

CHARTER SCHOOL DATA LANDSCAPE

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## **AGENDA**

- Who attends charter schools in Tennessee?
- How do charter schools compare to other public schools:
  - in proficiency, and
  - in growth?

 Each section will review terminology, context and takeaways, and the aligned data.



# WHO ATTENDS CHARTER SCHOOLS IN TENNESSEE?



# **TERMINOLOGY**

- Geographic LEA refers to a district or LEA with a geographical boundary (e.g., Hamilton County).
- Non-geographic LEA refers to a district or LEA without a geographical boundary (e.g., the Commission).
  - Resident District refers to districts that have charter schools within the geographical area of the district (e.g., Libertas's resident district is Memphis-Shelby County School, while its authorizing district is the Commission.)
- Subgroup refers to specific classifications of students. Students may be represented in multiple subgroups.



#### DATA CONTEXT

- While most data is available publicly on its website, some data is from a data request to the Tennessee Department of Education ("TDOE" or "department").
  - Enrollment percentages over 95% are suppressed. The data request avoids suppressions like this.
- Enrollment data is a snapshot of enrollment on October 1 of the specified school year.
- Most data is based on SY22-23.



## CHARTER SCHOOL SECTOR

- In SY22-23, charter school students made up 4.5% of all Tennessee public school students.
- In SY22-23, 14.9% of students in districts with charter schools attend charter schools.



# CHARTER SCHOOL SECTOR

Geographic LEA	MNPS	MSCS	Knox	Hamilton
Number of charter schools authorized by the geographic LEA	26	54	1	8
Percent of district students attending a charter school authorized by the geographic LEA	16.9%	18.0%	0.8%	4.4%
Percent of district students attending a charter school authorized by the geographic LEA <u>or</u> authorized by the ASD or TPCSC in that geographic district.	19.6%	23.2%		

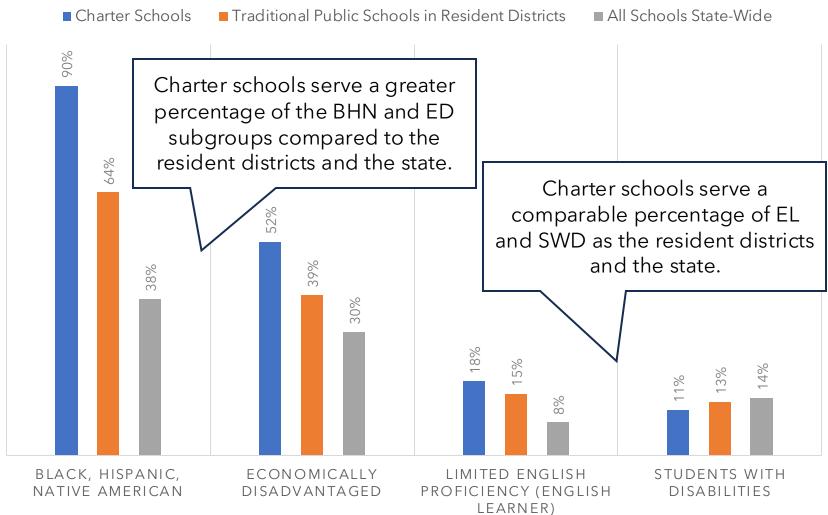
Non-Geographic LEA	Number of Schools	Location
TPCSC	9	Nashville and Memphis
ASD	16	Nashville and Memphis



Based on SY22-23 Data

Source: Tennessee School Directory, Data Downloads, Enrollment Data Request

#### WHO ATTENDS CHARTER SCHOOLS?





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#### WHO ATTENDS CHARTER SCHOOLS?

- Charter schools generally serve higher percentages of the BHN subgroup and the economically disadvantaged subgroup than the overall district in which they are located.
- Charter schools service of SWD/EL students are more mixed by district.

	Hamilton		Knox		MNPS		MSCS		ASD	TPCSC
	Charter	District	Charter	District	Charter	District	Charter	District	Charter	Charter
BHN	75%	49%	82%	30%	81%	69%	98%	93%	98%	81%
ED	46%	37%	53%	21%	40%	36%	58%	55%	67%	48%
LEP/ EL	19%	11%	9%	8%	27%	28%	14%	12%	8%	20%
SWD	12%	14%	17%	16%	13%	13%	8%	11%	13%	11%

**BHN** - Black, Hispanic, Native American **ED** - Economically Disadvantaged **SWD** - Students with Disabilities **LEP/EL** - Limited English Proficiency/English Learner



