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# LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Charter School Annual Report 20-21



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## **INTRODUCTION**

A charter school is a public school of choice that is developed by a private, nonprofit, group using public funds to serve public school students in a given community. Charter schools are guided by a governing board and operate under a contract (or charter) with their sponsor which frees them from many of the regulations for traditional public schools. Under s.1002.33, F.S., the district school board, in which the charter school is located, is the sponsor or authorizer. District staff provides support and monitors compliance.

Charter schools may be started by an individual or group of parents, community leaders, teachers, businesses, municipalities, community colleges, or other legal entities organized under the laws of the state.

Charter schools are often designed to target specialized or underserved populations. A charter school may offer a specialized curriculum (such as arts, science or career education), focus on at-risk students, students with disabilities, drop-out prevention, or take an innovative approach to teaching or program design.

While largely free to innovate in program design and delivery, Florida charter schools operate under certain constraints. The charter school shall:

- ✓ Be nonsectarian in its policies, practices and operations.
- ✓ Not charge tuition or attending fees.
- ✓ Be accountable to its sponsor for its academic and financial performance.
- ✓ Comply with requirements pertaining to: the provision of services to students with disabilities; civil rights; and student health, safety and welfare.
- ✓ Comply with requirements governing public records and public meetings.
- ✓ Maintain all financial records that constitute its accounting system in accordance with current law.
- ✓ Annually conduct a financial audit.
- ✓ Fully participate in Florida's education accountability program.

Charter schools are financed in the same manner as traditional public schools. Charter schools receive a per student share of the state and federal funding as well as capital outlay funds to assist them with the operation of their facility. School districts may charge an administrative fee of up to 5% for up to and including 250 students or 2% for up to and including 250 students if the school is deemed High-Performing. Charter schools are accountable for turning in monthly financial reports, or quarterly financial reports if High-Performing, to their sponsor and an annual audit regarding all operations to both the school district and the State of Florida.

Charter schools are accountable to their sponsor. Charter schools must produce positive academic results and adhere to their charter contract. Failure to meet contractual obligations can result in non-renewal of the contract, immediate closure for health and safety issues or 90-day closure proceedings as defined within Florida Statute 1002.33. Charter schools are required to participate in required state exams. All other closure proceedings are governed by the contract and Florida Statute 1002.33.



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report was created to provide the Leon County School Board with an overview of the charter schools contained within its boundaries and for which the school board is responsible for oversight through the Charter Schools Office.

- During the 2020-2021 school year, there were five (5) charter schools in operation in Leon County.
- The student enrollment in the operating schools totaled 2,184 FTE\*
- The FEFP generated by the schools totaled \$15,944,962.00\*
- The Administrative fees collected by the District totaled \$330,041.91\*
- Charter School Capital Outlay received by the schools totaled \$976,694.00

*\*Based on 2020-2021 Estimated Charter School FTE as of Year End*

Enclosed in this report you will find information regarding:

- ✓ Snapshot of Charter Schools in Leon County
- ✓ School profiles

A profile sheet has been provided that captures overall performance of the five (5) charter schools.

Other information regarding charter schools operating within Leon County, Florida may be obtained by contacting the Charter Schools Office:

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## Leon County Charter Schools Snapshot

### Charter School Opening Year and Renewal Year

Charter School	Opening Year	Current Contract Expires
School of Arts and Sciences on Thomasville	1999	6/2026
Governors Charter Academy	2012	6/2022 (renewed through 2027)
School of Arts and Science at The Centre	2015	6/2029
Tallahassee School of Math and Science	2015	6/2025
Tallahassee Classical	2019	6/2024

### 2020-2021 Charter School Academic Performance History

Emergency Order (EO) No. 2021-EO-02 requires schools to apply to opt in to have 2020-21 School grades recorded. 2 out of 5 schools opted in to receive a school grade.

School	School Grade				
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
School of Arts and Sciences at The Centre	A	A	B		A
School of Arts and Sciences on Thomasville	A	A	A		A
Tallahassee Classical					*NG
Tallahassee School of Math and Science	B	B	A		Opt out
Governors Charter Academy	D	C	C		Opt out

\*NG New School in 20-21, did not opt in to receive school grade

### 2020-2021 Number of students in Leon County

District Schools	Charter Schools
30,661 students; 93.4%	2,184 students; 6.6%

Demographic & accountability data sources: [www.edudata.fldoe.org](http://www.edudata.fldoe.org) and [www.edstats.fldoe.org](http://www.edstats.fldoe.org) ; financial performance data sources: June 30<sup>th</sup> FEFP- Estimated Charter School Revenue worksheet and School Annual Audit



