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 56 charter schools operating with nearly 37,000 students.

Recent History of School Closures

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Recent History of Application Approval

- Schools of Hope
- Draft Apps Submitted
- Apps Submitted
- Approval Rate

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

School Governance and Support
- 30 Non-Profit Governing Boards
- 56 Schools
- 10 Educational Service Providers
- 10 Governing Boards
- To serve 33 of 56 Schools

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Charter Student Diversity
Charter Schools have increasingly diverse student populations and mirrored Hillsborough County Public Schools in 2022-23 by serving a student population comprised of 69% minority students.

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.

### Charter Student Demographics

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Special Categories
- Economically Disadvantaged: 13,652 (39%)
- English Language Learners: 2,445 (7%)
- Students with Disabilities: 4,178 (12%)

Sources: 2022 Survey 2 final reports, Knowyourdatafl.org

### Specialty Programs
- 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

### Advanced Academics
- Advanced Placement
- AICE
- Cambridge
- College Prep
- Dual Enrollment

**Accredited Schools**
- Bell Creek Academy & BCAHS
- Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate HS
- Horizon Charter School
- Hillsborough Academy of Math & Science
- Lutz Preparatory School
- Learning Gate Community School
- Literacy/Leadership/Technology Academy
- Plato Academy Tampa Charter School
- Sunlake Academy of Math & Science
- Terrace Community Middle School
- Trinity School for Children
- Valrico Lake Advantage
- Winthrop Charter School

**High Performing Designation**
- 32

**Specialty Programs**
- 14

**Advanced Academics**
- 8

**Schools of Excellence**
- Since 2013
- Since 2011
- Since 2016
- Since 2018
- Since 2021

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### Student Performance 2021-2022

*2022-2023 State Grades Not Yet Released*

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**2021-2022 School Improvement Rating**

- Maintaining: 4 (7%)
- Unsatisfactory: 1 (2%)

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*2022 Charter School Grades*

- A: 33%
- B: 24%
- C: 24%
- D: 9%
- F: 6%
- NG: 2%
- Maintaining: 2%
- Unsatisfactory: 7%