Source: SY22-23 Enrollment Data Request

# How do charter schools compare in Performance?



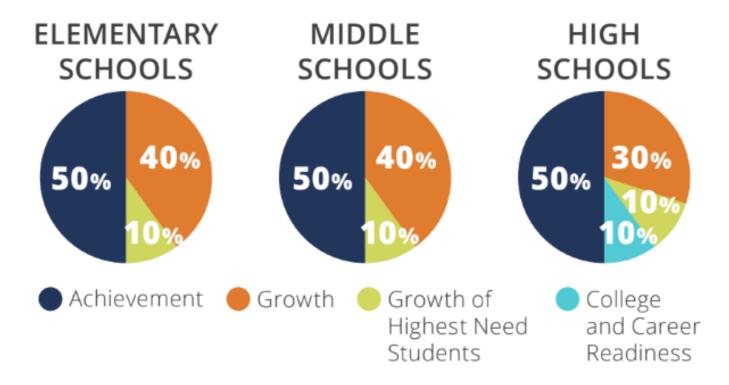
# PERFORMANCE DATA NOTES

- The focus of this presentation is on the statewide charter school landscape, not just the schools authorized by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission.
  - Data points within this presentation reflect the charter sector as a whole and compares to state averages and districts with charter schools.
  - The data in this presentation are from SY18-19, SY21-22, and SY22-23.
- Given the criteria required to be designated as an ASD school and its turnaround nature, ASD data has been excluded from charter school data within this presentation.



#### STATE-LEVEL ACCOUNTABILITY

 In 2023, the TDOE issued letters grades based on SY22-23 data. The factors leading to a school's letter grade depends on the grade span served.

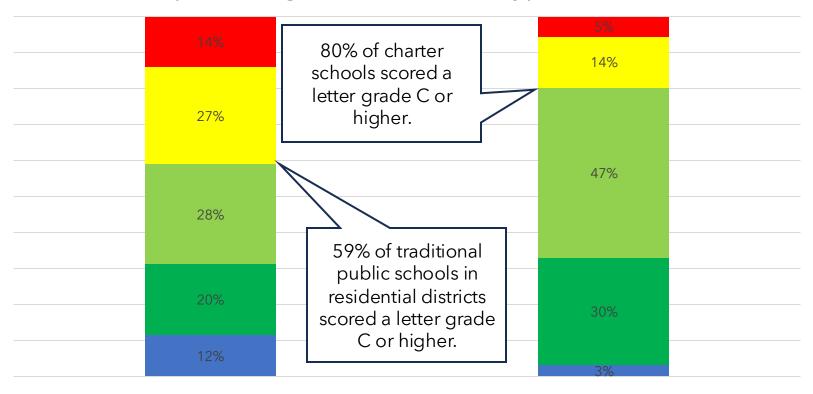




Source: TDOE School Letter Grades Website

# SY22-23 LETTER GRADES

What percentage of each school type earned A-F?



Traditional Schools in Residential Districts with Charter Schools

**Charter Schools** 





Source: TDOE SY22-23 Letter Grade File. Accessed via Data Downloads

# WHAT IS SUCCESS RATE?

- Success Rate = Overall Proficiency on TCAP
  - Success rate calculates the total number of valid TCAP tests with a performance level of met expectations or exceeded expectations divided by the total number of valid TCAP tests.
- The federal and state accountability protocols calculate success rate by combining different content areas. This presentation will show English language arts ("ELA") and math success rates, which include grades 3-12.



#### **KEY TERMS**

- Charter Schools: the calculated success rate of all charter schools in Tennessee regardless of authorizer, excluding ASD charter schools.
  - Source: School Level Accountability files from TDOE's Data Downloads
- State Average: the calculated success rate of all students in Tennessee regardless of type of public school.
  - Source: State Level Accountability files from TDOE's Data Downloads
- Districts with Charter Schools Average: the calculated success rate of all students in geographic LEAs with charter schools, regardless of type of public school.
  - Source: District Level Accountability files from TDOE's Data Downloads
- Note: In the previous presentation, all calculations were run from school level files. By using district and school level files, the quality of the data is improved.



