

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**



**Illinois Charter School  
Annual Report**

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### **Illinois Charter School Annual Report Requirements**

This report is submitted for the 2007-2008 school year in compliance with Section 27A-12 of the Illinois Charter Schools Law (105 ILCS 5/27A-12). This section reads in part:

*On or before the second Wednesday of January 1998, and on or before the second Wednesday of January of each subsequent calendar year, the State Board shall issue a report to the General Assembly and the Governor on its findings for the school year ending in the preceding calendar year.*

*In the annual report required by this Section, the State Board shall (i) compare the performance of charter school pupils with the performance of ethnically and economically comparable groups of pupils in other public schools who are enrolled in academically comparable courses, (ii) shall review information regarding the regulations and policies from which charter schools were released to determine if the exemptions assisted or impeded the charter school in meeting their stated goals and objectives, and (iii) shall include suggested changes in State law necessary to strengthen charter schools.*

This report is structured to provide an overview of charter schools in Illinois and to address the required elements.

### **Illinois Charter School Overview**

Charter schools in Illinois are public schools of choice, selected by students and parents for their unique offerings. The Illinois statute governing charter schools was enacted in April 1996 as Article 27A of the School Code to encourage educational excellence and promote new options. In authorizing charter schools, 105 ILCS 5/27A-2 states that it is the intent of the General Assembly:

*To create a legitimate avenue for parents, teachers and community members to take responsible risks and create new, innovative and more flexible ways of educating children within the public school system. The General Assembly seeks to create opportunities within the public school system of Illinois for development of innovative and accountable teaching techniques. The provisions of this Article should be interpreted liberally to support the findings and goals of this Section and to advance a renewed commitment by the State of Illinois to the mission, goals and diversity of public education.*

To help them meet these goals, charter schools are exempt from The School Code mandates except those specified in the Charter Schools Law (e.g., health/life safety, criminal background checks for employees, student discipline, child abuse reporting act, student records act, and state goals/standards/assessment). However, charter schools are not exempt from any civil rights laws or any federal special education requirements. They are accountable for meeting rigorous school content standards as defined in the Illinois Learning Standards, and students must participate in the state assessments. Thus, schools exchange accountability for flexibility. Part of the flexibility of charter schools is the freedom to select their own school calendar, hours of operation, and grades or ages they wish to serve. Enrollment is open across the district to all students of that age or grade range. If there is an enrollment larger than the potential number of students allowed, a lottery must be held.

The orientation of charter schools varies widely. Some are designed to serve specific student populations such as the primary grades or dual language pupils. Others provide a specific curriculum such as Montessori, back-to-basics, or Direct Instruction. Yet others are designed with governance and parent involvement components that are integral to their mission.

During 2007-2008, there were 35 charter schools in operation in Illinois serving over 25,000 students. In school year 1998-1999, charter schools reported serving 209 students with disabilities. This number has increased each year since, and for the 2007-2008 school year schools reported serving nearly 2,500 students with disabilities. A brief description of each charter school that operated in 2007-2008 is provided below. Table 1 chronicles the history of Illinois charter schools.

## **Chicago School District 299 Charters**

### **Academy of Communications and Technology Charter School (ACT)**

This school serves grades 7-12 and is located on the far west side of Chicago. Founded by two former Chicago public school teachers, the school has a college preparatory curriculum that incorporates a strong focus on communication arts and technological literacy. ACT cultivates a small school environment and considers all community members (founders, teachers, parents, students, and neighbors) partners in creating a school that attempts to break the cycle of poverty.

### **Architecture, Construction, and Engineering Technical Charter High School (ACE Tech)**

Considering the future workforce, a diverse group of Chicago's construction industry leaders came together to create ACE Tech in order to prepare young people to meet the needs of the construction industry and to serve as a model for the next generation of vocational education programs

### **ASPIRA Charter School (ASPIRA) – 3 sites**

Formerly named Mirta Ramirez Computer Science Charter School, the mission of ASPIRA is to provide a rigorous and comprehensive high school education, integrated with practical and advance instruction in the latest computer technology. Students will have access to technical and scientific knowledge that bridges the “digital divide” and prepares at-risk students for the spectrum of post-secondary opportunities, such as attending college, continuing into advanced vocational training and professional certification, or finding meaningful employment and developing a successful career.\*

### **Bronzeville Lighthouse Charter School (Bronzeville)**

Bronzeville is operated by Lighthouse Academies, a non-profit organization. Through a curriculum that infuses visual and performing arts into a rigorous core of content, Bronzeville seeks to endow its students with the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes to be responsible and productive citizens.

### **Catalyst Charter School (Catalyst)**

The mission of Catalyst is to provide an elementary educational choice to urban children. Catalyst Charter School is devoted to being a catalyst for creating competent citizens by building a strong network of support that follows the student throughout his/her learning career.

### **Chicago International Charter School (Chicago International) – 12 sites**

The Chicago Charter School Foundation runs this multi-campus school. The Foundation's mission is to operate PreK-12 charter schools that provide a rigorous, college preparatory education to every student.

### **Chicago Mathematics and Science Academy Charter School (CMSA)**

CMSA provides an environment of learning through a college preparatory education in science, mathematics, and technology programs in an atmosphere providing students, parents, and teacher opportunities for continuous growth that will enable its students to reach their highest potential.

### **Chicago Virtual Charter School (CVCS)**

Chicago Virtual Charter School provides instruction through a blended model that includes online courses and direct instruction at a central site. Lessons are presented in a mix of print and multimedia to enhance the learning experience and address different learning styles. Certified teachers, parents or other educators guide students through their daily coursework in their own home or other small group setting. Teachers review the students' daily assessments and provide individual feedback to them. This model will address students whose needs cannot be adequately met by a traditional school.

