



TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

**SPECIAL POPULATIONS
OVERVIEW**

JULY 29, 2022

AGENDA

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- Oversight and Monitoring
- Demographic Information
- Looking Forward



RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOLS AND LEAs



OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES

- T.C.A. § 49-13-111 - Compliance
 - Charter schools:
 - Shall provide education services for students with disabilities, English language learners, and other students with diverse needs, in accordance with state and federal law
 - Are subject to all federal and state laws and constitutional provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, national origin, religion, ancestry or need for special education services. A public charter school may not violate or be used to subvert any state or federal court orders in place in the local school district.



OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES

- T.C.A. § 49-13-111 - Compliance
 - Charter schools:
 - Shall be accountable to the authorizer for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the charter agreement and the requirements of this chapter. Authorizers shall enforce compliance with the requirements of this chapter.
- T.C.A. § 49-13-105 - Commission
 - The Commission serves as the LEA for any charter school that is authorizes.



OVERSIGHT & MONITORING



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- The Commission staff conducts the following activities throughout the year:
 - Application/Enrollment Check
 - Monthly Special Populations Check-ins
 - Beginning of Year check-ins for all schools
 - Quarterly Monitoring of IEPs/ILPs
 - Site Visits and Student Record Reviews
 - Staffing reviews
 - Quarterly performance reviews for schools
 - Annual report/SPF review



DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION



STATE AND LOCAL DISTRICTS

State of Tennessee (2021)	% Subgroup
Limited English Proficiency	7.8%
Students with Disabilities	13.5%

MNPS (2021)	% Subgroup
Limited English Proficiency	26.2%
Students with Disabilities	12.4%

MCSC (2021)	% Subgroup
Limited English Proficiency	11.8%
Students with Disabilities	11.1%

Source: 2021 School Profile Data from TDOE



MNPS DEMOGRAPHICS

MNPS (All Schools/All Grades)	% Subgroup
Limited English Proficiency	26.2%
Students with Disabilities	12.4%

MNPS Charter Schools	% Subgroup
English Learners	15.6%
Range across schools	Less than 5% to 65%

MNPS Charter Schools	% Subgroup
Students with Disabilities	12%
Range across schools	7% to 21%

Source: 2021 School Profile Data from TDOE; TN Charter School Center
2021 Impact Report



MSCS DEMOGRAPHICS

Shelby (All Grades/All Schools)	% Subgroup
Limited English Proficiency	11.8%
Students with Disabilities	11.1%

MSCS Charter Schools	% Subgroup
English Learners	10.7%
Range across schools	0% to 55%

MSCS Charter Schools	% Subgroup
Students with Disabilities	7.3%
Range across schools	0.7% to 16%

Source: SCS-Authorized Charter Schools Annual Report, January 2022
TDOE School Profile Data, 2021



COMMISSION PORTFOLIO DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Schools	% English Learners
<i>MSCS Charter Schools</i>	10.7%
<i>MNPS Charter Schools</i>	15.6%
Bluff City High School	13%
KIPP Antioch Elementary	32%
KIPP Antioch Middle	32%
Nashville Collegiate Prep	32%
Cornerstone Prep Denver	<5%
Lester Prep	8.5%
Libertas	Fewer than 10 students

Source: SCS-Authorized Charter Schools Annual Report, January 2022; EIS; and TDOE School Profile Data, 2021



COMMISSION PORTFOLIO DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Schools	% SWD
<i>MSCS Charter Schools</i>	7.3%
<i>MNPS Charter Schools</i>	12%
Bluff City High School	13%
KIPP Antioch Elementary	10%
KIPP Antioch Middle	11%
Nashville Collegiate Prep	4%
Cornerstone Prep Denver	15%
Lester Prep	15%
Libertas	22.8%

Source: SCS-Authorized Charter Schools Annual Report, January 2022; EIS; and TDOE School Profile Data, 2021



DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION BY NETWORK

KIPP Nashville	% SWD	% LEP
KIPP Academy Nashville	14.1%	31.8 %
KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School	15.6%	11.6%
KIPP Nashville College Prep	14.6%	12.8%
KIPP Nashville College Prep Elementary	11.2%	6.8%
KIPP Academy Nashville Elementary School	14.6%	5.1%
KIPP Antioch Elementary	10%	32%
KIPP Antioch Middle	11%	32%

Source: EIS and TDOE School Profile Data, 2021



DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION BY NETWORK

Noble Education Initiative	% SWD	% LEP
Knowledge Academy	15.1%	40.3%
Knowledge Academies High School	21.5%	31.5%
KA @ The Crossings	12.2%	43.5%
Nashville Collegiate Prep	4%	32%

Source: EIS and TDOE School Profile Data, 2021



DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION BY NETWORK

Green Dot Tennessee	% SWD	% LEP
Fairley High School	9.9%	<5%
Wooddale Middle School	6.1%	24.6%
Kirby Middle School	8.2%	10.8%
Hillcrest High School	19.1%	6.2%
Bluff City High School	13%	13%

Source: EIS and TDOE School Profile Data, 2021



DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION BY NETWORK

Rocketship Tennessee	% SWD	% LEP
Rocketship Nashville Northeast	15%	17%
Rocketship United	9.8%	47.8%
Rocketship Dream	TBD	TBD

Source: TDOE School Profile Data, 2021



LOOKING FORWARD



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- September/October: Enrollment true-up
 - Actual enrollment across all 9 schools
- Ongoing monitoring/technical assistance to schools
- Analysis of special populations services, staffing, and capacity in charter applications





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