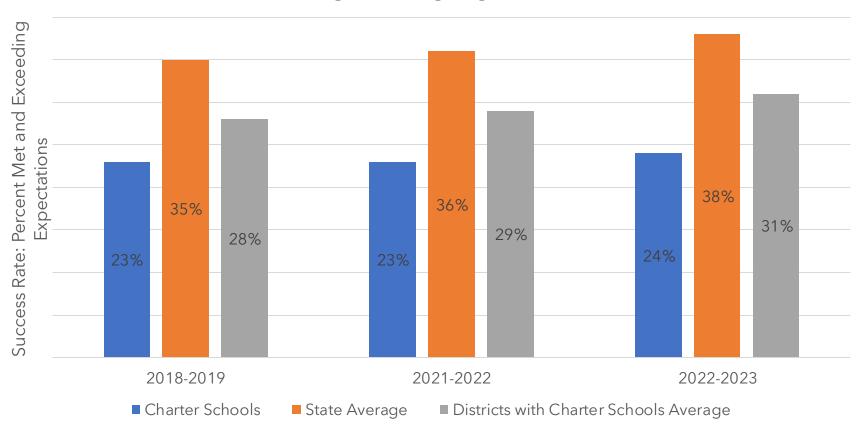
#### **TAKEAWAYS**

- The state averages for success rate are mostly greater than both charter schools and districts with charter schools.
- Since SY18-19, the success rates for subgroups in charter schools are either equivalent to or greater than the success rates of subgroups in charter schools' geographic districts.



# SUCCESS RATE: ALL STUDENTS

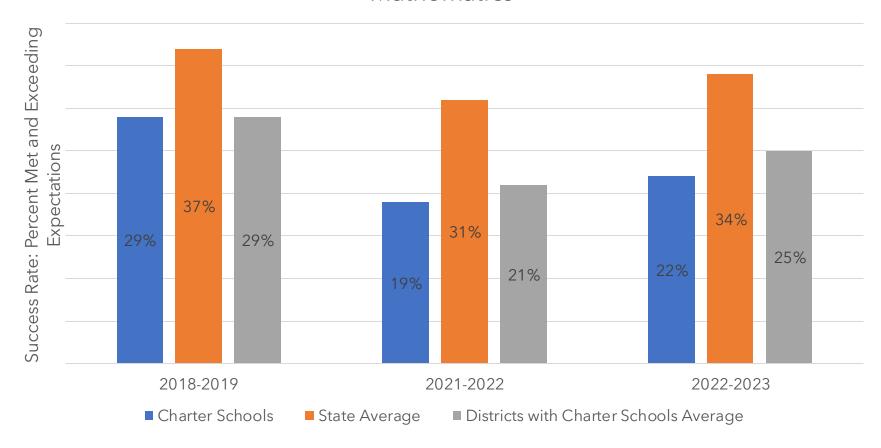
#### English Language Arts





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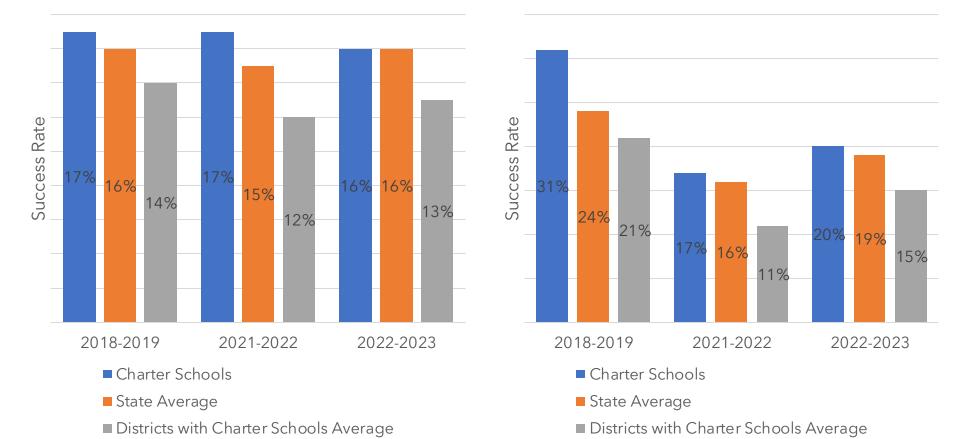
#### **Mathematics**





English Learners (ELA)

English Learners (Math)

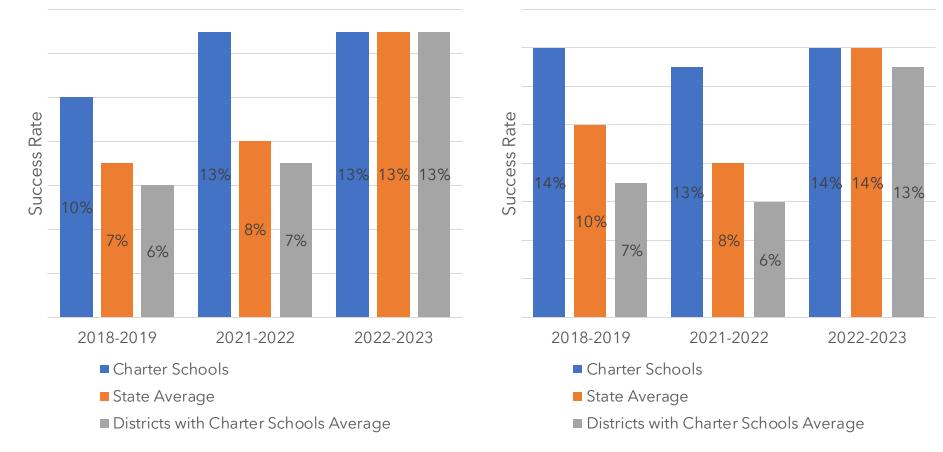




Source: TDOE SY18-19, SY21-22, SY22-23 Accountability Files. Accessed via Data Downloads. Note: English Learners in Accountability Files include active English Learners and Transitional Students.