**Choir Academy Charter School (Choir Academy)**

Originally approved as the sister school to Passages under Global Villages Charter School, Choir Academy applied for and was granted its own charter for the 2003-2004 school year. The school serves 2-8 and seeks to provide students with the foundation for success in school and life by offering an in-depth academic and social development program using music as an organizing focus.

**Erie Elementary Charter School (Erie)**

Standing on the foundation laid by Erie Neighborhood House, Erie is a community where students, parents and staff work together in true partnership to develop children who are confident in their culture and ethnic origin; bi-literate in Spanish and English; achieve academic excellence; and are firmly placed on a path to higher education.

**Galapagos Elementary Charter School (Galapagos)**

Galapagos Charter School is dedicated to preparing K–8 students to be responsible, productive, college-educated adults capable of adapting and prospering in a changing global economy. It currently serves grades K-5.

**KIPP Ascend Academy Charter School (KIPP)**

Seeking to serve students in grades 5-8, this school provides a rigorous academic program to provide educationally underserved students with the knowledge skills and character needed to succeed in top quality high schools, colleges and the competitive world beyond. Through the power of the joint commitment of the students, parents, and teachers supporting the education of the students, KIPP strives to break the cycle of poverty endemic in Chicago's poor neighborhoods and enable children to choose to enjoy the productive, successful and self-directed lifestyle of the well educated.

**Lawndale Educational And Regional Network Charter School (L.E.A.R.N.) – 2 sites**

Serving students in grades PreK-8, this school provides a rigorous academic program utilizing the Core Knowledge curriculum and a low student-teacher ratio to prepare students for success in high school, college and beyond. L.E.A.R.N. also focuses on bringing parents into the school.

**Legacy Charter School (Legacy) – Chicago 299**

Legacy Charter School is a center for teaching and learning for children and their families that recognizes and nurtures the full potential of every child, provides a foundation for a college education, and educates students to be creative and critical thinkers and responsible citizens in a school, at home, and in the broader community.

**Alain Locke Charter School (Locke)**

Developed by 21<sup>st</sup> Century Urban Schools, a partnership of the Inner City Teaching Corps and the Ryan Foundation, this school is dedicated to bringing excellence in academic and social development to children in an under-resourced urban community and to help them achieve their full potential. There is a strong focus on early literacy and enrichment after-school activities to keep the children engaged in the learning process. The school serves grades PreK-8.

**Namaste Elementary Charter School (Namaste)**

Namaste, the Sanskrit word for "I salute the inner light in you," operates on the belief that to achieve in school, students must be healthy, active, and engaged in physical activity regularly and that adults must model the healthy lifestyle and positive attitude that the students will hopefully embrace. The school incorporates health, nutrition, and athletics into its rigorous curriculum to ensure literacy, numeracy and a lifelong love of learning.

**Noble Street Charter High School (Noble Street) – 7 sites**

Led by two former Chicago public high school teachers in partnership with the Northwestern University Settlement House, this charter school prepares urban youth in grades 9-12 to function successfully in society by emphasizing commitment to educational excellence; civic responsibility; and respect for the community, the environment, and others. A unique feature of the schools is the daily Advisory class, which covers study skills, career exploration and college preparation, conflict resolution and ethical behavior, ecological awareness, and physical fitness and nutrition. The school also requires students to do 20 hours of service learning per year.

**North Lawndale Charter School (North Lawndale) – 2 sites**

This college preparatory high school integrates high academic expectations with community service, work experience, and technology education to encourage and enable students in the North Lawndale community to successfully attend college. The school serves grades 9-12 and offers block scheduling, extended study and intercessions in which students pursue learning goals through long-term projects.

**Passages Charter School (Passages)**

Originally approved as the sister school to Choir Academy under Global Villages Charter School, Passage applied for and was granted its own charter for the 2003-2004 school year. Serving PreK through fifth grade students, Passages' primary mission is to provide immigrant and refugee children and their families educational programming geared toward high achievement standards and the needs of immigrant learners through a full-service school offering comprehensive social support services, a site for professional development opportunities for teachers from diverse backgrounds, and an educational environment built upon parental and community involvement and service.

**Perspectives Charter School (Perspectives) – 5 sites**

This school provides a rigorous education program and a character development plan called A Disciplined Life for students in grades 6-12. Students experience internships, community service, and one-on-one mentoring travel programs.

**Polaris Charter School (Polaris)**

When fully implemented, Polaris will be a K-8 charter school envisioned by three Chicago Public School Golden Apple Winners. The charter school currently serves K-2. The curriculum offered emphasizes project-based learning within the classroom and through field work experience and service learning.

**Providence Englewood Charter School (PECS)**

Providence Englewood's mission is to provide a proven, effective college preparatory education to urban students. It shares a singular focus in its college preparatory goal, with its values embedded in the belief that education for college leads to lifelong achievement and success.

**Betty Shabazz International Charter School (Shabazz) – 3 sites**

Located in the Grand Crossing community on Chicago's South Side, this K-11 school balances core instruction with African-centered themes, arts and humanities, and technology and links students to local community resources as well as those in South Africa, Brazil, and Ghana. Parental involvement is central to this "maximum expectation" learning institution.

**University of Chicago Charter School (UCCS) – 4 sites**

Formerly named North Kenwood/Oakland Charter School, UCCS is affiliated with the University of Chicago's Center for School Improvement and provides an education to students in grades PreK-12 while also serving as a school development center for urban teachers. The curriculum is based on the most current research in literacy and mathematics, and its technological infrastructure supports the curriculum.

**UNO Charter School (UNO) – 9 sites**

Formerly named Octavio Paz Charter School, UNO serves students in grades K-8 and provides a highly structured curriculum based on the Direct Instruction method. It uses repetition, reinforcement, and mastery to improve student achievement and it provides a disciplined environment, high academic standards, and intensive English instruction. It serves a diverse student population from Pilsen and the Near West Side.

