negative stress associated with accountability.

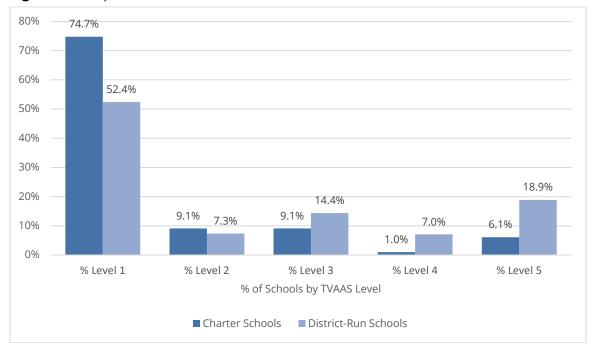


Figure 6. Composite TVAAS Scores, 2020-21

Academic Achievement

Tennessee students in grades 3-8 take TCAP assessments in math, reading/language arts, science, and social studies. Students in Grades 9-12 take EOC exams in English I, 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.

Figures 7 and 8 depict the percentage of students in both charter and district-run schools scoring "On Track" or "Mastered" on TCAP and EOC exams in the 2020-21 school year. 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. Moreover, there are many fewer charter high schools than district-run schools. For school-level percentages of students scoring On Track or Mastered in each subject, please see <u>Appendices B and C</u>.

Figure 7. Percent of Students Scoring on Track or Mastered on EOC exams, 2020-21

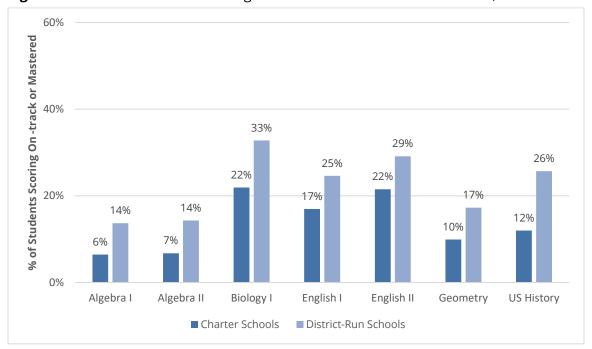


Figure 8. Percent of Students Scoring On Track or Mastered on 3-8 TCAP exams, 2020-21

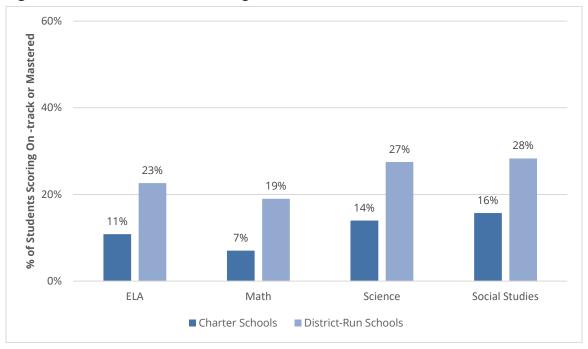


Table 4. Percent of Students Scoring On Track or Mastered on 3-8 TCAP and EOC Exams by District

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|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | Charter Schools | District- Run Schools ⁷ | Charter Schools |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-8 TCAP | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reading | 12% | 32% | 19% | 33% | 19% | 18% | 7% | 14% | 5% | 4% | 17% |
| Math | 11% | 34% | 20% | 31% | 13% | 12% | 4% | 8% | 2% | 2% | 8% |
| Science | 21% | 42% | 26% | 44% | 23% | 20% | 9% | 15% | 7% | 3% | 19% |
| Soc. Studies | 27% | 41% | 18% | 47% | 26% | 19% | 11% | 15% | 6% | * | 13% |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EOC Exams | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Algebra I | 24% | 21% | 33% | 22% | 14% | * | 3% | 5% | 1% | * | 0% |
| Geometry | 29% | 27% | * | 27% | 21% | * | 5% | 7% | 1% | * | 1% |
| Algebra II | 25% | 22% | * | 24% | 16% | 0% | 3% | 5% | 0% | * | 0% |
| English I | 27% | 30% | * | 34% | 26% | 22% | 14% | 17% | 6% | * | 5% |
| English II | 27% | 38% | * | 41% | 35% | 25% | 16% | 20% | 4% | * | 7% |
| Biology I | 32% | 47% | * | 50% | 32% | 25% | 20% | 23% | 6% | * | 9% |
| US History | 43% | 47% | * | 39% | 16% | 12% | 10% | 20% | 4% | * | 12% |

^{*}Scores not available for the 2020-21 school year.

Chronic Absenteeism and Graduation

Chronic absenteeism is identified as the percentage of students who miss at least 10% of school days, or about eighteen (18) days if enrolled the full year. Table 5 shows rates of student chronic absenteeism and graduation across charters and district-run schools in the 2020-21 school year.

Table 5. Chronic Absenteeism and Graduation Rates 2020-21

| | Chronic Absenteeism | Graduation |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Charter Schools | 30% | 77% |
| District-Run Schools | 21% | 82% |

In the 2020-21 school year, chronic absenteeism rates were higher at charter schools. Although high school graduation rates have in the past been significantly higher in charter schools as

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compared to district-run schools, over the last several years, that gap has closed, and district-run schools achieved higher graduation rates in the 2020-21 school year.