# Governors Charter Academy (1441)



4351 Mahan Drive Tallahassee, FL 32317 | (850) 391-5259 | <http://www.governorscharter.org>  
 Grades K - 8 | Enrollment 425 | School Specialty Program-Core Knowledge, Direct Instruction and Preparatory | Principal – David Chambers

School Information			
<b>Management Company</b>	Charter Schools USA	<b>High Performing Status</b>	No
<b>Title I</b>	Yes	<b>Accredited</b>	Yes-Cognia
<b>Board President/Chair</b>	Ken Haiko	<b>Contract Term Expiring</b>	June 30, 2022- Recently renewed 2027
<b>Year Open</b>	2012	<b>Grades Served</b>	K-8

Enrollment			
Demographics	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Total Enrollment	479	417	420
% Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP)	78.3%	68.1%	86.0%
% Students with Disabilities (SWD)	9.8%	12.2%	13.3%
% English Language Learners (ELL)	4.2%	3.4%	Less than 2%
% Black	74.5%	81.1%	80.7%
% White	12.7%	7.9%	6.9%
% Hispanic	6.1%	6.2%	7.4%
% Other	6.7%	4.8%	5.0%

Academic Performance			
Indicators	2018-19	2019-20*	2020-21**
FLDOE School Accountability Grade	C	N/A	Did not opt in **
<b>English Language Arts:</b> % Achievement	42%	N/A	
<b>English Language Arts:</b> % Learning Gains	46%	N/A	
<b>Mathematics:</b> % Achievement	48%	N/A	
<b>Mathematics:</b> % Learning Gains	59%	N/A	
Middle School Acceleration and College/Career Readiness	57%	N/A	
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A	
Corrective Action (Yes/No)	No	No	No

\* Pursuant to [Florida Department of Education Emergency Order No. 2020-EO-1](#), spring K-12 statewide assessment test administrations for the 2019-20 school year were canceled and accountability measures reliant on such data were not calculated for the 2019-20 school year. \*\* Pursuant to [Florida Department of Education Emergency Order No. 2021-EO-2](#), schools shall to "opt in" in order for the school grade to be recorded.

Operational Compliance			
Compliance Monitoring	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Charter.tools compliance score and grade as of June 30 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
The Compliance Rating is based on the timeliness and completeness of the school's compliance with the charter contract, certain local, state and federal legal requirements, and directives/regulations issued by the FLDOE or similar jurisdictional agencies as calculated by the District's online charter school compliance system. Charter.tools was piloted during the second half of the 20-21 school year.			

Financial Performance			
Financial Performance Indicators	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
FEFP for School Year	3,106,540.00	2,748,812.00	2,879,687.00
Fund Balance	40,296.00	32,348.00	134,797.00
Annual Revenue	5,697,971.00	4,919,335.00	5,266,681.00
Expenditures	5,703,234.00	5,023,943.00	5,166,683.00
Financial Deteriorating Condition (Yes/No)	No	No	No
Financial Corrective Action (Yes/No)	No	No	No

Demographic & accountability data sources: [www.edudata.fldoe.org](http://www.edudata.fldoe.org) and [www.edstats.fldoe.org](http://www.edstats.fldoe.org) ; financial performance data sources: June 30<sup>th</sup> FEFP- Estimated Charter School Revenue worksheet and School Annual Audit

# School of Arts and Sciences at The Centre (1444)



2415 N Monroe St., Suite 2700 Tallahassee, FL 32303 | (850) 999-8267 | <http://www.schoolofartsandsciences.com>  
 Grades K-8 | Enrollment 380 | School Specialty Program – Arts Based and STEM | Principal – Caitlin Rivet

School Information			
<b>Management Company</b>	N/A	<b>High Performing Status</b>	Yes
<b>Title I</b>	No	<b>Accredited</b>	No
<b>Board President/Chair</b>	Geoffrey Adams	<b>Contract Term Expiring</b>	June 30, 2029
<b>Year Open</b>	2015	<b>Grades Served</b>	K-7

Enrollment			
Demographics	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Total Enrollment	307	354	356
% Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP)	N/A	17.0%	15.8%
% Students with Disabilities (SWD)	10.7%	9.9%	10.2%
% English Language Learners (ELL)	Less than 2%	Less than 2%	Less than 2%
% Black	17.9%	20.3%	17.8%
% White	58.6%	55.5%	59.6%
% Hispanic	8.8%	9.9%	9.3%
% Other	14.7%	14.3%	13.3%