**Urban Prep Academy for Young Men Charter School (Urban Prep)**

The mission of the Urban Prep Academy for Young Men Charter School is to provide a high-quality and comprehensive college-preparatory educational experience to urban young men that will result in graduates being admitted to and succeeding in college.

**Young Women's Leadership Charter School (Young Women's)**

This school follows the small schools model and serves grades 7-12. The focus is on a rigorous career and college preparatory curriculum emphasizing math, science, and technology; leadership; and personal and social development.

### **Youth Connection Charter School (Youth Connection)**

This is an alternative-type high school program operating at multiple sites throughout Chicago. Youth Connection Charter School students often enroll after months, and sometimes years, of being out of school. The educational environment emphasizes basic skills, life skills, social development, and job readiness.

### **Collar County Charters**

#### **Cambridge Lakes Charter School (Cambridge) – CUSD 300, Carpentersville**

Located in Pingree Grove, Cambridge Lakes Charter School seeks to guide its students to reach their fullest learning potential by using Core Knowledge curriculum.

#### **Prairie Crossing Charter School (Prairie Crossing) – Woodland 50 and Fremont 79**

Located in Grayslake, this school serves youngsters from two Lake County districts. The environment is the school theme. Prairie Crossing serves grades K-8 and is the only school for which the Illinois State Board holds the charter directly.

### **Downstate Charters**

#### **Fort Bowman Academy Charter School (Ft. Bowman) – Cahokia 187**

Located in Cahokia District 187, this school is sponsored by Educating for the Future, a group founded by parents. It will serves grades K-12.

#### **Robertson Charter School (Robertson) – Decatur 61**

The result of a community member's desire to provide more resources to an underserved population, this school has a focus on at-risk students. The school serves students in grades K-8.

#### **Southern Illinois University East St. Louis Charter School (SIU-E. St. Louis) – East St. Louis 189**

This school is a partnership between Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and the district and serves at-risk students in grades 9-12. Students have access to a wide range of health and social services as a result of the university connection.

#### **Tomorrow's Builders Charter School (Tomorrow's Builders) – East St. Louis District 189**

In association with YouthBuild USA, this school serves at-risk youth aged 14 through 21 to rebuild their lives through education, counseling, and leadership development while they are rebuilding the community by renovating abandoned buildings and constructing new units for low-income housing.

#### **Springfield Ball Charter School (Springfield Ball) – Springfield 186**

This school has a theme of literacy and numeracy, operates an extended school year, and offers Spanish language instruction for all grades as an integral part of the curriculum. It is designed to serve grades K-8.

**Table 1 Illinois Charter Schools 2004 - 2008: Operation and Enrollments**

<b>Charter School</b>	<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>2005-2006</b>	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>Projected 2008-2009</b>
Amandla					125
Beardstown					24
Henry Ford					120
YouthBuild					20
Cambridge				486	500
Polaris Charter School				140	190
Bronzeville			320	416	455
Catalyst			120	191	354
Chicago Virtual			230	376	599
Providence Englewood			200	304	400
Urban Prep			160	303	470
Erie		79	129	162	168
Galapagos		190	242	282	322
Legacy		103	202	256	304
ACE Tech	141	260	375	469	500
Chicago Math & Science	223	295	335	398	483
Namaste	90	144	194	243	298
KIPP	160	235	303	302	318
Choir Academy	220	181	200	165	175-200
ASPIRA	273	876	956	1041	1300
Passages	208	226	226	224	230
Tomorrow's Builders	168	160	257	161	170
L.E.A.R.N.	298	340	365	394	420
Robertson	151	185	215	230	230
Young Women's	325	340	340	344	355
Locke	403	450	480	502	520
Noble Street	482	480	757	1334	2362
Prairie Crossing	304	334	343	360	360
SIU-E. St. Louis	102	100	115	107	110
Ft. Bowman	268	273	271	275	270
North Lawndale	395	392	392	538	658
UCCS	389	619	821	1150	1354
UNO	783	1051	1765	2352	2130
Shabazz	302	566	650	772	953
Springfield Ball	361	378	378	378	378
Chicago International	4532	5446	5065	6443	7518
Perspectives	276	322	628	1209	1883
ACT	308	319	300	328	350
Youth Connections	2240	2500	4520	3000	3200
Lincoln Charter School	57	47	47	See <sup>1</sup>	
Triumphant	See <sup>2</sup>				
Global Village	See <sup>3</sup>				
Thomas Jefferson	See <sup>4</sup>				
KEYS	See <sup>5</sup>				
Governors State	See <sup>6</sup>				
Nuestra America	See <sup>7</sup>				
Chicago Preparatory	See <sup>8</sup>				
Peoria Alternative	See <sup>9</sup>				

<sup>1</sup> Opened in 2004; ceased operation at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

<sup>2</sup> Opened in 1997; charter was revoked by the district at the end of the 2004-2005 school year.

<sup>3</sup> Opened in 2001; school's two campuses applied for and were granted separate charters for the 2003-2004 school year.

<sup>4</sup> Opened in 1999; ceased operation at the end of the 2002-2003 school year.

<sup>5</sup> Opened in 2001; ceased operation at the end of the 2002-2003 school year.

<sup>6</sup> Opened in 2000; charter revoked at the end of the 2001-2002 school year.

<sup>7</sup> Opened Fall, 1997; school did not renew charter at the end of the initial charter period in Spring, 2002.

<sup>8</sup> Opened Fall, 1997; ceased operations mid-year of 1998-1999 school year.

<sup>9</sup> Opened Fall, 1996; school did not renew the contract after the initial contract period ending Spring, 1998.