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. The rates for in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, and expulsions are calculated as the total number of students who receive at least one of the specific types of discipline divided by the total number of students in the specific school overall. This rate considers any disciplinary instances issued to a particular student while that student was enrolled in the particular school throughout the year. Figure 9 depicts the percentage of students who received disciplinary action during the 2020-21 school year. These percentages represent all students and all grade levels in charter schools and in district-run schools.

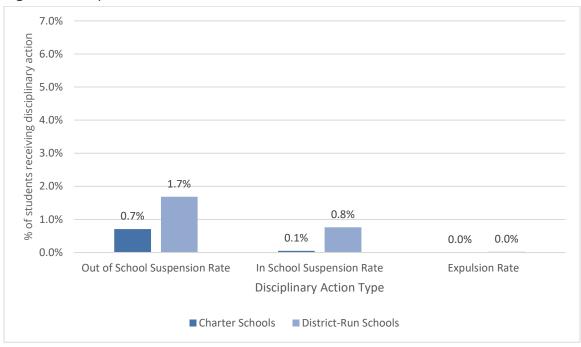


Figure 9. Discipline Rates 2020-21

School Recognitions - Reward Schools

Each year, in accordance with Tennessee's accountability system, as well as federal and State law, the department recognizes schools for their success, as well as those needing additional support. For 2017, Reward schools represented the top 5% of schools in the state for performance and the top 5% of schools in the state for year-over-year growth. In 2018, the department implemented a new school accountability system based on multiple indicators and built on the

principles that poverty is not destiny and the success of each student matters. In the new model, all schools can achieve Reward status, and there is no cap on the number of Reward schools. Reward schools are generally those that are improving in terms of achievement and growth for all students and student groups. A school cannot be designated a Reward school if: (i) any student group performs in the bottom 5% in the state for that group, or (ii) it is also designated a Priority school or in need of Comprehensive Support and Improvement or Additional Targeted Support and Improvement.

In the 2020-21 school year, no charter schools received a Reward school designation.

Priority Schools

Tennessee designates the schools most in need of support and improvement as Priority schools. Priority schools are eligible for additional funding and are supported by the department, particularly in developing an evidence-based school improvement plan based on needs assessments and root cause analysis work. Priority schools are designated at least every three (3) years, but schools can exit the list annually if they meet specific performance criteria. Schools are identified as Priority for one of two reasons:

- Being in the bottom 5% in 2015-16 and 2016-17 AND not meeting the TVAAS safe harbor, which allows schools to be unidentified if they are showing high growth.
- Having a graduation rate of less than 67% in 2017-18.

Chapter 2 of the Public Acts of 2021,1st Extraordinary Session amended laws regarding school and district accountability which offer the opportunity to remove negative consequences associated with the accountability this year. This includes using student performance or student growth data from the 2020-21 CAP administration to assign letter grades, or assigning summative ratings for schools eligible for accountability protections in the 2020-21 State Report Card. Additionally, schools that are held harmless may not use student performance data or student growth data from TCAP tests administered in the 2020-21 school year to identify a school as a Priority school or to assign a school to the ASD. Schools and districts are held harmless from the accountability provisions specified in Public Chapter 2 when they meet the TCAP "eighty-percent-participation requirement" detailed in Public Chapter 2.

In the 2020-21 school year, there were 15 charter schools on the priority list. However, all but three of these schools are authorized by the ASD. Per Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-614(k)(1)(A), "A school that has been removed from the LEA and placed in the ASD must remain in the ASD until

the school is no longer identified as a priority school pursuant to § 49-1-602 for two (2) consecutive cycles beginning with the 2017 priority school list."

Thus, only three charter schools authorized by an LEA other than the ASD were designated as Priority Schools, or 3% of charter schools not in the ASD.

Table 7. Charter Schools Designated as 2020-21 Priority Schools

| Authorizer | School |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Achievement School District | Brick Church: A LEAD Public School |
| Achievement School District | Fairley High School |
| Achievement School District | Hillcrest High School |
| Achievement School District | Journey Hanley Middle School* |
| Achievement School District | Kirby Middle School |
| Achievement School District | Martin Luther King Preparatory High School |
| Achievement School District | Memphis Scholars Caldwell-Guthrie |
| Achievement School District | Memphis Scholars Florida Kansas |
| Achievement School District | Memphis Scholars Raleigh-Egypt |
| Achievement School District | Neely's Bend: A LEAD Public School |
| Achievement School District | Westside Middle School |
| Achievement School District | Wooddale Middle School |
| Memphis-Shelby County Schools | City University School Girls Preparatory |
| Memphis-Shelby County Schools | Granville T. Woods Academy of Innovation Charter School |
| Memphis-Shelby County Schools | Memphis Delta Preparatory |

^{*} Indicates school closed at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Conclusion

The 2020-21 school year evidenced continued growth in Tennessee's charter school sector. Over 44,000 students were enrolled in 115 charter schools across Tennessee, the largest enrollment number to date. Similarly, charter schools continued to serve larger populations of economically disadvantaged and minority students compared to district-run public schools.

