



Highlights from Charter MEAP Data 2003

Detroit

The most dramatic results occur in charter public schools operating at least six years, where students have been enrolled the longest. These Detroit charters in 2003 outpaced Detroit Public Schools in seven of 10 grades and subjects and came within 1-3 percentage points of matching the remaining three scores. Charter students soared past their DPS peers in 7th and 8th grades by a substantial 8-20 percentage points in each subject.

Following that trend, Detroit charters open at least two years surpassed DPS in all 7th- and 8th-grade subjects by

5-13 percentage points. They're within 2-6 percentage points of matching DPS in all subjects in grades 4 and 5. Charters located in Detroit outpaced or equaled the year-over-year gains of DPS in seven of 10 grades/subjects tested.

Detroit 2003 MEAP Scores — Charter Public Schools & Traditional Schools Students Meeting & Exceeding State Standards

	Detroit Pub. Schools	All Detroit Charters	Detroit Charters Open 6-10 Years	How Charters Fared Compared w/ DPS
	%	%	%	Percentage Points
8 th Math	19.9	31.6	28.6	+12
8 th Science	30.4	40.0	43.8	+14
8 th Soc. Stud.	9.9	15.0	17.9	+8
7 th Reading	31.5	38.4	45.9	+14
7 th Writing	36.4	49.7	56.3*	+20
5 th Soc. Stud.	13.2	7.4	11.9	-1
5 th Science	53.9	51.1	56.9	+3
4 th Math	45.4	40.1	42.5	-3
4 th Reading	54.9	50.2	51.7	-3
4 th Writing	30.2	28.1	31.0	+1

*Detroit charter schools open 6-10 years tied the state average in 7th grade writing.

Grand Rapids

Charter public schools in Grand Rapids outperformed traditional schools in all 10 grades/subjects by a striking 4 to 27 percentage points. In several instances, Grand Rapids charter students more than doubled the scores of their peers in traditional schools.

As in Detroit, the largest differences occurred in seventh and eighth grades, with students who have spent a greater number of years in their charter schools: 56 percent of seventh grade charter students passed their reading test, as did 29 percent of traditional students. In eighth grade, 48 percent of charter students met or exceeded standards in math, compared with 23 percent of traditional students.

Grand Rapids 2003 MEAP Scores — Charter & Traditional Schools Students Meeting & Exceeding State Standards

	G.R. Public Schools	All G.R. Charters	How Charters Fared Compared w/ GRPS
	%	%	Percentage Points
8 th Math	22.8	47.6	+25
8 th Science	35.5	60.0	+25
8 th Soc. Stud.	12.5	30.8	+18
7 th Reading	29.0	56.4	+27
7 th Writing	34.9	51.0	+16
5 th Soc. Stud.	6.6	17.2	+11
5 th Science	46.3	55.2	+9
4 th Math	35.6	47.8	+12
4 th Reading	49.6	61.7	+12
4 th Writing	33.2	37.1	+4

Statewide

About 1/4 of charter schools across the state exceeded the 4th and 5th grade state averages in math, reading writing. Even better, about 1/3 of all charter schools exceeded 7th and 8th grade averages in those subjects.

Charter schools across Michigan showed **greater progress than the statewide average** in all but one of 10 grades and subjects on the 2003 MEAP tests — and in that one case, charters tied. While the state average declined in three grades and subjects, charters declined in just two (at a lesser rate.)

In six of 10 grades/subjects tested, 61 percent to 76 percent of all charter schools increased their scores.

Year-Over-Year Changes in State, Charter MEAP Averages

	Charter Score Change (In percentage points)	Change in State Ave. (In percentage points)
4 th Grade Math	+4	0
4 th Grade Reading	+19	+18
4 th Grade Writing	-6	-11
5 th Grade Soc. Studies	+6	+6
5 th Grade Science	+7	+4
7 th Grade Reading	+14	+10
7 th Grade Writing	-7	-10
8 th Grade Soc. Studies	+4	+1
8 th Grade Math	+2	-1
8 th Grade Science	+2	-2

Charters Showing Greatest Cumulative Gains, All Grades & Subjects, 2003 MEAPS

Pierre Toussaint Academy, Detroit, K-8, 398 students, The Leona Group, CMU,

Island City Academy, Eaton Rapids, K-12, 203 students, Beacon Education Management, CMU

Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts, Inskter, K-12, 1,250 stu., Charter School Administration Services, CMU

Thomas Gist Academy, Inkster, K-8, 400 students, Helicon Associates, CMU

Vanguard Charter Academy, Wyoming, K-8, 588 students, National Heritage Academies, GVSU

Cross Creek Charter Academy, Byron Center, K-8, 502 students, National Heritage Academies, CMU

Morey Charter School, Shepherd, K-11, 386 students, Educare, CMU

George Crockett Academy, Detroit, K-8, 348 students, The Leona Group, FSU

Paragon Charter Academy, Jackson, K-8, 458 students, National Heritage Academies, GVSU

Midland Acad. of Advanced & Creative Studies, Midland, K-10, 241 stu., Midland Charter Initiative, CMU

Will Carleton Public School Academy, Hillsdale, K-9, 186 students, Helicon Associates, Hillsdale ISD

Central Academy, Ann Arbor, K-12, 301 students, Global Educational Excellence, CMU

Walter French Academy, Lansing, K-12, 670 students, The Leona Group, CMU

David Ellis Academy, Detroit, K-8, 239 students, (no service provider), Detroit Public Schools

Traverse Bay Community School, Traverse City, K-8, 179 students, Advance Staff Leasing, SVSU

Charters With the Highest Cumulative Scores, All Grades & Subjects, 2003 MEAPS

Midland Acad. of Advanced & Creative Studies, Midland, K-10, 241 students, Midland Charter Initiative, CMU

Cross Creek Charter Academy, Byron Center, K-8, 502 students, National Heritage Academies, CMU

Holly Academy, Holly, K-8, 606 students, (no service provider), CMU

Will Carleton Public School Academy, Hillsdale, K-9, 186 students, Helicon Associates, Hillsdale ISD

Knapp Charter Academy, Grand Rapids, K-8, 660 students, National Heritage Academies, GVSU

Vanguard Charter Academy, Wyoming, K-8, 588 students, National Heritage Academies, GVSU

Walker Charter Academy, Walker, K-9, 607 students, National Heritage Academies, GVSU

Marshall Academy, Marshall, K-7, 245 students, Helicon Associates, FSU

Traverse Bay Community School, Traverse City, K-8, 179 students, Advance Staff Leasing, SVSU

Paramount Charter Academy, Kalamazoo, K-8, 569 students, National Heritage Academies, GVSU

Chandler Woods Charter Academy, Belmont, K-6, 448 students, National Heritage Academies, GVSU

Excel Charter Academy, Grand Rapids, K-8, 656 students, National Heritage Academies, GVSU

Eagle Crest Charter Academy, Holland, K-8, 555 students, National Heritage Academies, CMU

Concord Academy – Petoskey, K-12, 288 students, Educare, LSSU

AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian School, Southfield, K-12, 305 students, (no service provider), CMU