Academic Performance			
Indicators	2018-19	2019-20*	2020-21**
FLDOE School Accountability Grade	B	N/A	A
<b>English Language Arts: % Achievement</b>	79%	N/A	72%
<b>English Language Arts: % Learning Gains</b>	65%	N/A	62%
<b>Mathematics: % Achievement</b>	74%	N/A	67%
<b>Mathematics: % Learning Gains</b>	53%	N/A	51%
Middle School Acceleration and College/Career Readiness	N/A	N/A	N/A
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A
Corrective Action (Yes/No)	No	No	No

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Operational Compliance			
Compliance Monitoring	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Charter.tools compliance score and grade as of June 30 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
The Compliance Rating is based on the timeliness and completeness of the school's compliance with the charter contract, certain local, state and federal legal requirements, and directives/regulations issued by the FLDOE or similar jurisdictional agencies as calculated by the District's online charter school compliance system. Charter.tools was piloted during the second half of the 20-21 school year.			

Financial Performance			
Financial Performance Indicators	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
FEFP for School Year	2,155,629.00	2,426,815.00	2,494,837.00
Fund Balance and Liabilities	323,008.00	525,743.00	796,867.00
Annual Revenue	2,627,233.00	2,862,382.00	3,229,046.00
Expenditures	2,497,453.00	2,659,647.00	3,000,011.00
Financial Deteriorating Condition (Yes/No)	No	No	No
Financial Corrective Action (Yes/No)	No	No	No

Demographic & accountability data sources: [www.edudata.fldoe.org](http://www.edudata.fldoe.org) and [www.edstats.fldoe.org](http://www.edstats.fldoe.org) ; financial performance data sources: June 30<sup>th</sup> FEFP- Estimated Charter School Revenue worksheet and School Annual Audit

# School of Arts and Sciences on Thomasville (1402)



3208 Thomasville Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32308 | (850) 386-6566 | <http://www.schoolofartsandsciences.org>  
 Grades K-8 | Enrollment 440 | School Specialty Program – Arts Based and STEM | Principal – Eirin Lombardo

School Information			
<b>Management Company</b>	N/A	<b>High Performing Status</b>	Yes
<b>Title I</b>	No	<b>Accredited</b>	Yes- Cognia
<b>Board President/Chair</b>	Geoffrey Adams	<b>Contract Term Expiring</b>	June 30, 2026
<b>Year Open</b>	1999	<b>Grades Served</b>	K-8

Enrollment			
Demographics	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Total Enrollment	446	457	452
% Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP)	11.6%	13.3%	11.7%
% Students with Disabilities (SWD)	10.5%	12.9%	14.2%
% English Language Learners (ELL)	Less than 2%	Less than 2%	Less than 2%
% Black	19.5%	18.4%	16.6%
% White	62.8%	64.6%	65.5%
% Hispanic	4.9%	5.7%	6.6%
% Other	12.8%	11.3%	11.3%

Academic Performance			
Indicators	2018-19	2019-20*	2020-21**
FLDOE School Accountability Grade	A	N/A	A
<b>English Language Arts: % Achievement</b>	82%	N/A	77%
<b>English Language Arts: % Learning Gains</b>	72%	N/A	60%
<b>Mathematics: % Achievement</b>	74%	N/A	73%
<b>Mathematics: % Learning Gains</b>	65%	N/A	66%
Middle School Acceleration and College/Career Readiness	84%	N/A	80%
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A
Corrective Action (Yes/No)	No	No	No

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Operational Compliance			
Compliance Monitoring	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Charter.tools compliance score and grade as of June 30 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Financial Performance			
Financial Performance Indicators	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
FEFP for School Year	3,088,867.00	3,200,456.00	3,227,507.00
Fund Balance	1,491,844.00	1,377,277.00	1,541,978.00
Annual Revenue	3,754,925.00	3,844,209.00	4,176,175.00
Expenditures	3,790,463.00	3,958,776.00	4,086,771.00
Financial Deteriorating Condition (Yes/No)	No	No	No
Financial Corrective Action (Yes/No)	No	No	No

Demographic & accountability data sources: [www.edudata.fldoe.org](http://www.edudata.fldoe.org) and [www.edstats.fldoe.org](http://www.edstats.fldoe.org) ; financial performance data sources: June 30<sup>th</sup> FEFP- Estimated Charter School Revenue worksheet and School Annual Audit