However, in the 2020-21 school year Tennessee's charter schools experienced a decline in comparable performance metrics, on average, as compared to district-run schools. Most notable was another sharp decline in the percentage of charter schools scoring a TVAAS Composite Level 5, from 40% in 2017-2018 to 30% in 2018-19, to just 6% in 2020-21 (no test was administered in 2019-2020). District-run schools saw a modest decrease from 31% in 2018-19 to 19% in 2020-21

^{**} Indicates school changed instructional types and is no longer eligible for identification.

during that same period, indicating the detrimental impact of COVID-19 on student learning. Given that charter schools serve a higher population of economically disadvantaged and minority children, this could be evidence of a disproportionate impact of learning loss due to COVID-19 on these populations.

Charter schools continue to serve as an alternative means within the public school system for ensuring accomplishment of the necessary outcomes of education, as prescribed by the Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002. Many families are taking advantage of this choice option to ensure a high-quality education for their children.

Appendices

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

Hamilton County Schools

| School | Enrollment | Charter Type | Year Opened | Grades Served (SY20-21) |
|---|------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence | 397 | Start-up | 2011-12 | K-5 |
| Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence Middle | 226 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 6-8 |
| Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy | 367 | Start-up | 2009-10 | 6-12 |
| Chattanooga Preparatory School | 217 | Start-up | 2018-19 | 6-8 |
| Ivy Academy, Inc. | 410 | Start-up | 2009-10 | 6-12 |

Knox County Schools

| School | Enrollment | Charter Type | Year Opened | Grades Served (SY20-21) |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Emerald Academy | 438 | Start-up | 2015-16 | K-8 |

Metro Nashville Public Schools

| School | Enrollment | Charter Type | Year Opened | Grades Served (SY20-21) |
|---|------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| East End Preparatory School | 874 | Start-up | 2011-12 | K-8 |
| Explore Community School | 499 | Start-up | 2015-16 | K-5 |
| Intrepid College Preparatory Charter School | 898 | Start-up | 2013-14 | 5-12 |
| KA @ The Crossings | 115 | Start-up | 2016-17 | 5-8 |
| KIPP Academy Nashville | 390 | Start-up | 2005-06 | 5-8 |
| KIPP Academy Nashville Elementary School | 431 | Start-up | 2015-16 | K-4 |
| KIPP Nashville College Prep | 376 | Start-up | 2013-14 | 5-8 |
| KIPP Nashville College Prep Elementary | 455 | Start-up | 2017-18 | K-4 |
| KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School | 482 | Start-up | 2014-15 | 9-12 |
| Knowledge Academies High School | 149 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 9-12 |
| Knowledge Academy | 119 | Start-up | 2012-13 | 5-8 |
| LEAD Cameron | 691 | Conversion | 2011-12 | 5-8 |
| LEAD Southeast | 879 | Start-up | 2013-14 | 5-12 |
| Lead Academy | 475 | Start-up | 2007-08 | 9-12 |
| Liberty Collegiate Academy | 454 | Start-up | 2011-12 | 5-8 |
| Nashville Classical | 503 | Start-up | 2013-14 | K-7 |

| Nashville Prep | 343 | Start-up | 2011-12 | 5-8 |
|---|------|----------|---------|------|
| Purpose Prep | 409 | Start-up | 2013-14 | K-4 |
| RePublic High School | 649 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 9-12 |
| Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary | 500 | Start-up | 2014-15 | K-4 |
| Rocketship United | 582 | Start-up | 2015-16 | K-4 |
| STEM Prep Academy | 540 | Start-up | 2011-12 | 5-8 |
| STEM Prep High School | 513 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 9-12 |
| Smithson Craighead Academy | 217 | Start-up | 2003-04 | K-4 |
| Strive Collegiate Academy | 351 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 5-8 |
| Valor Flagship Academy | 1197 | Start-up | 2014-15 | 5-11 |
| Valor Voyager Academy | 537 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 5-8 |

