



Charter Public School Successes on 2013 MCAS

A higher percentage of students in charter public schools scored proficient or advanced on every test at every grade level compared with their sending districts.

- On average, 14% more students in English, 14.2% more in math and 19.3% more in science scored in the proficient or advanced categories

Charter public schools are closing the achievement gap.

A higher percentage of African American, Hispanic and low-income students enrolled in charter public schools are achieving “proficiency” in all subjects compared to African American, Hispanic and low-income students who attend schools in districts that send children to those charters. The spread is almost equivalent to the 20-point achievement gap that separates all low-income students from statewide averages (19 points in English and 20 points in Math).

- African American children attending charter public schools scored higher in proficient and advanced categories by 17.6 points in English and 19.6 points in Math
- Hispanic children attending charter public schools scored higher in proficient and advanced categories by 20.8 points in English and 22.5 points in Math
- Low-income students of all racial backgrounds attending charter public schools scored higher in proficient and advanced categories by 17.7 points in English and 18.6 points in Math

Twenty-one different charters – including five from Boston – ranked Number 1 in the state on various tests based on percentage of children scoring proficient or advanced, or in terms of academic improvement. (There were some first place ties).

Grade 4 English

Edward Brooke Charter School (Boston)

Grade 5 English

Edward W. Brooke Charter School 2 (Boston)

Grade 6 English

Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School (Hadley)

Grade 7 English

Community Day Charter Public School – Prospect (Lawrence)

North Central Charter Essential (Fitchburg)

Grade 8 English

Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School (Franklin)
Excel Academy Charter School (Boston)

Grade 10 English

Abby Kelley Foster Regional Charter Public School (Worcester)
Academy Of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School (Boston)
Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School (Marlboro)
Boston Collegiate Charter School (Boston)
Community Charter School of Cambridge
Four Rivers Charter Public School (Greenfield)
MATCH Charter Public School (Boston)
Mystic Valley Regional Charter School (Malden)
Pioneer Charter School of Science (Everett)
Prospect Hill Academy Charter School (Somerville)
Rising Tide Charter Public School (Plymouth)
Salem Academy Charter School
South Shore Charter Public School (Norwell)
Sturgis Charter Public School (Hyannis)

Grade 3 Math

Community Day Charter Public School – Prospect (Lawrence)

Grade 5 Math

Edward W. Brooke Charter School 3 (Boston)

Grade 7 Math

Community Day Charter Public School – Prospect (Lawrence)

Grade 8 Math

Excel Academy Charter School (Boston)

Grade 10 Math

Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School (Marlboro)
Boston Collegiate Charter School (Boston)
Four Rivers Charter Public School (Greenfield)

Grade 8 Science

Community Day Charter Public School – Prospect (Lawrence)

Grade 10 Science

MATCH Charter Public School (Boston)
Pioneer Charter School of Science (Everett)

Charters Given State's Highest Grades

Sixty percent of charters were rated Level 1 schools on the state's accountability system, which measures success at closing race-and-income-based achievement gaps.

More than 70% of Boston charters were rated Level 1 compared to 21% of district schools. Two-thirds of schools in Boston were rated Level 3 or below compared to 7% of charters.

In the state's Gateway Cities, the data is similar: More than 60% of charters were rated Level 1 compared to 16% of district schools. Two-thirds of district schools in Gateway Cities were rated Level 3 or below compared to 17% of charters.

	Number and Percentage of Schools in Level 1	Number and Percentage of Schools in Level 2	Number and Percentage of Schools in Levels 3 or 4
Boston			
Commonwealth Charter Schools	71% (10 of 14)	21% (3 of 14)	7% (1 of 14)
District Schools and HMCS	21% (22 of 104)	12% (12 of 104)	67% (70 of 104)
Gateway Cities			
Commonwealth Charter Schools	61% (11 of 18)	22% (4 of 18)	17% (3 of 18)
District Schools and HMCS	16% (42 of 263)	21% (55 of 263)	63% (166 of 263)

Urban Charter Public Schools Outperformed Their Sending Districts By Wide Margins

Boston

- All six charter high schools ranked among the city's top 10 non-exam high schools (Grade 10 English/Math)
- Eight charter middle schools ranked among the city's top 10 non-exam middle schools (Grades 7 & 8 English/Math)
- Seven charter middle schools ranked among the city's top 10 non-exam middle schools (Grade 6 English/Math)
- 23% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 27% in math, 33% in science (all grades average)
- Six different Boston charters ranked Number 1 in the state in academic performance or growth.
- 71% of Boston charters were rated Level 1 schools compared to 21% of district schools. 67% of district schools were rated Level 3 or below compared to 7% of charters.