Tables 2A-4B display additional information regarding the 36 charter schools in operation in Illinois throughout 2007-2008. Much of the information is self reported with annual school report card data supplementing where applicable.

**Table 2A Charter School Demographic Data for 2007-2008**

<i>Name of Charter School</i>	<i>Grades Served in 2007-2008</i>	<i>Full Planned Grade Range</i>	<i>Number of Sites</i>	<i>Lottery Use for 2007-2008</i>	<i>Number of Instructional Days</i>	<i>School Hours</i>
ACT	7-12	7-12	1 site	358 applications 138 new students	183 days	8:30-3:35
ACE Tech	9-12	9-12	1 site	340 applications 128 new students	178 days	8:00-3:55
ASPIRA	6-12	6-12	3 sites	512 applications 275 new students	181/206 days	8:00-4:00
Bronzeville Lighthouse	K-7	PreK-8	1 site	249 applications 48 new students	190 days	8:00-4:00
Catalyst	3-6	K-8	1 site	Not needed	184 days	8:00-4:00
Chicago International	PreK-12	PreK-12	11 sites	4,312 applications 1,150 new students	192 days	8:00-3:30
Chicago Math & Science	6-11	6-12	1 site	180 applications 25 new students	181	8:00-3:19
Chicago Virtual	K-9	K-12	1 site	Not needed	180 days	8:00-3:00
Choir Academy	2-8	2-8	1 site	Not needed	165 days	8:00-4:00
Erie	K-3	K-5	1 site	50 applications 32 new students	168 days	8:00-3:00
Galapagos	K-5	K-8	1 site	342 applications 76 new students	182 days	8:25-4:00
KIPP	5-8	5-8	1 site	Not needed	203 days	7:25-5:00
L.E.A.R.N.	PreK-8	PreK-8	1 site	500 applications 96 new students	200 days	8:30-4:00
Legacy	PreK-4	PreK-8	1 site	202 applications 54 new students	179 days	8:30-3:30
Locke	PreK-8	PreK-8	1 site	389 applications 76 new students	191 days	8:30-5:00
Namaste	K-4	K-8	1 site	243 applications 66 new students	180 days	8:30-4:00
Noble Street	9-12	9-12	3 sites	761 applications 162 new students	179 days	8:15-4:00
North Lawndale	9-12	9-12	1 site	782 applications 235 new students	181 days	8:00-3:30
Passages	PreK-5	PreK-5	1 site	99 applications 87 new students	180 days	8:50-3:35
Perspectives	6-12	6-12	2 sites	2754 applications 718 new students	177 days	8:30-4:07
Polaris	K-2	K-8	1 site	Not needed	171 days	7:50-4:00
Providence Englewood	K-6	K-8	1 site	368 applications 310 new students	172	8:00-3:05
Shabazz	K-11	K-12	3 sites	244 applications 30 new students	178-191 days	8:15-3:00-ES 8:15-5:00 HS
UCCS	PreK-10	PreK-12	3 sites	967 applications 305 new students	175 days	8:00-3:00

**Table 2A (continued) Charter School Demographic Data for 2007-2008**

<b>Name of Charter School</b>	<b>Grades Served in 2007-2008</b>	<b>Full Planned Grade Range</b>	<b>Number of Sites</b>	<b>Lottery Use for 2007-2008</b>	<b>Number of Instructional Days</b>	<b>School Hours</b>
UNO	K-8	K-8	6 sites	1771 applications 793 new students	179 days	8:00-3:00
Urban Prep Academy	9-10	9-12	1 site	350 applications 170 new students	171 days	8:30-4:30
Young Women's	7-12	7-12	1 site	667 applications 80 new students	163.5 days	8:30-3:30
Youth Connections	9-12	9-12	23 sites	5756 applications 4186 new students	174 days	8:00-4:00
Cambridge	K-8	K-8	1 site	Not needed	180	8:00-3:30
Prairie Crossing	K-8	K-8	1 site	189 applications 42 new students	183 days	8:00-3:30
Ft. Bowman	K-12	K-12	1 site	Not needed	176 days	8:00-4:00 ES 7:30-3:00 HS
Robertson	K-8	K-8	1 site	190 applications 28 new students	180 days	8:30-3:30
Springfield Ball	K-8	K-8	1 site	336 applications 81 new students	183 days	9:00-3:30
SIU-E St. Louis	9-12	9-12	1 site	44 applications 32 new students	175 days	7:45-3:15
Tomorrow's Builders	9-12	9-12	1 site	Not needed	180 days	8:00-2:30

