



LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Charter School Annual Report 21-22



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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 2021-2022 school year, there were five (5) charter schools in operation in Leon County.
- The student enrollment in the operating schools totaled 2,305.22 FTE
- The FEFP generated by the schools totaled \$16,670,012.00
- The Administrative fees collected by the District totaled \$342,013.90
- Charter School Capital Outlay received by the schools totaled \$1,068,142.00

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	6/2027
School of Arts and Sciences at The Centre	2015	6/2029
Tallahassee School of Math and Science	2015	6/2030
Tallahassee Classical	2020	6/2025

2021-2022 Charter School Academic Performance History

School	School Grade				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
School of Arts and Sciences at The Centre	A	B	NA	A	B
School of Arts and Sciences on Thomasville	A	A	NA	A	B
Tallahassee Classical			NA	Opt out	C
Tallahassee School of Math and Science	B	A	NA	Opt out	B
Governors Charter Academy	C	C	NA	Opt out	C

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.

2021-2022 Number of students in Leon County

District Schools	Charter Schools
30,210 students; 92.8%	2,352 students; 7.2%

Demographic & accountability data sources: www.edudata.fldoe.org and https://knowyourdatafl.org/views/PK12-Enrollment/ENROLLMENTMAP?:showAppBanner=false&:display_count=n&:showVizHome=n&:origin=viz_share_link&:isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&:embed=y; financial performance data sources: June 30th 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 399 | School Specialty Program-Core Knowledge, Direct Instruction and Preparatory | Principal – David Chambers

School Information

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

Enrollment

Demographics	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total Enrollment	417	420	399
% Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP)	68.1%	86.0%	80.5%
% Students with Disabilities (SWD)	12.2%	13.3%	16%
% English Language Learners (ELL)	3.4%	Less than 2%	4.3%
% Black	81.1%	80.7%	76.9%
% White	7.9%	6.9%	9.5%
% Hispanic	6.2%	7.4%	9%
% Other	4.8%	5.0%	4.6%

Academic Performance

Indicators	2019-20*	2020-21**	2021-22
FLDOE School Accountability Grade	N/A	Did not opt in	C
English Language Arts: % Achievement	N/A	Did not opt in	31%
English Language Arts: % Learning Gains	N/A	Did not opt in	47%
Mathematics: % Achievement	N/A	Did not opt in	28%
Mathematics: % Learning Gains	N/A	Did not opt in	61%
Middle School Acceleration and College/Career Readiness	N/A	Did not opt in	N/A
Graduation Rate	N/A	Did not opt in	N/A

* 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.

Financial Performance

Financial Performance Indicators	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
FEFP for School Year	\$2,748,812.00	\$2,879,687.00	\$2,693,295.00
Fund Balance	\$32,348.00	\$134,797.00	\$566,392.00
Annual Revenue	\$4,919,335.00	\$5,266,681.00	\$5,868,063.00
Expenditures	\$5,023,943.00	\$5,166,683.00	\$5,515,879.00
Financial Deteriorating Condition (Yes/No)	No	No	No
Financial Corrective Action (Yes/No)	No	No	No

Demographic & accountability data source: <https://edudata.fldoe.org/>; financial performance data sources: June 30th 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.org>
 Grades K-8 | Enrollment 411 | School Specialty Program – Arts Based and STEM | Principal – Caitlin Rivet

School Information

Management Company	N/A	High Performing Status	Yes
Title I	No	Accredited	Yes- Cognia
Board President/Chair	Geoffrey Adams	Contract Term Expiring	June 30, 2029
Year Open	2015	Grades Served	K-8

Enrollment

Demographics	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total Enrollment	354	356	411
% Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP)	17.0%	15.8%	20.9%
% Students with Disabilities (SWD)	9.9%	10.2%	10%
% English Language Learners (ELL)	Less than 2%	Less than 2%	2.7%
% Black	20.3%	17.8%	18.7%
% White	55.5%	59.6%	59.1%
% Hispanic	9.9%	9.3%	9.2%
% Other	14.3%	13.3%	13%

Academic Performance

Indicators	2019-20*	2020-21**	2021-22
FLDOE School Accountability Grade	N/A	A	B
English Language Arts: % Achievement	N/A	72%	69%
English Language Arts: % Learning Gains	N/A	62%	64%
Mathematics: % Achievement	N/A	67%	65%
Mathematics: % Learning Gains	N/A	51%	60%
Middle School Acceleration and College/Career Readiness	N/A	N/A	31%
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Financial Performance

Financial Performance Indicators	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
FEFP for School Year	\$2,426,815.00	\$2,494,837.00	\$3,026,453.00
Fund Balance	\$525,743.00	\$796,867.00	\$1,910,992.00
Annual Revenue	\$2,862,382.00	\$3,229,046.00	\$3,917,113.00
Expenditures	\$2,659,647.00	\$3,000,011.00	\$3,605,739.00
Financial Deteriorating Condition (Yes/No)	No	No	No
Financial Corrective Action (Yes/No)	No	No	No

Demographic & accountability data source: <https://edudata.fldoe.org/>; financial performance data sources: June 30th 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 452 | School Specialty Program – Arts Based and STEM | Principal – Eirin Lombardo



