

Tennessee Charter Schools Overview - March, 2011

Charter School Authorization

SY Applied	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
# New Applications	26	3	5	10	12	28	17
# Approved	7	0	1	4	6	10	5
# Denied by LEA	19	3	4	6	6	18	12
# SBE Appeals: # Successful	8:1	2:1	1:0	1:0	1:1	9:0	5:2
# Renewal Applications: # Approved					4:4	2:2	
# Closed	0	0	0	1*	0	1**	0

*Yo! Academy, Memphis, failed to make AYP in one subgroup two years in a row

** Nashville Global Academy, MNPS, fiscal mismanagement (surrendered charter)

Number of Charter Schools & Students

District	Charter Schools		Cap #	Students Enrolled		Schools by Grade (Statewide, 2010-11)	
	2010-11	2011-12		2010-11	2011-12 (est.)		
Hamilton Co.	2	3		257	545	Elementary (K-4/5)	8
Memphis City	22	25	35	5,510	6,930	Middle (5-8)	12
Nashville	5	10	20	1,313	2,267	Middle/High	6
Knoxville		1				High Schools	2
Shelby Co.		1	4	0	30		
Statewide (remaining)			41				
Total	29	40	90	7,080	9,742		29

Charter School Academic Performance: School Years 2007-08 through 2009-10

All of Tennessee's charter schools qualify as Title I schools because of the high percentages of poor students they serve. Most have a student body with 85-95% of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch (the average across all TN charter schools is 88%).

In 2008, 2 Tennessee schools received State level distinguished Title I status. One of those was Star Academy, an elementary charter school in Memphis. In 2009, 2 Tennessee schools received State level distinguished Title I status. Circles of Success Learning Academy, an elementary charter school in Memphis, was one of those schools.

In the 2007-08 school year, all TN charter schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

In 2008-09, 12 of Tennessee's 14 charter schools made AYP. Two missed AYP in one or more subgroups, moving into Target status.

In 2009-10, 17 of Tennessee's 21 charter schools made AYP; 4 did not meet AYP and moved into Target status.