

Charters Continue to Outpace State Results

- Michigan charters outpaced the state average gains in 7 of 10 grades/subjects, including a gain in two instances when the state lost ground.
- Charter 7th-graders improved their passage of the reading test by 14 percentage points. They improved in writing by 9 points. (State gains were 12 and 6 points, respectively.)
- Charter 4th-graders improved their passage rate in reading by 5 points. (The state gain was 3 points.)
- When viewed over time, (back to the launch of current tests), charter gains outpace the state by 1.5 times or more in 7 of 10 grades/subjects. 7th-grade reading climbed 17 points; 4th-grade reading increased 14. 8th-grade math increased 14 points; 4th-grade math increased 16.
- Charters have had greater success than all Michigan schools combined in reducing the number of students scoring in the lowest performance level on 8 of 10 tests. It doubled or better the percentage of students moving up and out of level 4 in 7 of 10 grades.

8th-Grade Social Studies

All data below represent percentages.
Charter scores in red exceed statewide results.

	Students Passing Test		2005 Gains Over '04	1999-05 Gains	1999-05 Decrease in Students at Level 4 (lowest achievers)
	'05	'04			
Charter	20	17	3.2	6.1	9.0
State	30	29	1.6	2.5	1.4

8th-Grade Science

	Students Passing Test		2005 Gains Over '04	2002-05 Gains	2002-05 Decrease in Students at Level 4 (lowest achievers)
	'05	'04			
Charter	44	45	-1.7	1.89	23.6
State	65	66	-0.8	-1.74	14.7

8th-Grade Math

	Students Passing Test		2005 Gains Over '04	2002-05 Gains	2002-05 Decrease in Students at Level 4 (lowest achievers)
	'05	'04			
Charter	46	47	-0.8	14.2	18.9
State	62	63	-0.5	8.4	7.1

7th-Grade Reading

	Students Passing Test		2005 Gains Over '04	2003-05 Gains	2003-05 Decrease in Students at Level 4 (lowest achievers)
	'05	'04			
Charter	62	48	13.6	16.6	12.4
State	73	61	11.5	11.4	6.9

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7th-Grade Writing

	Students Passing Test		2005 Gains Over '04	2003-05 Gains	2003-05 Decrease in Students at Level 4 (lowest achievers)
	'05	'04			
Charter	46	37	8.8	-2.2	-1.0
State	54	47	6.3	-3.01	-0.7

4th-Grade Math

	Students Passing Test		2005 Gains Over '04	2002-05 Gains	2002-05 Decrease in Students at Level 4 (lowest achievers)
	'05	'04			
Charter	56	55	0.6	16.07	15.05
State	72	73	-0.73	7.76	5.98

5th-Grade Science

	Students Passing Test		2005 Gains Over '04	2002-05 Gains	2002-05 Decrease in Students at Level 4 (lowest achievers)
	'05	'04			
Charter	60	61	-0.6	9.0	10.2
State	79	78	0.6	5.5	3.6

4th-Grade Reading

	Students Passing Test		2005 Gains Over '04	2003-05 Gains	2003-05 Decrease in Students at Level 4 (lowest achievers)
	'05	'04			
Charter	70	65	4.6	14.1	10.1
State	82	80	2.7	7.8	3.8

5th-Grade Social Studies

	Students Passing Test		2005 Gains Over '04	1999-05 Gains	1999-05 Decrease in Students at Level 4 (lowest achievers)
	'05	'04			
Charter	13	16	-3.4	3.6	-5.6
State	26	31	-4.5	7.5	-5.3

4th-Grade Writing

	Students Passing Test		2005 Gains Over '04	2002-05 Gains	2002-05 Decrease in Students at Level 4 (lowest achievers)
	'05	'04			
Charter	35	34	0.7	1.2	1.9
State	46	48	-2.8	-1.3	0.9

Additional Facts about Michigan's Charter Public Schools:

- Charters receive an average \$1,473 less per student, saving taxpayers about \$122 million this year.
- Charter students are 55% African American, compared to a state average of 19%.
- About 88% of charter students are from major metro areas.
- About 9% of charter students have special needs. Some charter schools have very high special education rates because of their determination to help "learning disabled" students conquer their challenges and flourish academically.

Michigan Charter Schools 2005 MEAP Results Across the State:

- Detroit-area charters exceed Detroit Public Schools in all 7th- and 8th-grade subjects, once again showing the longer students study in charters, the more they excel. Since current MEAP tests were introduced, Detroit-area charters have moved a greater percentage of students than DPS out of the lowest achievement level.
- Flint-area charters exceed Flint Community Schools in all 5th-, 7th-, and 8th-grade subjects. Charters also have had much greater success than FCS moving students into the top achievement level, in which children exceed state standards.
- Grand Rapids-area charters exceed Grand Rapids Public Schools in all 10 grades/subjects. Charters top GRPS by more than 20 points in 8 of 10 grades/subjects, including by more than 40 points in 8th-grade science & 4th-grade math.

Level 4 — Students are at an Apprentice Level



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