**Table 2B Student Demographic Data**

<b>Name of Charter School</b>	<b>% Low Income – Charter/District</b>	<b>% Limited English Proficient-Charter School/District</b>	<b>% Drop Out-Charter School/District</b>	<b>% Suspended Charter School</b>	<b>% Expelled Charter School</b>	<b># High School Graduates Charter School</b>
ACT	65.9 – 83.6	0.0 – 14.8	5.4 – 12.5	6.0	0.0	18
ACE Tech	76.2 – 83.6	1.5 – 14.8	4.8 – 12.5	9.2	0.4	79
ASPIRA	84.2 – 83.6	2.2 – 14.8	1.6 – 12.5	11.0	0.0	59
Bronzeville Lighthouse	92.6 - 83.6	0.0 – 14.8	N/A – 12.5	12.0	0.0	N/A
Catalyst	93.8 – 83.6	0.0 – 14.8	N/A – 12.5	12.0	0.0	N/
Chicago International	70.3 – 83.6	0.5 – 14.8	4.2 – 12.5	45.0	.82	189
Chicago Math & Science	59.8 – 83.6	3.1 – 14.8	4.7 – 12.5	10.5	0.0	N/A
Chicago Virtual	0.5 – 83.6	1.3 - 14.8	5.9 – 12.5	0.0	0.0	N/A
Choir Academy	33.5 - 83.6	0.0 – 14.8	N/A	26.0	0.0	N/A
Erie	12.5 – 83.6	13.8 – 14.8	N/A	8.0	3.0	N/A
Galapagos	87.2 – 83.6	0.0 – 14.8	N/A	10.0	0.0	N/A
KIPP	72.0 – 83.6	0.3 – 14.8	N/A	25.0	0.0	N/A
L.E.A.R.N.	51.5 – 83.6	0.0 – 14.8	N/A	3.0	0.0	11
Legacy	84.5 – 83.6	0.0 – 14.8	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A
Locke	85.2 – 83.6	0.0 – 14.8	N/A	10.0	0.0	N/A
Namaste	84.4 – 83.6	33.6 – 14.8	N/A	1.0	0.0	N/A
Noble Street	86.0 – 83.6	1.1 – 14.8	2.5 – 12.5	5.0	0.5	108
North Lawndale	97.0 – 83.6	0.0 – 14.8	2.8 – 12.5	14.0	0.0	85
Passages	86.5 – 83.6	27.1 – 14.8	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A
Perspectives	81.9 – 83.6	0.5 – 14.8	2.0 – 12.5	23.72	0.67	39
Polaris	82.8 - 83.6	0.9 - 14.8	N/A	0.0	0.5	N/A
Providence Englewood	2.4 - 83.6	0.0 - 14.8	N/A	5.0	0.0	N/A
Shabazz	40.6 - 83.6	0.1 - 14.8	4.1 - 12.5	27.0	0.0	N/A
UCCS	64.0 - 83.6	0.0 - 14.8	7.7 - 12.5	15.8	1.9	N/A
UNO	93.4 - 83.6	6.4 - 14.8	N/A	5.0	0.0	N/A
Urban Prep	27.9 - 83.6	0.4 - 14.8	7.5 - 12.5	22	1	N/A
Young Women's	75.5 - 83.6	.03 - 14.8	7.6 - 12.5	11.0	0.0	49
Youth Connections	81.2 - 83.6	0.2 - 14.8	64.0 - 12.5	9.0	0.0	1041
Cambridge	5.3 – 31.2	0.0 – 12.9	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A
Prairie Crossing	2.2 – 5.0 (F)18.1(W)	0.0 – 8.0 (F)/7.7(W)	N/A	.27	0.0	N/A
Ft. Bowman	0.0 – 79.8	0.0 – 0.0	0.0 – 3.6	7.0	0.0	16
Robertson	89.9 – 67.9	0.0 – 0.6	N/A	8.0	0.0	N/A
SIU-E. St. Louis	88.7 – 84.6	0.0 – 1.1	0.0 – 0.5	8.0	2.0	21
Tomorrow's Builders	76.2 – 84.6	0.0 – 1.1	7.9 – 0.5	20.0	2.0	6
Springfield Ball	38.6 – 59.4	0.8 – 0.2	N/A	8.2	0.0	N/A

**Table 2C Student Retention Data for 2007-2008**

<b>Name of Charter School</b>	<b># Of Students Leaving for District Public School</b>	<b># Of Students Leaving for Public School out of the District</b>	<b># Of Students Who Did Not Return in 2007-2008 (other than graduates)</b>
ACT	43	3	25
ACE Tech	4	4	15
ASPIRA	68	21	59
Bronzeville Lighthouse	3	6	8
Catalyst	10	6	16
Chicago International	225	78	213
Chicago Math & Science	N/A	N/A	103
Chicago Virtual	0	4	29
Choir Academy	16	6	50
Erie	7	3	10
Galapagos	12	5	40
KIPP	14	15	15
L.E.A.R.N.	40	25	65
Legacy	23	1	24
Locke	33	10	42
Namaste	6	5	11
Noble Street	36	29	40
North Lawndale	23	8	25
Passages	23	20	43
Perspectives	33	26	78
Polaris	22	5	N/A
Providence Englewood	15	7	22
Shabazz	36	21	57
UCCS	35	36	22
UNO	95	74	288
Urban Prep	18	3	30
Young Women's	15	11	17
Youth Connection	280	52	0
Cambridge	0.0	0.0	N/A
Prairie Crossing	14	2	36
Ft. Bowman	17	35	52
Robertson	10	6	16
SIU-E. St. Louis	2	4	5
Tomorrow's Builders	0	0	54
Springfield Ball	18	28	33

With students attending charter schools by parent choice, the student body is determined by parent selection plus a lottery process when the school is oversubscribed. This selection process means that the district population is not necessarily mirrored in the school's demographics. Table 2D lists racial ethnic data for each school by district, as well as the district data.

