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Georgia’s Charter Highlights

1. Charter schools outperformed non-charter schools on the Reading and Math CRCTs – and on the ELA and Math EOCTs – in 2012-13

2. Our emphasis on creating and sustaining high quality charter schools continues to pay off

3. Charter growth is steady, but still driven by charter systems growth
All but eight (8) states have a charter school law

6,004 charter schools nationwide (6.3%)

2.3 million students enrolled (4.6%)

Start-Ups: 89% of charters

Conversions: 11% of charters

Charter System Schools: GA only

All but 36 of Georgia’s 180 school districts had students enrolled in a charter school

310 charter schools in Georgia (13.6%) [3.8% excluding charter systems]

225,259 students enrolled (13.6%) [3.5% excluding charter systems]

Start-Ups: 26% of all charters [71% excluding charter systems]

Conversions: 9% of all charters [29% excluding charter systems]

Charter System Schools: 65% of all charters
Charter School and Charter System Growth
Number of Charter Schools

8-Year History of Charter Schools

- Total Number of Charter Schools
- Non-System Charter Schools

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Charter Student Enrollment

8-Year History of Charter School Enrollment

- All Charter Schools (including Charter System Schools)
- Conversions and Start-Ups

Number of Students

- 2005-06: 21,094
- 2006-07: 26,299
- 2007-08: 33,229
- 2008-09: 56,228
- 2009-10: 61,175
- 2010-11: 89,606
- 2011-12: 130,492
- 2012-13: 225,259

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Total Number of Applications and Authorizer Approvals

History of Charter School Start-Up and Renewal Petition Applications and Approvals

Note: The 2010-11 number of applications and approvals is slightly higher because of Commission school transitions.

- Number of charter school petitions reviewed by the Georgia Department of Education
- Number of charter schools authorized
Charter Petition Pipeline Report
2012-13 and 2013-14

- Local Applications: 42 (2012-13), 20 (2013-14)
- Local Withdrawn or Rejected: 11 (2012-13), 6 (2013-14)
- Denied Locally: 23 (2012-13), 9 (2013-14)
- Approved Locally: 8 (2012-13), 5 (2013-14)
- State Charter Applications: 12 (2012-13), 16 (2013-14)
- State Withdrawn or Rejected: 11 (2012-13), 8 (2013-14)
- State Approved: 0 (2012-13), 1 (2013-14)
Number of Charter Schools by District

Number of Start-up and Conversion Charter Schools as a Percent of Total Schools in the District (2012-2013)

Note: Only includes districts with three (3) or more charter schools
Number of Charter System Schools by District

Number of Schools Within Charter Systems (2012-2013)

- Morgan County: 3
- Warren County: 3
- Calhoun City: 4
- Cartersville City: 4
- Putnam County: 4
- Dublin City: 6
- White County: 6
- Dawson County: 7
- Madison County: 7
- Decatur City: 8
- Gainesville City: 8
- Gordon County: 10
- Marietta City: 10
- Barrow County: 15
- Floyd County: 19
- Fulton County: 87
Charter School: Student Demographics

2012-13 Student Demographics

- % White: Non-Charter 42.0%, Charter 43.5%
- % Black: Non-Charter 39.0%, Charter 34.0%
- % Hispanic: Non-Charter 12.4%, Charter 14.0%
- % Asian: Non-Charter 3.2%, Charter 5.4%
- % American Indian: Non-Charter 0.2%, Charter 0.2%
- % Multi-Racial: Non-Charter 3.1%, Charter 3.0%
Student Demographics: By Charter Type

2012-13 Student Demographics
(by charter type)

- % White: Conversion Charters (47.0%), Start-up Charters (41.3%), System Charters (43.5%), Non-Charters (42.0%)
- % Black: Conversion Charters (24.6%), Start-up Charters (32.2%), System Charters (39.0%), Non-Charters (5.6%)
- % Hispanic: Conversion Charters (20.7%), Start-up Charters (15.2%), System Charters (12.4%), Non-Charters (12.4%)

Legend:
- Blue: Conversion Charters
- Red: Start-up Charters
- Green: System Charters
- Purple: Non-Charters
Student Demographics: Georgia vs. Nation

Student Demographics
National Charters vs. Georgia Charters

- % White: National 36.0%, Georgia 43.5%
- % Black: National 29.2%, Georgia 34.0%
- % Hispanic: National 27.2%, Georgia 14.0%
2012-13 Free and Reduced Lunch Eligibility
(by charter type)

- Non-Charter Schools: 58.1%
- All Charter Schools: 52.4%
- Conversion Charters: 48.4%
- Start-up Charters: 51.7%
- System Charters: 53.2%
Charter School and Charter System Academic Performance
## Charter School and Charter System 2012–13 Accountability

