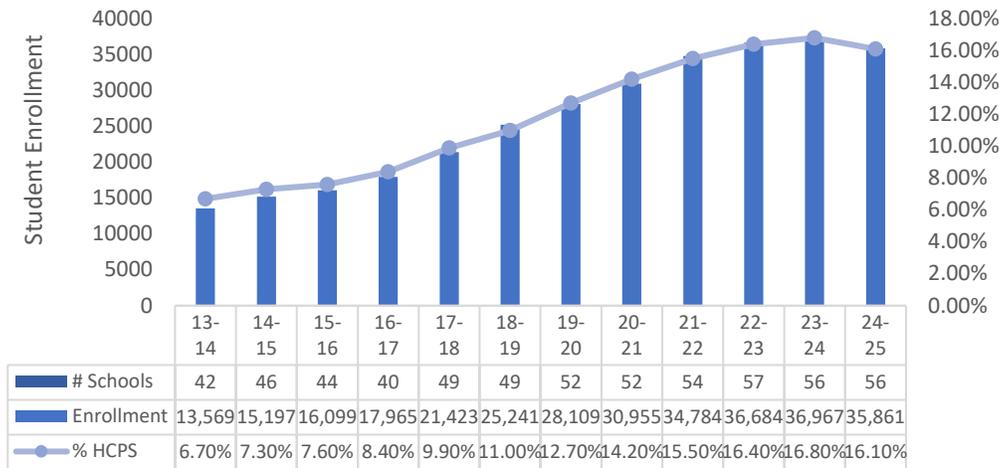


FACT SHEET

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 **56** charter schools operating with nearly **36,000** 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



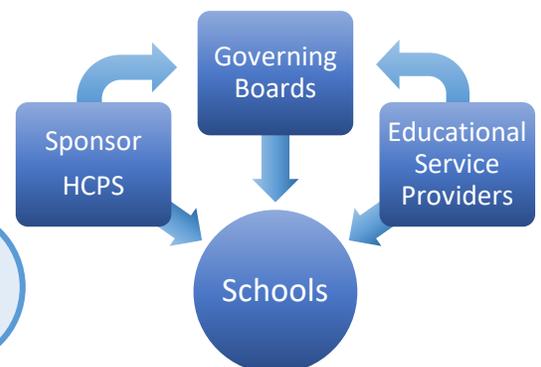
Recent History of School Closures

Number of School Closures	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
State Mandated			1								1
District Mandated		1									1
Voluntary Closure		1		1		1		1	1	0	5
Total	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	7

School Governance and Support



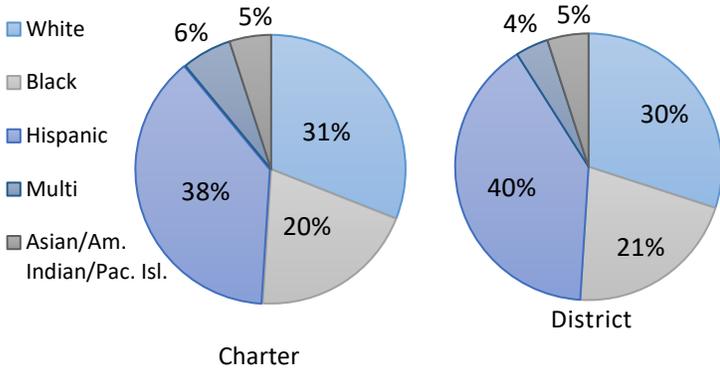
School Support Structure



Charter Student Diversity

Charter Schools have increasingly diverse student populations and mirrored Hillsborough County Public Schools in 2023-24 by serving a student population comprised of 70% minority students.

Student Race/Ethnicity Comparison



Charter Student Demographics

Race/Ethnicity	Students	Percent
White	10,755	30%
Black	7,139	20%
Hispanic	14,195	39%
Multi	2,156	6%
Asian/American Indian/Pacific Island	1,896	5%
Special Categories		
Economically Disadvantaged	14,743	41%
English Language Learners	2,478	7%
Students with Disabilities	4,246	12%

Sources: 2023 Survey 2 final reports, Knowyourdatafl.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
37	14	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	9 (2022-2023)

Bell Creek Academy & BCAHS
Since 2017
Schools of Excellence

Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate HS
Since 2013
School of Excellence

Creekside Charter Academy
Since 2024

Henderson Hammock Charter School
Since 2024

Horizon Charter School
Since 2016
School of Excellence

Learning Gate Community School
Since 2011

Lutz Preparatory School
Since 2016
School of Excellence

Plato Academy Tampa Charter School
Since 2021

Sunlake Academy of Math & Science
Since 2021
School of Excellence

Patel High School
Since 2024

Terrace Community Middle School
Since 2011
School of Excellence

Trinity School for Children
Since 2013

Valrico Lake Advantage Academy
Since 2013
School of Excellence

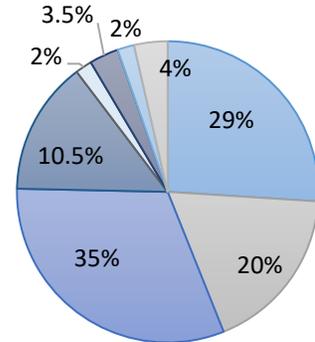
Winthrop Charter School
Since 2016
School of Excellence

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

2023-2024 Charter School State Grades

School Grade	# of Schools	% of Schools	School Configuration					
			K-5	K-8	K/3-12	6-8	6-12	9-12
A	16	29%	1	10	-	1	1	3
B	11	20%	-	8	2	-	-	1
C	14	25%	2	7	-	1	3	1
D	9	16%	3	3	3	-	-	-
F	1	2%	1	-	-	1	-	-
Commendable	2	4%	-	-	-	-	1	1
Maintaining	1	2%	-	-	1	-	-	-
*No SIR	2	4%	-	-	1	-	1	-
Total	56	100%	7	28	7	2	6	6

2024 Charter School Grades



■ A ■ B ■ C ■ D ■ F ■ No Sir ■ Maintaining ■ Commendable

*No School Improvement Ratings (SIR) calculated in 23-24 due to new FAA Assessment.