**Table 2D Charter School Racial Ethnic Enrollment Data by Percentage for 2007-2008**

<i>Name of Charter School</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Hispanic</i>	<i>Asian/ Pacific Islander</i>	<i>Native American</i>	<i>Multiracial/ Ethnic</i>
ACT	0.0	98.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.0
ACE Tech	5.2	60.8	31.2	0.9	0.4	1.5
ASPIRA	4.2	6.4	83.0	3.5	0.1	2.8
Bronzeville Lighthouse	0.0	98.3	1.1	0.3	0.0	0.3
Catalyst	0.0	99.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Chicago International	4.5	68.8	23.7	1.3	0.2	1.6
Chicago Math and Science	4.6	25.3	58.8	8.0	0.0	3.4
Chicago Virtual	17.1	64.6	8.9	3.7	0.8	5.0
Choir Academy	0.6	92.2	5.4	0.0	0.0	1.8
Erie	5.0	18.1	75.0	0.6	0.0	1.3
Galapagos	0.4	98.5	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.7
KIPP	0.0	96.5	1.6	0.0	0.3	1.6
L.E.A.R.N.	0.3	98.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.3
Legacy	0.0	97.6	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.8
Locke	0.0	99.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Namaste	9.6	11.2	73.6	1.6	1.6	2.4
Noble Street	2.6	18.8	74.5	0.7	0.0	3.5
North Lawndale	0.2	95.2	3.7	0.0	0.4	0.4
Passages	12.7	38.9	18.8	26.2	0.0	3.5
Perspectives	1.8	86.6	10.2	0.2	0.3	1.0
Polaris	0.0	84.5	13.8	0.0	0.0	1.7
Providence Englewood	0.3	99.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Shabazz	0.1	99.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
UCCS	0.6	97.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	1.5
UNO	0.8	15.0	82.6	0.2	0.0	1.4
Urban Prep	0.0	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Young Women's	4.1	73.5	13.9	0.9	0.6	7.1
Youth Connection	3.0	70.4	24.6	0.4	0.2	1.4
<b>Chicago 299</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Cambridge	56.8	1.8	22.9	7.6	0.8	10.2
<b>CUSD 300</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Prairie Crossing	76.7	2.2	4.2	12.8	0.0	4.2
<b>Freemont 79</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Woodland 50</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Ft. Bowman	65.4	31.1	3.2	0.4	0.0	0.0
<b>Cahokia 187</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Robertson	4.4	87.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9
<b>Decatur 61</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>

**Table 2D (continued) Charter School Racial Ethnic Enrollment Data by Percentage for 2007-2008**

<i>Name of Charter School</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Hispanic</i>	<i>Asian/ Pacific Islander</i>	<i>Native American</i>	<i>Multiracial/ Ethnic</i>
SIU – E. St. Louis	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tomorrow's Builders	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>East St. Louis 189</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Springfield Ball	47.9	39.2	1.9	5.3	0.0	5.8
<b>Springfield 186</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>

Charter schools must enroll students in the district of the appropriate age and grade range if parents choose that school. Students with disabilities must be accepted on the same basis as other students. If there is an oversubscription of students, then a lottery is held. Charter schools must observe all of the civil rights protections for students in their enrollment processes. Services included on an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for children and youth with disabilities must be provided. Frequently, there is a contract between the charter school and the home school district to provide such services and the per capita tuition rate is reduced to cover the cost (e.g., 90% rather than 100% per capita tuition).

**Table 2E Students With Disabilities by Type in 2007-2008**

<i>Name of Charter School</i>	<i>Unduplicated Students With Disabilities</i>	<i>Learning Disabilities</i>	<i>Speech/Language</i>	<i>Emotional/Behavior</i>	<i>Mild to Moderate Mental Impairment</i>	<i>Traumatic Brain Injury</i>	<i>Visual Impairment</i>	<i>Hearing Impairment</i>	<i>Physical Impairment</i>	<i>Other Health Impairment</i>	<i>Autism</i>	<i>Developmental Disabilities</i>	<i>Moderate to Severe Mental Impairment</i>
ACT	42	40	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ACE Tech	75	63	6	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
ASPIRA	172	NA <sup>10</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bronzeville Lighthouse	22	5	9	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Catalyst	26	15	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago Int'l	632	623	250	55	15	0	2	2	2	0	23	5	0
Chicago Math & Science	38	32	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Chicago Virtual	25	10	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Choir Academy	11	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erie	20	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0
Galapagos	19	15	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
KIPP	39	31	7	6	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
L.E.A.R.N.		7	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Legacy	18	11	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Locke	50	19	9	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
Namaste	44	26	30	2	2	1	0	1	0	6	2	1	0
Noble Street	127	82	1	19	3	0	0	1	2	14	5	0	0
N. Lawndale	54	41	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Passages	23	19	9	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	2	1	0
Perspectives	159	123	7	16	15	1	0	1	0	3	4	0	0
Polaris	11	2	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Providence Englewood	12	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shabazz	54	30	10	12	2	0	0	0	2	5	2	1	8
UCCS	115	86	18	5	5	3	1	1	0	12	4	3	0
UNO	132	83	38	2	3	0	1	2	0	4	4	3	0
Urban Prep	54	37	5	7	6	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Young Womens	49	39	1	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Youth Connection	351	278	0	38	24	4	0	2	1	4	0	0	0
Cambridge	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Prairie Crossing	60	24	45	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0
Ft. Bowman	27	12	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Robertson	12	7	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SIU E. St. Louis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tomorrow's Builders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Springfield Ball	55	16	34	2	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	0	0

Pursuant to the Charter Schools Law, instructional staff at charter schools outside of Chicago can either hold Illinois teacher certification as required in order to teach in traditional public schools or have a bachelor's degree **and** at least five years of relevant experience **and** pass the state tests of basic skills and relevant subject matter. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, at least 50% of the instructional staff in Chicago charter schools established after July 2003 shall hold

<sup>10</sup> ASPIRA is unable to produce numbers due to a change in data system.

teaching certificates. In the 2007-2008 school year, the minimum number of certified instructional staff increases to 75%. Administrative personnel are not required to have certification or particular qualifications.