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

Enrollment			
Demographics	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total Enrollment	457	452	452
% Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP)	13.3%	11.7%	13.1%
% Students with Disabilities (SWD)	12.9%	14.2%	14.2%
% English Language Learners (ELL)	Less than 2%	Less than 2%	Less than 2%
% Black	18.4%	16.6%	17.9%
% White	64.6%	65.5%	64.4%
% Hispanic	5.7%	6.6%	7.5%
% Other	11.3%	11.3%	10.2%

Academic Performance			
Indicators	2019-20*	2020-21**	2021-22
FLDOE School Accountability Grade	N/A	A	B
English Language Arts: % Achievement	N/A	77%	76%
English Language Arts: % Learning Gains	N/A	60%	59%
Mathematics: % Achievement	N/A	73%	71%
Mathematics: % Learning Gains	N/A	66%	62%
Middle School Acceleration and College/Career Readiness	N/A	80%	58%
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Financial Performance			
Financial Performance Indicators	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
FEFP for School Year	3,200,456.00	\$3,227,507.00	\$3,343,580.00
Fund Balance	1,377,277.00	\$1,541,978.00	\$1,327,608.00
Annual Revenue	3,844,209.00	\$4,176,175.00	\$4,208,148.00
Expenditures	3,958,776.00	\$4,086,771.00	\$4,156,271.00
Financial Deteriorating Condition (Yes/No)	No	No	No
Financial Corrective Action (Yes/No)	No	No	No

Demographic & accountability data source: <https://edudata.fldoe.org/>; financial performance data sources: June 30th 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 - 9 | Enrollment 534 | School Specialty Program-Classical | Principal – Hope Carrasquilla

School Information			
Management Company	N/A	High Performing Status	No
Title I	No	Accredited	No
Board President/Chair	Barney Bishop	Contract Term Expiring	2025
Year Open	2020	Grades Served	K-9

Enrollment			
Demographics	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total Enrollment	Not Open	400	534
% Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP)	Not Open	33.5%	40.3%
% Students with Disabilities (SWD)	Not Open	11.9%	10.7%
% English Language Learners (ELL)	Not Open	Less than 2%	5.6%
% Black	Not Open	35.5%	30.1%
% White	Not Open	42.7%	42.7%
% Hispanic	Not Open	9.2%	13.9%
% Other	Not Open	12.6%	13.3%

Academic Performance			
Indicators	2019-20*	2020-21**	2021-22
FLDOE School Accountability Grade	Not Open	Did not opt in	C
English Language Arts: % Achievement	Not Open	Did not opt in	48%
English Language Arts: % Learning Gains	Not Open	Did not opt in	49%
Mathematics: % Achievement	Not Open	Did not opt in	43%
Mathematics: % Learning Gains	Not Open	Did not opt in	46%
Middle School Acceleration and College/Career Readiness	Not Open	Did not opt in	75%
Graduation Rate	Not Open	Did not opt in	N/A

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Financial Performance			
Financial Performance Indicators	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
FEFP for School Year	N/A	\$3,485,383.00	\$3,673,318.00
Fund Balance	N/A	\$820,047.00	\$1,033,070.00
Annual Revenue	N/A	\$4,666,074.00	\$4,398,413.00 + Proceeds from Debt \$14,772,501.00
Expenditures	N/A	\$7,994,130.00	\$18,957,891.00
Financial Deteriorating Condition (Yes/No)	N/A	No	No
Financial Corrective Action (Yes/No)	N/A	No	No

Demographic & accountability data source: <https://edudata.fldoe.org/>; financial performance data sources: June 30th 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 556 | School Specialty Program-STEM | Principal – Ahmet Temel

School Information			
Management Company	None	High Performing Status	No
Title I	Yes	Accredited	Yes- Cognia
Board President/Chair	Dogan Tozoglu	Contract Term Expiring	June 30, 2030
Year Open	2015	Grades Served	K-8

Enrollment			
Demographics	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total Enrollment	458	555	556
% Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP)	41.3%	45.9%	76.4%
% Students with Disabilities (SWD)	5.7%	8.1%	9.2%
% English Language Learners (ELL)	8.1%	9.7%	10.8%
% Black	44.5%	46.3%	50.2%
% White	29.0%	25.9%	21%
% Hispanic	19.4%	20.4%	20.5%
% Other	7.1%	7.4%	8.3%

Academic Performance			
Indicators	2019-20*	2020-21**	2021-22
FLDOE School Accountability Grade	N/A	Did not opt in	B
English Language Arts: % Achievement	N/A	Did not opt in	53%
English Language Arts: % Learning Gains	N/A	Did not opt in	61%
Mathematics: % Achievement	N/A	Did not opt in	53%
Mathematics: % Learning Gains	N/A	Did not opt in	61%
Middle School Acceleration and College/Career Readiness	N/A	Did not opt in	92%
Graduation Rate	N/A	Did not opt in	N/A

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Financial Performance			
Financial Performance Indicators	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
FEFP for School Year	\$3,076,331.00	\$3,857,548.00	\$3,933,366.00
Fund Balance	\$183,462.00	\$463,519.00	\$450,024.00
Annual Revenue	\$3,999,011.00	\$5,639,319.00	\$5,812,781.00
Expenditures	\$4,091,503.00	\$5,359,262.00	\$5,826,276.00
Financial Deteriorating Condition (Yes/No)	No	No	No
Financial Corrective Action (Yes/No)	No	No	No

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