

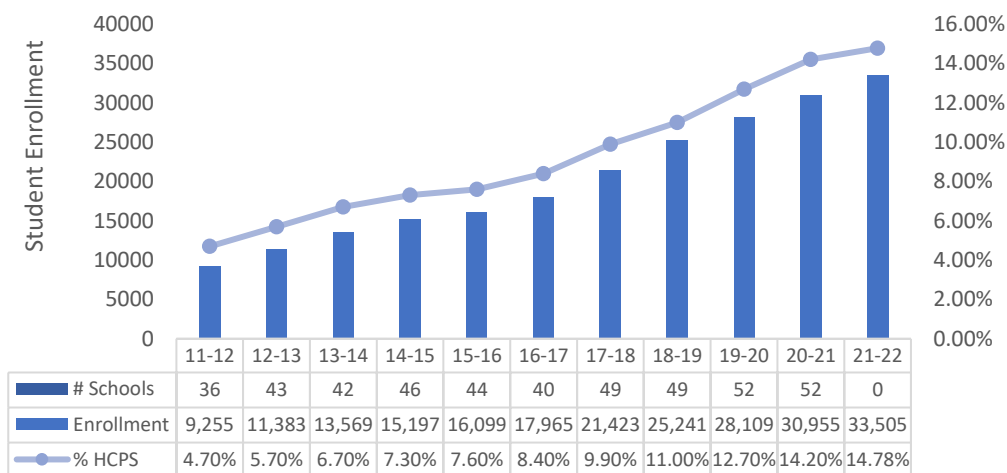


FACT SHEET

Charter Schools Office

Charter schools are public schools created through an application process and contractual agreement or "charter" between a non-profit school-based governing board and the Hillsborough County School Board. Since 1996, Florida charter schools have played a key role in increasing parental options in public education and providing innovative learning opportunities for students. The first charter in Hillsborough County began in 1997 with just 200 students. There are now **54** charter schools operating with nearly 34,000 students.

Charter School Enrollment

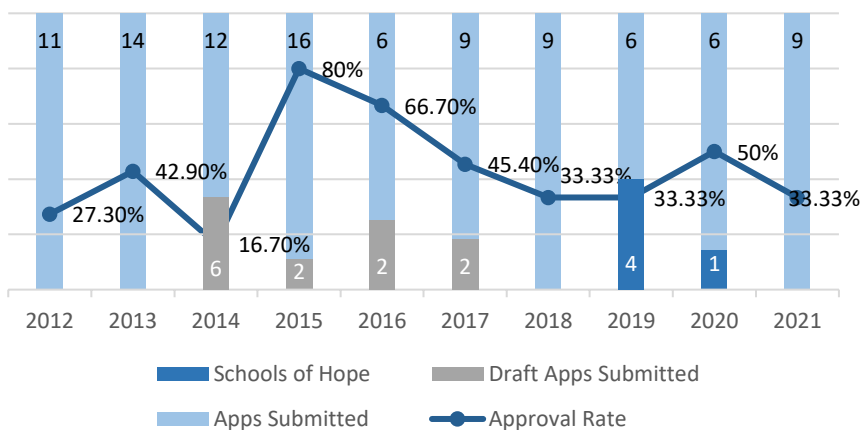


Source: HCPS 20 day count

Statutory References

- F.S. 1002.33, Establishes charter schools
- F.S. 1002.331, High performing charter schools
- F.S. 1002.332, High performing charter school systems
- F.S. 1002.333, Schools of Hope
- F.S. 1002.345, Determination of deteriorating financial conditions
- F.S. 1013.62, Charter schools capital outlay funding