Students with Disabilities (ELA)

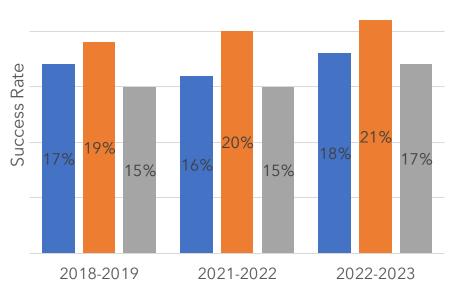
Students with Disabilities (Math)

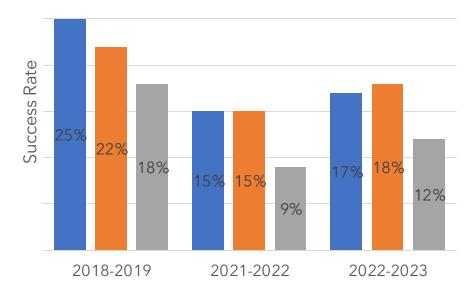




Economically Disadvantaged (ELA)

Economically Disadvantaged (Math)





- Charter Schools
- State Average
- Districts with Charter Schools Average

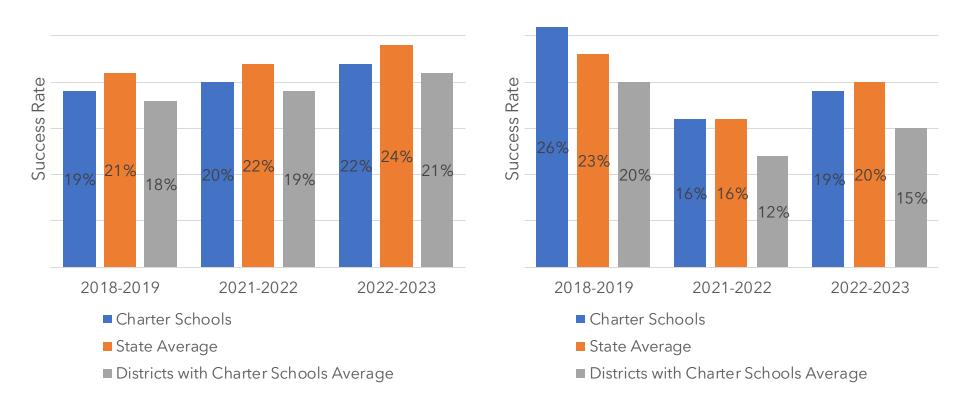
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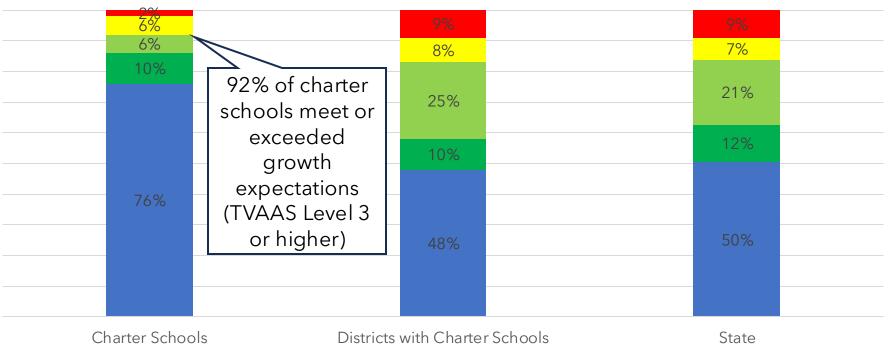
Black, Hispanic, and Native American (ELA) Black, Hispanic, and Native American (Math)





## STUDENT GROWTH

#### TVAAS Composite Comparison



(Charter Schools Removed)

- Significantly More Growth than Expected Moderately More Growth than Expected
- Growth as Expected Moderately Less Growth than Expected
- Significantly Less Growth than Expected



Source: TDOE SY22-23 TVAAS Composite File. Accessed via Data Downloads

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Following the release of accountability files in the fall, Commission staff will provide updates on district performance and school performance.
- Staff will continue to provide an annual snapshot of statewide data to inform the overall work of the Commission.





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