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PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

School Year 2025-26 Updates and Preview for 2026-27

July 23, 2026

School Year 2025-26 Updates



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SY25-26 Accountability Data Release

- TCAP Dashboard:
 - Partial Release: July 13 (science excluded), August 25 (science included)
 - School Level TCAP data public at the end of August
- TVAAS:
 - Partial Release: August 3, August 21
 - Full Release: October 5, November 6
 - Public Release: November 20
- Accountability Data:
 - Internal Release: August 24, October 5, November 16 (designations)
 - Public Release – Designations: December 18
 - Public Release – State Report Card: January 28, 2027



SY25-26 Governing Board Engagement

- Staff successfully attended a governing board meeting for all schools within the portfolio.
- We are committed to continuing this engagement next school year and are working with schools to schedule when we will visit.
- Upcoming board meetings will be shared at future Commission meetings. Commissioners are encouraged to attend as able.

Preview for School Year 2026-27



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Geographic District: MSCS

School	Operator	Grades
Libertas School of Memphis	Libertas	K-8 (K-12)
Cornerstone Prep Knight Road Campus	Capstone Education Group	K-4 (K-8)
Cornerstone Prep Denver Campus	Capstone Education Group	K-5
Cornerstone Prep Lester Campus	Capstone Education Group	K-5
Lester Prep	Capstone Education Group	6-8
Promise Academy Spring Hill	Promise Academy Charter Schools	K-5
Bluff City High School	IOTA Community Schools	9-12
Wooddale Middle School	IOTA Community Schools	6-8
Empower Memphis Career and College Prep	Empower Memphis Career and College Prep	K-3 (K-8)



Geographic District: MNPS

School	Operator	Grades
KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary	KIPP Nashville	K-4
KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle	KIPP Nashville	5-8
KIPP Antioch Global High School	KIPP Nashville	9-12
KIPP Antioch Global Middle School	KIPP Nashville	5-8
KIPP Antioch Global Elementary School	KIPP Nashville	K-3 (K-4)
Nashville Collegiate Prep	ReThink Forward	K-11 (K-12)
Rocketship Dream Community Prep	Rocketship Public Schools	K-5
Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary	Rocketship Public Schools	K-5



Geographic District: MNPS Cont.

School	Operator	Grades
LEAD Neely's Bend	LEAD Public Schools	5-9 (5-12)
LEAD Southeast Elementary	LEAD Public Schools	K-3 (K-5)
Tennessee Nature Academy	Tennessee Nature Academy	5-9 (5-12)
Invictus Nashville Charter School	Invictus Nashville	K-3 (K-8)
Nurses Middle College Nashville	NursesMC	9-10 (9-12)
Encompass Community School	Encompass Community School Inc.	K-4 (K-8)
Knowledge Academy at The Crossings	Knowledge Academies, Inc.	5-12

Geographic District: Other

School	Operator	Grades	Location
Rutherford Collegiate Prep	ReThink Forward	K-8	Rutherford County
Jackson Museum School	Jackson Museum School	K-2 (K-6)	Jackson, TN



Charter Commission Portfolio

- The Charter Commission's portfolio of schools by geographic district:

County	Number of Schools
Davidson	15
Shelby	9
Rutherford	1
Madison (Jackson)	1
Total Schools	26

Site Visits for SY26-27

- All site visits have been mapped out for the 2026-27 school year. Site visits will take place in both the fall and spring for schools.
- Given the new automatic renewal options for schools designated as “high performing”, staff have updated the site visit protocol reflecting condensed visits for schools that fit within these categories.

Site Visits for SY26-27

- Schools with a full day site visit:
 - Schools within their interim or renewal year
 - Have significantly large grade band structures such as K-12
 - Schools receiving higher levels of intervention or having specific concerns that cannot be addressed in a half day site visit
- Schools with a half day site visit:
 - Schools that are in the first two years of operation
 - Schools that are not within high-stakes review years and do not have any specific concerns
 - Schools may be on interventions and still receive a half day site visit at the discretion of Commission staff

Site Visits for SY26-27

- *New* Schools that are within the following criteria will earn a condensed site visit:
 - Schools that are considered high performing in alignment with T.C.A. § 49-13-121(e) and are meeting automatic renewal criteria as outlined in Commission Policy 3.600
 - Schools that meet all major categories on the School Performance Framework and not on intervention
 - Schools that do not have any significant concerns in service of special populations
 - Schools that are not within high-stakes review years such as interim and renewal or Years 1 and 2 of operation