Cambridge

- 15% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 12% in math, 13% in Science
- **Community Charter School of Cambridge** ranked first in the state in Grade 10 and 3rd in the district in Grade 8; Benjamin Banneker ranked 2nd in the district in Grade 6 (English/Math).

Chelsea

- 13% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 17% in math, 20% in Science
- **Excel Academy** ranked first in the district in both grades its enrolls students (Grades 5 and 6; English/Math)

Fall River

- **Atlantis Charter** ranked first among all schools in the district in every grade (3-8; English/Math).
- At **Atlantis**, 23% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 24% in math, 18% in Science.

Holyoke

- At **Holyoke Community Charter**, 17% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 15% in math, 18% in Science
- **Holyoke Community Charter** ranked 1st in the district in Grades 3, 5, 7 and 8; ranked 3rd in the district in Grades 4 and 6 (English/Math).

Lawrence

- **Community Day** and **Lawrence Family Development** ranked 1st and 2nd in the district in every grade (3-8; English/Math)
- **Community Day** ranked Number 1 in the state in Grade 3 math, Grade 7 English and math, and Grade 8 science in academic performance or growth
- Both **Community Day** and **Lawrence Family Development** were rated as Level 1 schools under the state's new accountability system, which measures success at closing race-and-income-based achievement gaps.
- 38% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 41% in math, 41% in science.

Lowell-Chelmsford

- **Lowell Community Charter** ranked 1st among Lowell district schools in Grade 5, and 3rd in the district in Grades 3 and 6 (English/Math)
- **Innovation Academy Charter** ranked 2nd among schools from its sending districts in Grade 10, 3rd in Grades 7 and 8, and 4th in Grade 6

- 5% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 5% in math, 6% in Science

Lynn

- **Kipp Academy** ranked 1st in the district in Grades 6, 7, 8 and 10 (English/Math)
- 15% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 28% in math, 43% in Science

New Bedford

- **Alma del Mar**, in its first year of MCAS, ranked 4th out of 20 elementary schools (English/Math)
- **Global Learning** ranked 1st in the district in Grades 7, 8 and 10 (English/Math) and 2nd in Grade 6 (English/Math)
- 13% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 21% in math.

Salem

- **Salem Academy Charter** ranked 1st in the state in 10th grade English; ranked 1st in the district in Grades 6, 7, and 10; ranked 2nd in the district in Grade 8 (English/Math)
- 21% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 21% in math, 16% in science.

Somerville

- **Prospect Hill Academy** ranked 1st in the state in 10th Grade English
- 5% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 2% in math, 8% in Science

Springfield-Chicopee

- **Sabis International** ranked 1st among Springfield/Chicopee district schools in Grade 10, second in Grade 8 and in the top 8 in Grades 4-7 (English/Math).
- **Hampden Charter School of Science** ranked 1st or 2nd among Springfield/Chicopee district schools in Grades 6, 7, 8 and 10 (English/Math)
- **Veritas Charter**, in only its first year of operation, narrowed the achievement gap to within a few percentage points in English Language Arts between its primarily low-income students and their more affluent suburban peers;
- 73% of **Veritas** 5th graders scored proficient or advanced in English; only 39% of these same students scored P/A when they were 4th graders in district schools; 56% of **Veritas** 5th graders scored proficient or advanced in math; only 22% of these same students scored P/A when they were 4th graders in district schools
- 17% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 16% in math, 22% in Science

Worcester

- **Abby Kelley Foster** ranked 1st in the state in 10th grade English; ranked 1st or 2nd in the district in Grades 7, 8 and 10 (English/Math)
- 5% more charter students scored proficient or advanced compared to the district average in English, 3% in math, 5% in science.