Memphis-Shelby County Schools

| School | Enrollment | Charter Type | Year Opened | Grades Served (SY20-21) |
|---|------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Arrow Academy of Excellence | 111 | Start-up | 2013-14 | K-5 |
| Aurora Collegiate Academy | 339 | Start-up | 2020-21 | K-5 |
| Beacon College Preparatory | 75 | Start-up | 2020-21 | K-1 |
| Believe Memphis Academy Charter School | 320 | Start-up | 2018-19 | 4-7 |
| Circles Of Success Learning Academy | 208 | Start-up | 2003-04 | K-5 |
| City University School Girls Preparatory | 126 | Start-up | 2013-14 | 6-8 |
| City University School of Liberal Arts | 254 | Start-up | 2004-05 | 9-12 |
| City University School of Independence | 14 | Start-up | 2015-16 | 10 |
| Compass Community School, Berclair Campus | 207 | Start-up | 2019-20 | K-8 |
| Compass Community School, Binghampton Campus | 202 | Start-up | 2019-20 | K-8 |
| Compass Community School, Frayser Campus | 177 | Start-up | 2019-20 | K-8 |
| Compass Community School, Hickory Hill Campus | 248 | Start-up | 2019-20 | K-8 |
| Compass Community School, Midtown Campus | 265 | Start-up | 2019-20 | 8-12 |
| Compass Community School, Orange Mound Campus | 200 | Start-up | 2019-20 | K-8 |
| Crosstown High School | 399 | Start-up | 2018-19 | 9-11 |
| Freedom Prep Elementary - Millbranch | 533 | Start-up | 2016-17 | K-5 |
| Freedom Prep Elementary - Parkrose | 567 | Conversion | 2020-21 | K-5 |
| Freedom Prep Middle - Brownlee | 287 | Start-up | 2018-19 | 6-8 |
| Freedom Preparatory Academy Flagship | 834 | Start-up | 2009-10 | 6-12 |
| Granville T. Woods Academy of Innovation Charter School | 392 | Start-up | 2015-16 | K-8 |
| Journey East Academy | 431 | Start-up | 2016-17 | K-5 |
| KIPP Memphis Academy Middle | 414 | Start-up | 2012-13 | 5-8 |
| KIPP Memphis Collegiate Elementary | 445 | Start-up | 2012-13 | K-4 |
| KIPP Memphis Collegiate High School | 490 | Start-up | 2011-12 | 9-12 |

| KIPP Memphis Collegiate Middle | 345 | Start-up | 2008-09 | 5-8 |
|---|-----|----------|---------|------|
| Kaleidoscope School of Memphis | 59 | Start-up | 2017-18 | 6-8 |
| Leadership Preparatory Charter School | 351 | Start-up | 2020-21 | K-6 |
| Memphis Academy of Health Sciences | 244 | Start-up | 2003-04 | 6-8 |
| Memphis Academy of Science Engineering Middle/High | 593 | Start-up | 2003-04 | 6-12 |
| Memphis Academy of Health Sciences High School | 373 | Start-up | 2008-09 | 9-12 |
| Memphis Business Academy Elementary School | 275 | Start-up | 2011-12 | K-5 |
| Memphis Business Academy Hickory Hill Elementary School | 95 | Start-up | 2018-19 | K-2 |
| Memphis Business Academy Hickory Hill Middle School | 62 | Start-up | 2018-19 | 6-8 |
| Memphis Business Academy High School | 562 | Start-up | 2008-09 | 9-12 |
| Memphis Business Academy Middle | 480 | Start-up | 2005-06 | 6-8 |
| Memphis College Preparatory | 284 | Start-up | 2010-11 | K-5 |
| Memphis Delta Preparatory | 394 | Start-up | 2016-17 | K-5 |
| Memphis Grizzlies Preparatory Charter School | 360 | Start-up | 2012-13 | 5-8 |
| Memphis Merit Academy | 177 | Start-up | 2019-20 | K-2 |
| Memphis Rise Academy | 769 | Start-up | 2014-15 | 6-12 |
| Memphis STEM Academy | 335 | Start-up | 2016-17 | K-5 |
| Memphis School of Excellence | 555 | Start-up | 2013-14 | 6-12 |
| Memphis School of Excellence Elementary | 366 | Start-up | 2017-18 | K-5 |
| Memphis School of Excellence Elementary Cordova | 158 | Start-up | 2020-21 | K-5 |
| Perea Elementary School | 237 | Start-up | 2018-19 | K-2 |
| Power Center Academy Elementary - Southeast | 254 | Start-up | 2017-18 | K-3 |
| Power Center Academy Elementary School | 718 | Start-up | 2015-16 | K-5 |
| Power Center Academy High School | 651 | Start-up | 2010-11 | 9-12 |
| Power Center Academy Middle | 456 | Start-up | 2011-12 | 6-8 |
| Power Center Academy Middle - Southeast | 292 | Start-up | 2016-17 | 6-8 |
| Promise Academy | 320 | Start-up | 2008-09 | K-5 |
| The Soulsville Charter School | 641 | Start-up | 2005-06 | 6-12 |
| Southern Avenue Charter School of Academic Excellence Creative Arts | 355 | Start-up | 2005-06 | K-5 |
| Star Academy | 303 | Start-up | 2010-11 | K-6 |
| Veritas College Preparatory | 159 | Start-up | 2004-05 | 6-8 |
| Vision Preparatory Charter School | 396 | Start-up | 2014-15 | K-5 |