School Programs and Support

- Risk Assessment

- Risk Assessment (RA) was conducted in the spring.
- Results of the RA determine the level of support and monitoring for the school year, specifically around the implementation of federal programs.
 - Students with Disabilities
 - English Learnings
 - Parent Engagement
 - Homeless, Foster, and Migrant Students

Portfolio Data Trends

SY24-25

Category	Tier 1 %	Tier 2 %	Tier 3 %
HFM	95.83%	4.17%	0.00%
PFE	87.50%	12.50%	0.00%
EL	16.67%	29.17%	54.17%
SPED	12.50%	41.67%	45.83%

SY25-26

Category	Tier 1 %	Tier 2 %	Tier 3 %
HFM	84.62%	15.38%	0.00%
PFE	88.46%	11.54%	0.00%
EL	61.54%	26.92%	11.54%
SPED	7.69%	61.54%	30.77%

- Overview
 - **EL:** More schools moved into **Tier 1**, indicating stronger outcomes for English Learners.
 - **SPED:** More schools shifted into **Tier 2**, showing movement away from the lowest-performing category.
 - Fewer schools were identified in **Tier 3**, suggesting reduced need for intensive support
- Key Takeaway: Overall, the portfolio showed positive movement, with growth in higher-performing tiers and fewer schools requiring the highest level of support.

Special Populations Tiers by School

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- This visual shows the distribution of risk levels across schools.
- Tier 3 schools will receive an additional Federal Programs site visit.



Areas of Risk: English Language

Section 3. English Learners and Immigrant Students

Indicator	Description	Max Points	Portfolio Performance %
EL Coordinator Experience	Number of years with a Commission authorized school: <1 years of experience 5 points, 1-2 years of experience 2 points, 3+ years of experience 0 points	5	39.17%
Desktop Monitoring Findings	Points are assigned based on total number of items of non-compliance as a percent: 0-4.99% non-compliance is 0 points, 5-9.99% non-compliance is 10 points, 10-19.99% non-compliance is 30 points, 20% or greater non-compliance is 50 points (max).	50	46.67%
Student Comparative Population	School Limited English Proficient population (L/W/T1/T2/T3/T4) compared to the resident district average: 0 points if <5 percentage points below resident district average, 5 points if 5-10 percentage points below resident district average, 10 points if >10 percentage points below resident district average	10	43.75%
On-Time Submissions	10 points assigned if the school submits less than 95% of required annual submissions on time.	10	66.67%

Area of Risk: Special Education

Section 4. Special Education			
Indicator	Description	Max Points	Portfolio Performance %
Special Education Coordinator Experience	Number of years with a Commission authorized school: <1 years of experience 5 points, 1-2 years of experience 2 points, 3+ years of experience 0 points	5	50.83%
504 Coordinator Experience	Number of years with a Commission authorized school: <1 years of experience 5 points, 1-2 years of experience 2 points, 3+ years of experience 0 points	5	61.67%
Desktop Monitoring Findings (Special Education and 504)	Points are assigned based on total number of items of non-compliance as a percent: 0-9.99% non-compliance is 0 points, 10-19.99% non-compliance is 10 points, 20-29.99% non-compliance is 30 points, 30% or greater non-compliance is 50 points (max).	50	85.00%
IDEA and 504 Annual Timeline Compliance	5 points assigned per instance of failure to maintain compliance with statutory timelines, max 50 points.	50	72.50%
Staff Attrition	10 points assigned if greater than 50% turnover of Exceptional Education staff during SY25-26 or to upcoming school year.	10	45.83%
On-Time Submissions	10 points assigned if the school submits less than 95% of required annual submissions on time.	10	83.33%

SY27-28 Risk Assessment Reflection

- Aligning Leadership Support
 - Increase visibility into school needs, risk levels, and compliance challenges so managers and operators can better support schools and make informed strategic decisions.
- Increasing Engagement and Targeted Support
 - Begin with in-person trainings to build relationships and understanding.
 - Deliver targeted technical assistance based on school needs and risk levels.
 - Refine systems and processes to prioritize proactive support and continuous improvement.



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