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<td>17 of 156 Reward High Progress Schools were Charter Schools – up from 8 in 2011-12</td>
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<td>18 of 156 Focus Schools were Charter Schools – up from 6 in 2011-12</td>
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<td>Of the 78 Priority Schools, none (0) were Charter Schools – this is down from 2 in 2011-12</td>
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Academic Performance

5-Year CRCT Reading Performance Trend

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Academic Performance

5-Year CRCT Reading Performance Trend
(by charter type)

- Conversion
- Start-up
- System

- 2008-09: 91.5%, 92.5%
- 2009-10: 91.5%, 92.8%
- 2010-11: 94.8%, 94.1%
- 2011-12: 95.8%, 94.7%
- 2012-13: 96.4%, 95.4%

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2013 CRCT Reading Performance
(by charter type)

- Did Not Meet
  - Non-Charter: 4.7%
  - Conversion: 4.6%
  - Start-up: 3.6%
  - System: 3.7%

- Met
  - Non-Charter: 52.1%
  - Conversion: 51.1%
  - Start-up: 48.5%
  - System: 48.3%

- Exceeds
  - Non-Charter: 43.2%
  - Conversion: 44.3%
  - Start-up: 47.9%
  - System: 48.0%
Academic Performance

5-Year CRCT Math Performance Trend
(Charter vs. Non-Charter)

- Non-Charter:
  - 2008-09: 78.1%
  - 2009-10: 80.0%
  - 2010-11: 83.0%
  - 2011-12: 84.9%
  - 2012-13: 85.9%

- Charter:
  - 2008-09: 79.9%
  - 2009-10: 81.9%
  - 2010-11: 84.7%
  - 2011-12: 84.9%
  - 2012-13: 87.0%
Academic Performance

5-Year CRCT Math Performance Trend
(by charter type)

- Conversion
- Start-up
- System

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Academic Performance

2013 CRCT Math Performance
(by charter type)

Did Not Meet
Non-Charter: 14.1%
Conversion: 14.8%
Start-up: 17.4%
System: 11.6%

Met
Non-Charter: 48.7%
Conversion: 47.8%
Start-up: 50.2%
System: 45.0%

Exceeds
Non-Charter: 37.3%
Conversion: 37.3%
Start-up: 32.4%
System: 43.3%
Academic Performance

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

- 2008-09: 80.9% Non-Charter, 83.2% Charter
- 2009-10: 82.5% Non-Charter, 85.9% Charter
- 2010-11: 84.8% Non-Charter, 88.1% Charter
- 2011-12: 86.7% Non-Charter, 89.1% Charter
- 2012-13: 87.7% Non-Charter, 90.9% Charter
Academic Performance

5-Year EOCT ELA Performance Trend
(by charter type)

2008-09: Conversion 80.4%, Start-up 80.1%
2009-10: Conversion 85.9%, Start-up 83.0%
2010-11: Conversion 87.0%, Start-up 86.3%
2011-12: Conversion 90.4%, Start-up 87.1%
2012-13: Conversion 93.2%, Start-up 87.9%

System: 87.0% in 2008-09, 90.8% in 2012-13
Academic Performance

2013 EOCT ELA Performance
(by charter type)

Did Not Meet
- Non-Charter: 12.3%
- Conversion: 5.7%
- Start-up: 9.2%
- System: 12.8%

Met
- Non-Charter: 53.7%
- Conversion: 38.0%
- Start-up: 47.8%
- System: 51.5%

Exceeds
- Non-Charter: 56.3%
- Conversion: 34.0%
- Start-up: 35.7%
- System: 43.0%
Academic Performance

5-Year EOCT Math Performance Trend
(by charter type)

- Conversion:
  - 2008-09: 52.0%
  - 2009-10: 51.4%
  - 2010-11: 55.7%
  - 2011-12: 66.2%
  - 2012-13: 63.6%

- Start-up:
  - 2008-09: 43.5%
  - 2009-10: 65.0%
  - 2010-11: 56.1%
  - 2011-12: 51.0%
  - 2012-13: 36.6%

- System:
  - 2008-09: 65.0%
  - 2009-10: 65.0%
  - 2010-11: 68.9%
  - 2011-12: 76.7%
  - 2012-13: 57.2%
2013 EOCT Math Performance (by charter type)

- Did Not Meet: Non-Charter 50.2%, Conversion 36.4%, Start-up 63.4%, System 42.8%
- Met: Non-Charter 43.6%, Conversion 45.4%, Start-up 32.7%, System 44.8%
- Exceeds: Non-Charter 6.2%, Conversion 18.2%, Start-up 3.8%, System 12.4%
Where is Georgia chartering headed?

- 390 approved charter schools by the end of 2013-2014
  [338 + Petition Pipeline (7 start-ups + 2 conversions + 43 charter system schools = 345)]

- Increased communication and collaboration with local district authorizers

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

- Expanded charter school and charter system governance training, partnerships within GaDOE and with school districts

- Revised Charter Schools Rules, Guidelines, and Guidance

- Progress on locally-approved charter school funding

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