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| School | Enrollment | Charter Type | Year Opened | Grades Served (SY20-21) |
|--|------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Brick Church: A LEAD Public School | 326 | Conversion | 2012-13 | 5-8 |
| Cornerstone Prep - Lester Campus | 348 | Conversion | 2012-13 | K-5 |
| Cornerstone Prep Denver Campus | 582 | Conversion | 2015-16 | K-5 |
| Fairley High School | 353 | Conversion | 2014-15 | 9-12 |
| Hillcrest High School | 451 | Conversion | 2016-17 | 9-12 |
| Humes Preparatory Academy Middle School | 252 | Conversion | 2013-14 | 6-8 |
| Journey Coleman School | 667 | Conversion | 2014-15 | K-8 |
| Journey Hanley Middle School | 203 | Conversion | 2013-14 | 6-8 |
| Journey Hanley School | 514 | Conversion | 2013-14 | K-5 |
| KIPP Memphis Academy Elementary | 347 | Conversion | 2013-14 | K-4 |
| Kirby Middle School | 464 | Conversion | 2016-17 | 6-8 |
| Lester Prep | 293 | Conversion | 2014-15 | 6-8 |
| Libertas School | 458 | Conversion | 2015-16 | K-5 |
| Martin Luther King Preparatory High School | 590 | Conversion | 2014-15 | 9-12 |
| Memphis Scholars Caldwell-Guthrie | 341 | Conversion | 2016-17 | K-5 |
| Memphis Scholars Florida Kansas | 186 | Conversion | 2015-16 | K-5 |
| Memphis Scholars Raleigh-Egypt | 108 | Conversion | 2016-17 | 6-8 |
| Neely's Bend: A LEAD Public School | 485 | Conversion | 2015-16 | 5-8 |
| Pathways in Education - TN | 125 | Contract | 2013-14 | 9-12 |
| Pathways in Education - Whitehaven | 155 | Contract | 2014-15 | 9-12 |
| Promise Academy - Spring Hill | 364 | Conversion | 2014-15 | K-5 |
| Westside Middle School | 338 | Conversion | 2011-12 | 6-8 |
| Wooddale Middle School | 524 | Conversion | 2015-16 | 6-8 |

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| School | Enrollment Charter Type | | Year Opened | Grades Served (SY20-21) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Bluff City High School | 565 | Start-up | 2017-18 | 9-12 |
| KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary | 422 | Start-up | 2018-19 | K-2 |
| KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle | 272 | Start-up | 2019-20 | 5-6 |

Appendix B. Charter School Performance, Grades 3-8

| Hamilton | County | Schools |
|----------|--------|---------|
|----------|--------|---------|

| | Composito | % On Track or Mastered | | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|------|-------------------|---------|--|
| School | Composite TVAAS | Reading | Math | Social Studies | Science | |
| Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence | 2 | 9% | 4% | N/A | 7% | |
| Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence Middle | 3 | 4% | 2% | 10% | 7% | |
| Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy | 5 | 12% | 15% | 33% | 28% | |
| Chattanooga Preparatory School | 1 | 12% | 15% | 23% | 22% | |
| Ivy Academy, Inc. | 1 | 21% | 19% | 41% | 39% | |

Knox County Schools

| School | Composito | % On Track or Mastered | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|------|-------------------|---------|--|
| | Composite TVAAS | Reading | Math | Social Studies | Science | |
| Emerald Academy | 5 | 19% | 20% | 18% | 26% | |

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| | Commonite | % On Track or Mastered | | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|------|-------------------|---------|--|
| School | Composite TVAAS | Reading | Math | Social Studies | Science | |
| East End Preparatory School | 1 | 19% | 11% | 43% | 29% | |
| Explore Community School | 2 | 16% | 9% | N/A | 19% | |
| Intrepid College Preparatory Charter School | 1 | 14% | 3% | 5% | 12% | |
| KIPP Academy Nashville | 1 | 15% | 5% | 13% | 9% | |
| KIPP Academy Nashville Elementary School | N/A | 10% | 3% | N/A | 4% | |
| KIPP Nashville College Prep | 1 | 14% | 4% | 11% | 9% | |
| KIPP Nashville College Prep Elementary | N/A | 12% | 6% | N/A | 8% | |
| Knowledge Academy | 3 | 11% | 7% | 15% | 9% | |
| Knowledge Academy at the Crossings | 3 | 9% | 6% | 16% | 8% | |
| LEAD Cameron | 2 | 9% | 5% | 16% | 17% | |
| LEAD Southeast | 1 | 12% | 11% | 20% | 20% | |
| Liberty Collegiate Academy | 3 | 16% | 16% | 19% | 25% | |
| Nashville Classical | 1 | 35% | 19% | 15% | 23% | |
| Nashville Prep | 1 | 12% | 6% | 12% | 16% | |
| Purpose Prep | N/A | 32% | 9% | N/A | 19% | |
| Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary | N/A | 10% | 2% | N/A | 4% | |
| Rocketship United | N/A | 17% | 11% | N/A | 10% | |
| Smithson Craighead Academy | N/A | 24% | 10% | N/A | 9% | |
| STEM Prep Academy | 1 | 14% | 12% | 19% | 20% | |
| Strive Collegiate Academy | 1 | 16% | 6% | 18% | 21% | |

| Valor Flagship Academy | 1 | 45% | 45% | 65% | 61% |
|------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Valor Voyager Academy | 3 | 35% | 39% | 63% | 54% |

