
Presented to the Charter Committee of the State Board of Education
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Charter growth is steady, but still driven by charter systems

Emphasis on high quality charter schools is paying off

Charter schools outperformed non-charter schools on the Reading CRCT and the ELA and Math EOCTs for each of the past five years

Non-charter schools outperformed charter schools on the Math CRCT each of the past five years -- but charters closed the gap to 0.2% in 2012
### National Landscape 2011-2012
- 41 states plus DC have charter schools
- 5,679 charter schools nationwide (5.4%)
- 2.1 million students enrolled (4.2%)
- Start-Ups: 92% of charters
- Conversions: 8% of charters
- Charter System Schools: GA only

### Georgia Landscape 2011-2012
- 53 of Georgia’s 180 school districts have start-up or conversion charter schools
- 217 charter schools in Georgia (9.5%) [4.8% excluding charter systems]
- 130,492 students enrolled (7.7%) [3.5% excluding charter systems]
- Start-Ups: 37% of charters [73%excluding charter systems]
- Conversions: 14% of charters [27% excluding charter systems]
- Charter System Schools: 49% of charters
Charter School and Charter System Growth
Number of Charter Schools

9-Year Charter School Growth History

- Total Number of Charter Schools in Georgia
- Conversion and Start-up Charter Schools

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History of Charter School Applications and Approvals

Note: The 2010 number of applications and approvals is significantly higher because of Commission school transitions.
2012-2013 Local and State Charter Actions

2012-13 Local and State Start-up Charter Schools
Approvals, Rejections, Withdrawals and Denials

- Letter of Intent: 79
- Local Applications: 42
- Withdrawn or Rejected: 11
- Denied Locally: 23
- Approved Locally: 8
- State Charter Applicants: 12
- Withdrawn or Rejected: 11
- Held Until 2014: 1
May 2011 - Georgia Supreme Court ruling leaves 16 Commission schools without an authorizer

June 2011 - 16 Commission schools apply to become state chartered special schools; 7 also apply for local charter approval

June 2011 - 3 Commission schools are approved by their local districts and 2 of these are approved by the SBOE; 4 are denied locally

June 2011 - 5 Commission schools withdraw their state charter applications; local approval for 1 is rescinded

June 2011 - SBOE authorizes 12 state chartered special schools to serve Commission school students

May 2012 - 1 locally-approved former Commission school receives a 5-year charter renewal from its local district and the SBOE

May 2012 – The second locally-approved former Commission school receives a 2-year state charter from the SBOE

February 2013 - 3 other former Commission schools will be recommended to the SBOE for 5-year charter renewals

March 2013 – 14 state chartered special schools serving Commission students will be eligible to apply for new Commission charters

November 2012 - 1 former commission school receives a 5-year charter renewal from the SBOE

January 2013 – The 4th former commission school to receive local approval is before the SBOE for approval of a new 5-year charter

January 2013 - 6 schools serving former Commission students are recommended to the SBOE for 5-year charter renewals

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Number of Start-up and Conversion Charter Schools as a Percent of Total Schools in the District
2011-2012

Note: Only includes districts with three (3) or more charter schools

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<td>Atlanta Public Schools</td>
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<td>DeKalb County</td>
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<td>Cobb County</td>
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<td>Gwinnett County</td>
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Number of Charter System Schools by District

Number of Schools within Each Charter System, 2011-2012

- Morgan County: 3
- Warren County: 3
- Calhoun City: 4
- Cartersville City: 4
- Putnam County: 4
- Dublin City: 6
- Dawson County: 7
- Decatur City: 7
- White County: 7
- Gainesville City: 8
- Gordon County: 10
- Marietta City: 10
- Barrow County: 15
- Floyd County: 19

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Charter School Scheduling

2011-2012 Scheduling Features

- Extended Day: 41.8%
- Block Schedule: 28.2%
- Extended Week or Weekend Classes: 18.2%
- Extended Year-Around School: 14.5%
- Shortened Class-Time: 12.7%
- Shortened day: 10.0%
Charter School Flexibility

2011 - 2012 Flexibility Options: Start-up and Conversion Charter Schools

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Charter School: Student Demographics