**Table 3A 2007-2008 Instructional Staff Certification Status**

<i>Name of Charter School</i>	<i>Certified</i>	<i>Total Instructional Personnel</i>
ACT	19	22
ACE Tech	24	35
ASPIRA	40	51
Bronzeville Lighthouse	18	32
Catalyst	14	26
Chicago International	355	417
Chicago Math & Science	21	31
Chicago Virtual	10	10
Choir Academy	8	14
Erie	8	11
Galapagos	16	19
KIPP	12	18
L.E.A.R.N.	13	16
Legacy	18	20
Locke	21	22
Namaste	20	21
Noble Street	82	97
North Lawndale	32	34
Passages	14	16
Perspectives	61	92
Polaris	5	6
Providence Englewood	6	16
Shabazz	21	46
UCCS	50	69
UNO	86	115
Urban Prep	9	19
Young Women's	23	31
Youth Connection	128	154
Cambridge	42	42
Prairie Crossing	23	44
Ft. Bowman	15	17
Robertson	10	11
SIU-E. St. Louis	6	7
Tomorrow's Builders	3	8
Springfield Ball	28	29

**Table 3B 2007-2008 Administrative Staff Certification Status**

<i>Name of Charter School</i>	<i>Certified</i>	<i>Total Administrative Personnel</i>
ACT	2	4
ACE Tech	1	12
ASPIRA	4	4
Bronzeville Lighthouse	2	2
Catalyst	2	5
Chicago International	1	12
Chicago Math & Science	0	6
Chicago Virtual	0	7
Choir Academy	1	3
Erie	1	1
Galapagos	0	3
KIPP	0	4
L.E.A.R.N.	1	1
Legacy	2	3
Locke	1	2
Namaste	1	2
Noble Street	3	28
North Lawndale	3	3
Passages	0	2
Perspectives	15	48
Polaris	1	6
Providence Englewood	0	2
Shabazz	1.5	2.5
UCCS	4	7
UNO	3	16
Urban Prep	0	2
Young Women's	0	2
Youth Connection	4	22
Cambridge	2	5
Prairie Crossing	2.5	2.5
Ft. Bowman	0	4
Robertson	1	3
SIU-E. St. Louis	0	1
Tomorrow's Builders	1	5
Springfield Ball	1	3

Schools have accountability agreements with the charter authorizers and are ultimately accountable at renewal time. However, charter schools are not exempt from state testing requirements. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results for charter schools and their respective local districts are indicated below in Table 4. The notation "N/A" indicates that the school did not have any tested grade levels that year or was not open that year.

**Table 4 – Charter School Performance**

<i>Charter School/District Name</i>	<i>State test(s) taken</i>	<i>Is this school/district making AYP?</i>	<i>Is this school/district making AYP in Reading?</i>	<i>Is this school/district making AYP in Mathematics</i>	<i>Has this school/district been identified for School/District Improvement?</i>
ACT	ISAT/PSAE	No	No	No	Yes
ACE Tech	PSAE	No	No	No	Yes
ASPIRA	ISAT/PSAE	No	No	No	Yes
Bronzeville Lighthouse	ISAT	No	No	Yes	No
Catalyst	ISAT	No	No	No	No
Chicago International	ISAT/PSAE	No	No	No	Yes
Chicago Math & Science	ISAT/PSAE	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Chicago Virtual	ISAT/PSAE	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Choir Academy	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Erie	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Galapagos	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
KIPP	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
L.E.A.R.N.	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Legacy	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Locke	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Namaste	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Noble	PSAE	No	No	No	Yes
North Lawndale	PSAE	No	No	No	Yes
Passages	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Perspectives	ISAT/PSAE	No	Yes	No	No
Polaris	ISAT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Providence Englewood	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Shabazz	ISAT/ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
UCCS	ISAT	No	No	No	No
UNO	ISAT	No	No	No	No
Urban Prep	PSAE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Young Women's	ISAT/PSAE	No	No	No	Yes
Youth Connection	PSAE	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Chicago 299</b>	<b>ISAT/PSAE</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Cambridge	PSAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>CUSD 300</b>	<b>PSAT/PSAE</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Prairie Crossing	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Fremont 79	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Woodland 50	ISAT	No	No	Yes	No
Ft. Bowman	ISAT/PSAE	No	No	No	No
<b>Cahokia District 187</b>	<b>ISAT/PSAE</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Robertson	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Decatur District 61</b>	<b>ISAT/PSAE</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
SIU-E. St. Louis	PSAE	No	No	No	Yes
Tomorrow's Builders	PSAE	No	Yes	Yes	No
<b>East St. Louis Dist. 189</b>	<b>ISAT/PSAE</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Springfield Ball	ISAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Springfield Dist. 186</b>	<b>ISAT/PSAE</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Table 4A 2007-2008 Improvement Status**

<b>Charter School/District Name</b>	<b>Federal Improvement Status</b>	<b>State Improvement Status</b>
ACT	Restructuring Implementation	Academic Watch Year 4
ACE Tech	Choice	Academic Early Warning Year 1
ASPIRA	Choice SES	Academic Early Warning Year 2
Bronzeville Lighthouse		
Catalyst		
Chicago International	Restructuring Implementation	Academic Watch Year 5
Chicago Math & Science		
Chicago Virtual		
Choir Academy		
Erie		
Galapagos		
KIPP		
L.E.A.R.N.		
Legacy		
Locke		
Namaste		
Noble	Choice	Academic Early Warning Year 1
North Lawndale	Restructuring Implementation	Academic Watch Year 5
Passages		
Perspectives		
Polaris		
Providence Englewood		
Shabazz		
UCCS		
UNO		
Urban Prep		
Young Women's	Choice SES	Academic Watch Year 3
Youth Connections	Restructuring Implementation	Academic Watch Year 5
<b>Chicago District 299</b>	<b>Corrective Action Year 2</b>	<b>Academic Watch Year 2</b>
Cambridge		
<b>CUSD 300</b>		
Prairie Crossing		
<b>Freemont 79</b>		
<b>Woodland 50</b>		
Ft. Bowman		
<b>Cahokia District 187</b>	<b>Corrective Action Year 1</b>	<b>Academic Watch Year 1</b>
Robertson		
<b>Decatur District 61</b>	<b>Corrective Action Year 1</b>	<b>Academic Watch Year 1</b>
SIU-E. St. Louis	Choice	Academic Early Warning Year 1
Tomorrow's Builders		Academic Early Warning Year 1
<b>East St. Louis Dist. 189</b>	<b>Corrective Action Year 2</b>	<b>Academic Watch Year 2</b>
Springfield Ball		
<b>Springfield Dist. 186</b>	<b>Corrective Action Year 2</b>	<b>Academic Early Warning Year 2</b>