Recent History of Application Approval



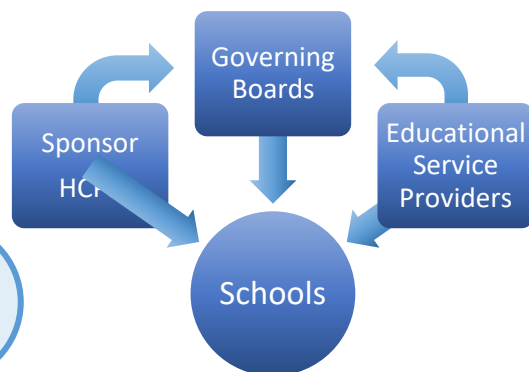
Recent History of School Closures

Number of							
State Mandated				1			1
Voluntary Closure	1	1	1	1	1		6

School Governance and Support



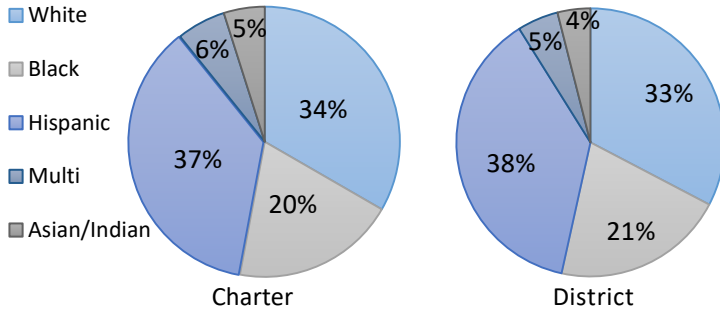
School Support Structure



Charter Student Diversity

Hillsborough charter schools have become increasingly diverse in student population. During the 2020-21 school year, 68% of the students served were minorities. A similar representation to the district percentage of 68%. Hispanic students in charter schools comprised 35% of enrollment, and 20% were Black students.

Student Race/Ethnicity Comparison



Charter Student Demographics

Race/Ethnicity	Students	Percent
White	9,906	32%
Black	6,191	20%
Hispanic	11,453	37%
Multi	1,857	6%
Asian/Indian	1,548	5%
Special Categories		
Free/Reduced Lunch	12,877	41.65%
English Language Learners	1,863	6.03%
Students with Disabilities	3,781	12.23%

Sources: Survey 2 final reports, Edudata.fldoe.org

Charter School Programs & Performance

Charter schools must provide a traditional comprehensive public school curriculum. Some charter schools expand to offer specialized and innovative programs in the arts, sciences, alternative education, foreign languages, and advanced academics. Hillsborough County Public Schools promotes the establishment and operation of high quality public charter school programs.

Accredited Schools	High Performing Designation	Specialty Programs	Advanced Academics	Schools of Excellence
31	13	Alternative Education Autism Spectrum Bank Street Blended Learning College Prep Environmental Exceptional Education Foreign Language	International Baccalaureate Leader in Me Migrant Performing Arts SMART/STEAM/STEM Socratic principles Sports Management Virtual Education	8

School Name	Since	Status
Bell Creek Academy & BCAHS	2017	Schools of Excellence
Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate HS	2013	School of Excellence
Hillsborough Academy of Math & Science	2017	
Horizon Charter School	2016	School of Excellence
Learning Gate Community School	2011	
Literacy/Leadership/Technology Academy	2018	
Lutz Preparatory School	2016	School of Excellence
Sunlake Academy of Math & Science	2021	
Terrace Community Middle School	2011	School of Excellence
Trinity School for Children	2013	
Valrico Lake Advantage Academy	2013	School of Excellence
Winthrop Charter School	2016	School of Excellence

High-Performing Charter Schools Designated by the Florida Commissioner of Education according to F.S. 1002.331

Student Performance 2020-2021

Emergency Order (EO) No. 2021-EO-02 requires schools to apply to opt in to have 2020-21 school grades recorded. 15 of 52 schools opted in to receive a school grade.

School Grade	# of Schools	% of Schools
A	11	21%
B	3	6%
C	1	2%
D	0	0
F	0	0
*SIR	0	0
^No grade	37	71%

*School improvement ratings are calculated for alternative schools and exceptional student education (ESE) center schools that choose to receive a school improvement rating in lieu of a school grade, as defined in Rule 6A-1.099822, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Rule 6A-1.099828, F.A.C., and under the authority of Sections 1008.341 and 1008.3415, Florida Statutes (F.S.). ^1 of the 37 schools serves only K-2 and is not eligible to receive a school grade.

Charter School Grades

