



TENNESSEE
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

ROCKETSHIP DREAM COMMUNITY PREP

Annual Report

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Rocketship Dream Community Prep

General Information		
School Name	Rocketship Dream Community Prep	
Governing Board	Rocketship Public Schools	
Charter Management Organization	Rocketship Public Schools	
Contracted Services	N/A	
Address	5450 Mt View Rd, Antioch, TN 37013	
Phone	(615) 637-2210	
Website	https://www.rocketshipschools.org/schools/antioch/	
School Leader	Jessica Alexander, jalexander@rsed.org	
Model	Personalized Instruction/Blended Learning	
Operating Status	Open and operating	
Year Opened	2022	
Grades Served in 2022-23	K-4	
Enrollment in 2022-23	340 students	
Approved Waivers	View here	
Other Information		
Population	School	Metro Nashville Public Schools
Black/Hispanic/Native American	94%	71%
Economically Disadvantaged	25%	37%
Students with Disabilities	8%	13%
English Learners	36%	23%
English Learners with Transitional 1 – 4	39%	28%

A Message From Rocketship Dream Community Prep:

Rocketship Dream Community Prep is a high-performing elementary school in the Antioch community, serving grades k-4. Based upon personalized learning, the rigorous curriculum at Rocketship Dream meets each student where they are to fully unleash their unique potential.

Unlike traditional elementary schools, students at Rocketship rotate between four content blocks every day: Humanities, STEM, Learning Lab and Enrichment. This model allows us to improve student outcomes by developing teachers who specialize in either STEM or Humanities. Content specialization also means our teachers collaborate together to develop classroom management strategies, create lesson plans, and engage parents.

Our teachers lead the learning process for every single student we serve in both whole group grade level instruction and differentiated instruction that meets students at their individual level. Independent learning, small group tutoring, and adaptive online learning programs augment teacher-led instruction and provide valuable time for students to develop more ownership of their learning and achieve the mastery they need to advance. This carefully orchestrated combination of instructional methods is made possible through robust and regular data streams that map precisely where students need support to achieve mastery – from concept acquisition all the way through practice and repetition. This is how we ensure we are purposeful in our use of technology, targeted in our tutoring, and optimizing our teachers' talent and instructional time.

Rocketship schools are community schools. Across all our schools, families are deeply engaged in their student's academic life and our school community. Our parents name our schools, help design the enrichment offering, and select the school's unique fifth core value. Then, every fall, our teachers and leaders visit the home of every student we serve to learn more about their family, life, and experiences outside of school. By changing the dynamic from parent in a teacher's classroom, to teacher in a parent's house we are able to develop much deeper ties with our parents that carries through the school year and beyond.

Our first year at Rocketship Dream saw incredible academic growth and achievement from students in all grades and of all backgrounds. We have built a strong foundation of community who are all working together to support our Rocketeers as they pursue their dreams. We cannot wait to see what more is yet to come!

Jessica Alexander
Founding Principal, Rocketship Dream Community Prep

MEETS STANDARD

I. Academic Performance

The academic performance for Rocketship Dream Community Prep in 2022-23 based on the Commission's School Performance Framework is as follows:

INDICATORS AND MEASURES	SCHOOL PERFORMANCE	RATING
STUDENT OUTCOMES		
School academic performance, as measured by the Tennessee Department of Education	State Letter Grade: B	Meets Standard
MISSION-SPECIFIC GOAL		
Mission-Specific Goal	School reports exceeding mission-specific goal.	Exceeds
COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE		
Comparative Performance to Resident District		
School comparative performance to Metro Nashville Public Schools ("MNPS") in ELA	RDCP 32.6%, MNPS Grades 3-4 33.0%	Meets Standard
School comparative performance to MNPS in Math	RDCP 46.4%, MNPS Grades 3-4 31.9%	Exceeds
School comparative performance to MNPS in Science	RDCP 26.8%, MNPS Grades 3-4 34.5%	Does Not Meet
School comparative performance to MNPS in Social Studies	N/A	N/A
Comparative Subgroup Performance to Resident District		
Students with Disabilities comparative performance to MNPS in ELA	suppressed due to n count	--
Students with Disabilities comparative performance to MNPS in Math	suppressed due to n count	--
English Learners comparative performance to MNPS in ELA	RDCP 27.6%, MNPS Grades 3-4 12.4%	Exceeds
English Learners comparative performance to MNPS in Math	RDCP 44.8%, MNPS Grades 3-4 16.8%	Exceeds
Economically disadvantaged students comparative performance to MNPS in ELA	RDCP 18.5%, MNPS Grades 3-4 17.3%	Meets Standard
Economically disadvantaged students comparative performance to MNPS in Math	RDCP 27.6%, MNPS Grades 3-4 16.2%	Exceeds
Black, Hispanic, Native American students comparative performance to MNPS in ELA	RDCP 33.7%, MNPS Grades 3-4 22.4%	Exceeds
Black, Hispanic, Native American students comparative performance to MNPS in Math	RDCP 45.5%, MNPS Grades 3-4 21.4%	Exceeds
TENNESSEE VALUE-ADDED ASSESSMENT SYSTEM ("TVAAS") COMPOSITE INDEX		
Overall Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System ("TVAAS") Composite Index	School-Wide Composite: 5	Exceeds

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II. Financial Performance

The financial performance for Rocketship Dream Community Prep in 2022-23 is as follows:

INDICATORS AND MEASURES	RATING
NEAR TERM FINANCIAL HEALTH	
Current Ratio	Meets Standard
Unrestricted Days Cash	Meets Standard
Enrollment Variance	Does Not Meet
Debt Default	Meets Standard
FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY	
Total Margin	Meets Standard
Debt to Asset Ratio	Meets Standard
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	Meets Standard
Unrestricted Net Position	Meets Standard
Total Margin by School	Falls Far Below

III. Organizational Performance
MEETS STANDARD

The organizational performance for Rocketship Dream Community Prep in 2022-23 is as follows:

INDICATORS AND MEASURES	RATING
EDUCATION PROGRAM COMPLIANCE	
Charter Terms	Meets Standard
Compliance with Education Requirements	Meets Standard
Enrollment in Alignment with the Charter Agreement	Falls Far Below
Student Retention Rates	n/a: baseline year
Student Retention Rates by Subgroup	n/a: baseline year
Students with Disabilities Rights	Meets Standard
English Learner Rights	Meets Standard
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT	
Financial Reporting and Compliance Reporting	Meets Standard
Generally Accepted Accounting Principles	Meets Standard
GOVERNANCE AND REPORTING	
Governance Requirements	Meets Standard
Accountability of Management	Meets Standard
Reporting Requirements	Meets Standard
STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES	
Rights of Students	Meets Standard
Suspension Rate Goals	n/a: new reporting system
Attendance	n/a: Year 1
Credentialing	Meets Standard

INDICATORS AND MEASURES	RATING
Employment Rights	Meets Standard
Background Checks	Meets Standard
Teacher Retention	Meets Standard
SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT	
Facilities and Transportation	Meets Standard
Health and Safety	Meets Standard
Information Handling	Meets Standard
ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS	
All Other Obligations	Meets Standard