Memphis-Shelby County Schools

| | Composite | % On Track or Mastered | | | | |
|---|-----------|------------------------|------|-------------------|---------|--|
| School | TVAAS | Reading | Math | Social Studies | Science | |
| Arrow Academy of Excellence | 1 | 10% | 5% | N/A | 12% | |
| Aurora Collegiate Academy | 1 | 6% | 8% | N/A | 8% | |
| Believe Memphis Academy Charter School | 1 | 4% | 3% | 2% | 2% | |
| Circles Of Success Learning Academy | 1 | 3% | 0% | N/A | 2% | |
| City University School Girls Preparatory | 1 | 8% | 4% | 7% | 4% | |
| Compass Community School, Berclair Campus | 1 | 8% | 7% | 10% | 6% | |
| Compass Community School, Binghampton Campus | 1 | 13% | 5% | 8% | 8% | |
| Compass Community School, Frayser Campus | 1 | 7% | 8% | 7% | 12% | |
| Compass Community School, Hickory Hill Campus | 1 | 10% | 9% | 10% | 10% | |
| Compass Community School, Midtown Campus | 2 | 15% | 0% | 7% | 7% | |
| Compass Community School, Orange Mound Campus | 3 | 16% | 5% | 16% | 14% | |
| Freedom Preparatory Academy Flagship | 1 | 8% | 5% | 16% | 13% | |
| Freedom Preparatory Academy Westwood Elementary at Parkrose | 1 | 3% | 2% | N/A | 4% | |
| Freedom Preparatory Academy Whitehaven Elementary at Millbranch | 1 | 10% | 2% | N/A | 7% | |
| Freedom Preparatory Academy Whitehaven Middle at Brownlee | 1 | 6% | 3% | 6% | 13% | |
| Granville T. Woods Academy of Innovation Charter School | 1 | 9% | 2% | 5% | 5% | |
| Journey East Academy | 1 | 12% | 6% | N/A | 9% | |
| Kaleidoscope School of Memphis | 2 | 3% | 0% | 2% | 7% | |
| KIPP Memphis Academy Middle | 1 | 4% | 1% | 5% | 3% | |
| KIPP Memphis Collegiate Elementary | N/A | 2% | 2% | N/A | 7% | |
| KIPP Memphis Collegiate Middle | 1 | 3% | 4% | 4% | 8% | |
| Leadership Preparatory Charter School | 1 | 10% | 3% | 3% | 11% | |
| Memphis Academy of Health Sciences | 1 | 5% | 2% | 11% | 6% | |
| Memphis Academy of Science Engineering Middle/High | 1 | 6% | 0% | 11% | 7% | |
| Memphis Business Academy Elementary School | 1 | 12% | 5% | N/A | 9% | |
| Memphis Business Academy Hickory Hill Middle School | 1 | 5% | 0% | 4% | 9% | |
| Memphis Business Academy Middle | 1 | 6% | 2% | 6% | 5% | |
| Memphis College Preparatory | 1 | 5% | 1% | N/A | 4% | |
| Memphis Delta Preparatory | 1 | 1% | 1% | N/A | 4% | |
| Memphis Grizzlies Preparatory Charter School | 1 | 5% | 1% | 14% | 11% | |
| Memphis Rise Academy | 1 | 17% | 13% | 31% | 30% | |
| Memphis School of Excellence | 1 | 5% | 1% | 10% | 14% | |
| Memphis School of Excellence Elementary | 1 | 5% | 2% | N/A | 10% | |
| Memphis School of Excellence Elementary Cordova | 1 | 19% | 8% | N/A | 15% | |

| Memphis STEM Academy | 1 | 13% | 5% | N/A | 16% |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Power Center Academy Elementary - Southeast | N/A | 17% | 11% | N/A | 22% |
| Power Center Academy Elementary School - Hickory Hill | 1 | 7% | 1% | N/A | 12% |
| Power Center Academy Middle - Southeast | 1 | 5% | 2% | 7% | 10% |
| Power Center Academy Middle School - Hickory Hill | 1 | 12% | 6% | 16% | 13% |
| Promise Academy - Hollywood | 1 | 6% | 7% | N/A | 15% |
| Southern Avenue Charter School of Academic Excellence Creative Arts | 1 | 11% | 4% | N/A | 9% |
| Star Academy | 1 | 6% | 4% | 5% | 1% |
| The Soulsville Charter School | 1 | 7% | 2% | 7% | 10% |
| Veritas College Preparatory | 2 | 7% | 4% | 13% | 9% |
| Vision Preparatory Charter School | 1 | 7% | 4% | N/A | 6% |
| | | | | | |

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| | Composite | % On Track or Mastered | | | | |
|---|-----------|------------------------|------|-------------------|---------|--|
| School | TVAAS | Reading | Math | Social Studies | Science | |
| Brick Church: A LEAD Public School | 1 | 4% | 2% | 8% | 5% | |
| Cornerstone Prep Denver Campus | 3 | 7% | 4% | N/A | 11% | |
| Cornerstone Prep Lester Campus | 4 | 4% | 4% | N/A | 9% | |
| Humes Preparatory Academy Middle School | 1 | 4% | 3% | 9% | 6% | |
| Journey Coleman School | 1 | 5% | 2% | 2% | 7% | |
| Journey Hanley Elementary | 5 | 4% | 1% | N/A | 3% | |
| Journey Hanley Middle School | 1 | 0% | 1% | 1% | 2% | |
| KIPP Memphis Academy Elementary | N/A | 6% | 1% | N/A | 6% | |
| Kirby Middle School | 1 | 3% | 0% | 5% | 5% | |
| Lester Prep | 1 | 3% | 2% | 10% | 9% | |
| Libertas School | 5 | 16% | 10% | N/A | 15% | |
| Memphis Scholars Caldwell-Guthrie | 1 | 1% | 0% | N/A | 3% | |
| Memphis Scholars Florida-Kansas | 1 | 0% | 0% | N/A | 2% | |
| Memphis Scholars Raleigh-Egypt | 1 | 4% | 0% | 0% | 3% | |
| Neely's Bend: A LEAD Public School | 5 | 9% | 5% | 13% | 14% | |
| Promise Academy - Spring Hill | 1 | 6% | 4% | N/A | 6% | |
| Westside Middle School | 1 | 3% | 1% | 3% | 4% | |
| Wooddale Middle School | 1 | 3% | 4% | 4% | 7% | |