2011-2012 Student Demographics

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Student Demographics: By Charter Type

2011-2012 Student Demographics
by School Type

- White:
  - Conversion Charters: 43.6%
  - Start-up Charters: 39.6%
  - System Charter: 50.2%
  - Georgia Charter Schools: 43.6%

- Black:
  - Conversion Charters: 28.1%
  - System Charter: 20.0%
  - Georgia Charter Schools: 29.0%
  - Georgia Non-Charters: 48.5%

- Hispanic:
  - Conversion Charters: 20.2%
  - Start-up Charters: 17.1%
  - Georgia Charter Schools: 5.1%
  - Georgia Non-Charters: 14.5%
  - Georgia Non-Charters: 12.0%

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Charter School and Charter System
Academic Performance
Charter School and Charter System
2011 – 2012 Accountability

- **Reward Schools: Performing**
  - 4 of 78 Reward Performing Schools were Charters

- **Reward Schools: Progress**
  - 8 of 156 Reward High Progress Schools were Charters

- **Priority Schools**
  - Of the 78 Priority Schools, 2 were Charter

- **Focus Schools**
  - 6 of 156 Focus Schools were Charter
5-Year % Passing: CRCT Reading Performance
Charter vs. Non-Charter
Academic Performance

% Passing: CRCT Reading Performance
By Charter Type

- Start-up
- Conversion
- System
Academic Performance

% Passing: 5-Year CRCT Reading Performance Trend
System Charters vs Non-Charters

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5-Year % Passing: CRCT Math Performance
Charter vs. Non-Charter

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% Passing: CRCT Math Performance
By Charter Type

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Academic Performance

% Passing: 5-Year CRCT Math Performance Trend
System Charters vs Non-Charters

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% Passing: 2012 CRCT Math Performance
by Charter Type

Did Not Meet
- Start-up: 19.5%
- Conversion: 16.3%
- System: 13.3%
- Non Charter: 15.3%

Met
- Start-up: 51.2%
- Conversion: 51.6%
- System: 52.8%
- Non Charter: 50.0%

Exceeds
- Start-up: 29.3%
- Conversion: 32.1%
- System: 33.8%
- Non Charter: 34.7%
5-Year EOCT ELA Performance Trend
Charter vs. Non-Charter

- 100.0%
- 97.5%
- 95.0%
- 92.5%
- 90.0%
- 87.5%
- 85.0%
- 82.5%
- 80.0%
- 77.5%
- 75.0%
- 72.5%
- 70.0%

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

Charter Non-Charter
Academic Performance

5-Year EOCT ELA Performance Trend
Charter vs. Non-Charter

- Start-up
- Conversion
- System

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Academic Performance

2012 EOCT ELA Performance by Charter Type

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5-Year EOCT Math Performance Trend
Charter vs. Non-Charter


Percentage: 40.0%, 42.5%, 45.0%, 47.5%, 50.0%, 52.5%, 55.0%, 57.5%, 60.0%, 62.5%, 65.0%, 67.5%, 70.0%, 72.5%, 75.0%, 77.5%, 80.0%
5-Year EOCT Math Performance Trend
by Charter Type

- **Start-up**
- **Conversion**
- **System**
- **Non-Charter**

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012
Academic Performance

2012 EOCT Mathematics Performance
by Charter Type

Did Not Meet
- Start-up: 49.0%
- Conversion: 30.6%
- System: 32.9%
- Non Charter: 36.9%

Met
- Start-up: 39.7%
- Conversion: 44.5%
- System: 54.1%
- Non Charter: 48.1%

Exceeds
- Start-up: 11.3%
- Conversion: 24.9%
- System: 13.0%
- Non Charter: 15.0%
Where is Georgia chartering headed?

325+ approved charter schools by the end of 2013-2014
(314 now + (7 start-ups + 2 conversions + 22 charter system schools) in the pipeline = 345)

Increased communication and collaboration with local district authorizers

Expanded partnerships with CAC, TCSG, AdvancED, GCSA, GSSA, GSBA

Expanded new charter training and partnerships within GaDOE and with school districts

New comprehensive Charter Schools Guidance (June 2013)

New independent authorizer – or funding fix for state-chartered special schools (Both)
Thank you!