# Tallahassee Classical (1451)



Tallahassee  
Classical School

4141 Artemis Way Tallahassee, FL 32311 | (850) 391-3830 | <http://www.tlhclassical.org>  
Grades K - 8 | Enrollment 400 | School Specialty Program-Classical | Principal – Brinton Smith

School Information			
<b>Management Company</b>	N/A	<b>High Performing Status</b>	No
<b>Title I</b>	No	<b>Accredited</b>	No
<b>Board President/Chair</b>	Jana Saylor	<b>Contract Term Expiring</b>	2024
<b>Year Open</b>	2019	<b>Grades Served</b>	K-8

Enrollment			
Demographics	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Total Enrollment	Not Open		400
% Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP)			33.5%
% Students with Disabilities (SWD)			11.9%
% English Language Learners (ELL)			Less than 2%
% Black			35.5%
% White			42.7%
% Hispanic			9.2%
% Other			12.6%

Academic Performance			
Indicators	2018-19	2019-20*	2020-21**
FLDOE School Accountability Grade	Not Open		Did not opt in **
<b>English Language Arts:</b> % Achievement			
<b>English Language Arts:</b> % Learning Gains			
<b>Mathematics:</b> % Achievement			
<b>Mathematics:</b> % Learning Gains			
Middle School Acceleration and College/Career Readiness			
Graduation Rate	Not Open		No

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Operational Compliance			
Compliance Monitoring	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Charter.tools compliance score and grade as of June 30, 2021	Not Open		N/A
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Financial Performance			
Financial Performance Indicators	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
FEFP for School Year	Not Open		3,485,383.00
Fund Balance			231,123.00
Annual Revenue			4,666,074.00
Expenditures			4,269,833.00
Financial Deteriorating Condition (Yes/No)			No
Financial Corrective Action (Yes/No)			No

Demographic & accountability data sources: [www.edudata.fldoe.org](http://www.edudata.fldoe.org) and [www.edstats.fldoe.org](http://www.edstats.fldoe.org) ; financial performance data sources: June 30<sup>th</sup> FEFP- Estimated Charter School Revenue worksheet and School Annual Audit

# Tallahassee School of Math and Science (1425)



3434 N. Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32303 | (850) 681-7827 | <https://schoolofmathandscience.org/>  
 Grades K - 8 | Enrollment 544 | School Specialty Program-STEM | Principal – Ahmet Temel

School Information			
<b>Management Company</b>	None	<b>High Performing Status</b>	No
<b>Title I</b>	Yes	<b>Accredited</b>	Yes- AdvancEd
<b>Board President/Chair</b>	Dogan Tozoglu	<b>Contract Term Expiring</b>	June 30, 2025
<b>Year Open</b>	2015	<b>Grades Served</b>	K-8

Enrollment			
Demographics	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Total Enrollment	422	458	555
% Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP)	40.8%	41.3%	45.9%
% Students with Disabilities (SWD)	9.0%	5.7%	8.1%
% English Language Learners (ELL)	8.3%	8.1%	9.7%
% Black	38.4%	44.5%	46.3%
% White	31.0%	29.0%	25.9%
% Hispanic	23.0%	19.4%	20.4%
% Other	7.6%	7.1%	7.4%

Academic Performance			
Indicators	2018-19	2019-20*	2020-21**
FLDOE School Accountability Grade	A	N/A	Did not opt in **
<b>English Language Arts:</b> % Achievement	59%	N/A	
<b>English Language Arts:</b> % Learning Gains	52%	N/A	
<b>Mathematics:</b> % Achievement	64%	N/A	
<b>Mathematics:</b> % Learning Gains	61%	N/A	
Middle School Acceleration and College/Career Readiness	92%	N/A	
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A	
Corrective Action (Yes/No)	No	No	No

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Financial Performance			
Financial Performance Indicators	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
FEFP for School Year	2,790,667.00	3,076,331.00	3,857,548.00
Fund Balance	603,225.00	183,462.00	463,519.00
Annual Revenue	3,734,448.00	3,999,011.00	5,639,319.00
Expenditures	3,598,412.00	4,091,503.00	5,359,262.00
Financial Deteriorating Condition (Yes/No)	No	No	No
Financial Corrective Action (Yes/No)	No	No	No

Demographic & accountability data sources: [www.edudata.fldoe.org](http://www.edudata.fldoe.org) and [www.edstats.fldoe.org](http://www.edstats.fldoe.org) ; financial performance data sources: June 30<sup>th</sup> FEFP- Estimated Charter School Revenue worksheet and School Annual Audit