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| | Composite | % | on Track | or Mastere | d |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|-------------------|---------|
| School | TVAAS | Reading | Math | Social Studies | Science |
| KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle | 1 | 17% | 8% | 13% | 19% |

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

Appendix C. Charter School Performance, Grades 9-12⁸

Hamilton County Schools

| School | Composite Graduation | | | % On Track or Mastered | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------|-------|------------------------|-------|--------|----------|------------|---------|--|--|
| SCHOOL TV | TVAAS | AAS Rate | Alg I | Alg II | Eng I | Eng II | Geometry | US History | Science | | |
| Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence Middle | 3 | N/A | ** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 55% | N/A | | |
| Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy | 5 | 100% | 43% | 24% | 41% | 35% | 29% | 25% | N/A | | |
| Chattanooga Preparatory School | 1 | N/A | 33% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | |
| Ivy Academy, Inc. | 1 | 91% | 0% | 33% | 13% | 20% | 25% | ** | 43% | | |

Note: ** Indicates that results were masked due to department suppression guideline ${\bf s}$.

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| Cala a I | Composite | Graduatio | % On Track or Mastered | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|------------|---------|
| School | TVAAS | n Rate | Alg I | Alg II | Eng I | Eng II | Geometry | US History | Science |
| Intrepid College Preparatory Charter School | 1 | 79% | 4% | 1% | 3% | 16% | 28% | 25% | 9% |
| KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School | 1 | 89% | 5% | 14% | 2% | 21% | 25% | 18% | 0% |
| Knowledge Academies High School | 2 | 86% | 0% | 17% | 0% | 6% | 38% | 11% | 17% |
| Knowledge Academy | 3 | N/A | ** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Knowledge Academy at the Crossings | 3 | N/A | ** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Lead Academy | 1 | 90% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 12% | 20% | 13% | 2% |
| LEAD Southeast | 1 | 93% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 22% | 24% | 18% | 32% |
| RePublic High School | 1 | 87% | 7% | 4% | 6% | 22% | 20% | ** | 13% |
| STEM Prep High School | 5 | 96% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 29% | 40% | 23% | 6% |
| Valor Flagship Academy | 1 | N/A | 23% | 50% | 37% | 45% | 66% | 69% | 44% |
| Valor Voyager Academy | 3 | N/A | 81% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

Note: ** Indicates that results were masked due to department suppression guidelines.

Memphis-Shelby County Schools

| School | Composite | Graduation | % On Track or Mastered | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|------------|------------------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|------------|---------|
| SCHOOL | TVAAS | Rate | Alg I | Alg II | Eng I | Eng II | Geometry | US History | Science |
| Beacon College Prep | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| City University School of Independence | 3 | N/A | N/A | ** | 0% | N/A | 29% | 46% | 7% |

 8 No charter school in Knox County has this grade configuration.

| City University School of Liberal Arts | 3 | 91% | 3% | 1% | 2% | 11% | 8% | 8% | 2% |
|--|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Compass Community School, Midtown Campus | 2 | 97% | 0% | 8% | 0% | 11% | 20% | 27% | ** |
| Crosstown High School | 1 | N/A | 1% | 16% | 1% | 32% | 38% | N/A | 19% |
| Freedom Preparatory Academy Flagship | 1 | 85% | 6% | 3% | 2% | 10% | 12% | 23% | 11% |
| KIPP Memphis Collegiate High School | 1 | 79% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 2% | 7% | 3% |
| Memphis Academy of Health Sciences High School | 1 | 86% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 10% | 4% | 6% | 4% |
| Memphis Academy of Science Engineering Middle/High | 1 | 95% | 0% | 4% | 0% | 13% | 17% | 12% | 6% |
| Memphis Business Academy High School | 1 | 91% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 9% | 12% | 10% | 4% |
| Memphis Grizzlies Preparatory Charter School | 1 | N/A | 7% | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Memphis Merit Academy | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Memphis Rise Academy | 1 | 88% | 11% | 13% | 21% | 24% | 27% | 41% | 12% |
| Memphis School of Excellence | 1 | 100% | 3% | 12% | 3% | 14% | 19% | 27% | 25% |
| Power Center Academy High School | 1 | 93% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 17% | 15% | 17% | 9% |
| The Soulsville Charter School | 1 | 97% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 15% | 16% | 19% | 24% |

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| Cabaal | Composite | Composite Graduation | | % On Track or Mastered | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|----------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|--------|----------|------------|---------|--|
| School | TVAAS | Rate | Alg I | Alg II | Eng I | Eng II | Geometry | US History | Science | |
| Fairley High School | 2 | 62% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 6% | 3% | |
| Hillcrest High School | 2 | 48% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 9% | 6% | 6% | 5% | |
| Martin Luther King Preparatory High School | 1 | 56% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 7% | 3% | 7% | 2% | |
| Pathways in Education - Frayser | N/A | 7% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | 0% | |
| Pathways in Education - Whitehaven | N/A | 5% | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | |

Note: ** Indicates that results were masked due to department suppression guidelines.

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| Cahaal | Composite Graduation % On Track or Mastered | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|------|-------|--------|-------|--------|----------|------------|---------|
| School | TVAAS | Rate | Alg I | Alg II | Eng I | Eng II | Geometry | US History | Science |
| Bluff City High School | 1 | 79% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 5% | 7% | 9% | 12% |

Note: ** Indicates that results were masked due to department suppression guidelines.

Appendix D: Student Mobility

2020-21 Student Mobility Rates: Defined as the number of students who transferred out of a school in a given school year, divided by the total number of students who attended the school at any point during the school year. Notes:

- Only includes a student's primary enrollment
- Excluded students who entered and exited the school on the same day
- Excluded students whose end date at a school preceded their begin date
- Excluded students who entered a school in July or August and remained less than 14 days in the same school
- Students who entered and exited the same school multiple times within a school year are only counted once for that school

| Hamilton County Schools | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| School | Percentage of Students who Transferred | | | | |
| Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence | 5% | | | | |
| Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence Middle | 3% | | | | |
| Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy | 3% | | | | |
| Chattanooga Preparatory School | 2% | | | | |
| Ivy Academy, Inc. | 2% | | | | |
| Knox County Schools School School Percentage of States of State | | | | | |
| Emerald Academy | 15% | | | | |
| Metro Nashville Publi | ic Schools | | | | |
| School | Percentage of Students who Transferred | | | | |
| East End Preparatory School | 3% | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Explore Community School | 9% | | | | |
| | 9% 6% | | | | |
| Explore Community School | | | | | |
| Explore Community School Intrepid College Preparatory Charter School | 6% | | | | |

| KIPP Nashville College Prep | 7% |
|---|-----|
| KIPP Nashville College Prep Elementary | 9% |
| KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School | 5% |
| Knowledge Academies High School | 10% |
| Knowledge Academy | 9% |
| LEAD Cameron | 14% |
| LEAD Southeast | 5% |
| Lead Academy | 4% |
| Liberty Collegiate Academy | 3% |
| Nashville Classical | 3% |
| Nashville Prep | 5% |
| Purpose Prep | 9% |
| RePublic High School | 8% |
| Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary | 11% |
| Rocketship United | 9% |
| STEM Prep Academy | 6% |
| STEM Prep High School | 5% |
| Smithson Craighead Academy | 6% |
| Strive Collegiate Academy | 7% |
| Valor Flagship Academy | 4% |
| Valor Voyager Academy | 2% |
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Memphis-Shelby County Schools

| School | Percentage of Students who Transferred |
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| Arrow Academy of Excellence | 6% |
| Aurora Collegiate Academy | 2% |
| Beacon College Preparatory | 8% |
| Believe Memphis Academy Charter School | 6% |
| Circles Of Success Learning Academy | 7% |
| City University School Girls Preparatory | 4% |
| City University School of Liberal Arts | 3% |
| City University School of Independence | 0% |
| Compass Community School, Berclair Campus | 4% |
| Compass Community School, Binghampton Campus | 6% |
| Compass Community School, Frayser Campus | 6% |
| Compass Community School, Hickory Hill Campus | 3% |
| Compass Community School, Midtown Campus | 4% |
| Compass Community School, Orange Mound Campus | 4% |
| Crosstown High School | 2% |

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| Vision Preparatory Charter School 7% | Vision Preparatory Charter School | 7% |

Achievement School District

| School | Percentage of Students who Transferred |
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| Brick Church: A LEAD Public School | 11% |
| Cornerstone Prep - Lester Campus | 4% |
| Cornerstone Prep Denver Campus | 11% |
| Fairley High School | 17% |
| Hillcrest High School | 22% |
| Humes Preparatory Academy Middle School | 12% |
| Journey Coleman School | 4% |
| Journey Hanley Middle School | 13% |
| Journey Hanley School | 10% |
| KIPP Memphis Academy Elementary | 7% |
| Kirby Middle School | 5% |
| Lester Prep | 5% |
| Libertas School | 9% |
| Martin Luther King Preparatory High School | 16% |
| Memphis Scholars Caldwell-Guthrie | 16% |
| Memphis Scholars Florida Kansas | 9% |
| Memphis Scholars Raleigh-Egypt | 6% |
| Neely's Bend: A LEAD Public School | 8% |
| Pathways in Education - TN | 19% |
| Pathways in Education - Whitehaven | 12% |
| Promise Academy - Spring Hill | 5% |
| Westside Middle School | 21% |
| Wooddale Middle School | 22% |

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| School | Percentage of Students who Transferred |
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| Bluff City High School | 8% |
| KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary | 7% |
| KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle | 2% |