## **Charter School Student Performance**

Tables 5, 6, and 7 present the overall percentages of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) and Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) categorized as meeting or exceeding the Illinois Learning Standards for charter schools and the districts from which they draw students. The test areas represented are reading, mathematics, and science. Caution: Data for 2004-05 should not be compared to data for 2005-06 because substantial changes were made to the state test in 2005-06 when testing in reading and mathematics was expanded to include all grades from grade 3 through grade 8. In 2004-2005, such testing was limited only to selected grades. Although there were no changes in high school testing, data in high school report cards at the state level (and also at the district level for unit districts) are not comparable between the two years because of changes in elementary school testing mentioned above. The notation "Not applicable" indicates that the school did not have any tested grade levels that year or was not open that year. The district numbers reflect the charter school's district's percent of meets and exceeds. Grade levels for all areas are noted in parentheses.

**Table 5A Progress Report on Reading Scores – ISAT**

<i>Charter School/District Name</i>	<i>Percentage Meet + Exceeds 2004</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2005</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2006</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2007</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2008</i>
ACT	37.8 (8)	46.5 (8)	55.8 (6) 49.0 (7) 73.3 (8)	61.7(7) 59.1(8)	57.1 (7) 76.2 (8)
ASPIRA	N/A	N/A	55.8 (6) 54.3 (7) 72.5 (8)	48.1 (6) 57.6 (7) 68.6 (8)	64.8 (6) 57.6 (7) 63.7 (8)
Bronzeville Lighthouse				32.6 (3) 50.0 (4) 39.1 (5)	47.9 (3) 36.7 (4) 39.1 (5) 66.7 (6)
Catalyst				48.2 (4) 30.5 (5)	48.6 (3) 52.3 (4) 37.3 (5) 55.6 (6)
Chicago International	46.6 (3) 47.3 (5) 66.4 (8)	51.0 (3) 51.0 (5) 74.0 (8)	59.9 (3) 56.2 (4) 51.1 (5) 66.4 (6) 65.8 (7) 76.3 (8)	55.5 (3) 59.1 (4) 49.3 (5) 64.5 (6) 65.2 (7) 78.4 (8)	62.5 (3) 62.8 (4) 66.0 (5) 73.7 (6) 76.7 (7) 81.1 (8)
Chicago Math & Science		79.7 (8)	49.3 (6) 69.4 (7) 71.4 (8)	50.0 (6) 65.8 (7) 87.2 (8)	75.9 (6) 73.2 (7) 72.7 (8)
Chicago Virtual				84.0 (3) 73.1 (4) 71.4 (5) 74.2 (6) 66.7 (7) 62.1 (8)	64.0 (3) 69.8 (4) 72.5 (5) 80.0 (6) 71.4 (7) 79.1 (8)
Choir Academy	34.0 (5) 62.5 (8)	30.6 (5) 60.0 (8)	35.3 (4) 50.0 (5) 75.6 (6) 67.6 (7) 77.6 (8)	66.7 (3) 67.6 (4) 53.8 (5) 57.8 (6) 73.3 (7) 88.9 (8)	79.2 (4) 73.0 (5) 63.0 (6) 75.0 (7) 88.9 (8)
Erie			N/A	N/A	60.5 (3)
Galapagos			54.3 (3) 36.8 (4)	57.9 (3) 55.8 (4) 39.4 (5)	71.8 (3) 45.0 (4) 59.5 (5) 80.6 (6)
KIPP	36.3 (5)	40.4 (5)	46.2 (5) 62.5 (6) 79.7 (7)	46.4 (5) 71.1 (6) 80.3 (7) 94.2 (8)	56.1 (5) 60.0 (6) 74.6 (7) 91.5 (8)
L.E.A.R.N.	66.7 (8)	78.9 (3) 76.9 (5) 90.0 (8)	59.3 (3) 84.2 (4) 85.7 (5) 78.6 (6) 80.0 (7) 80.0 (8)	51.6 (3) 57.1 (4) 54.5 (5) 91.7 (6) 66.7 (7) 85.7 (8)	85.7 (3) 71.9 (4) 66.7 (5) 85.7 (6) 92.3 (7) 100.0 (8)
Legacy			N/A	50.0 (3)	56.3 (3) 50.0 (4)
Locke	56.6 (3) 37.0 (5)	74.0 (3) 75.0 (5)	72.3 (3) 70.8 (4) 62.5 (5) 79.5 (6) 57.1 (7)	67.3 (3) 70.8 (4) 74.5 (5) 82.6 (6) 91.4 (7) 94.7 (8)	83.7 (3) 71.1 (4) 72.9 (5) 93.2 (6) 90.9 (7) 93.8 (8)
Namaste		N/A	N/A	56.7 (3)	70.0 (3) 73.2 (4)
Passages	20.0 (3)	75.0 (3)	66.7 (3) 88.0 (4)	81.8 (3) 72.7 (4) 87.5 (5)	70.4 (3) 85.2 (4) 76.7 (5)
Perspectives	56.5 (8)	69.8 (8)	66.7 (6) 66.0 (7) 72.0 (8)	67.5 (6) 61.3 (7) 78.4 (8)	77.4 (6) 64.2 (7) 67.2 (8)
Polaris					N/A

**Table 5A (continued) Progress Report on Reading Scores – ISAT**

<i>Charter School/District Name</i>	<i>Percentage Meet + Exceeds 2004</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2005</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2006</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2007</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2008</i>
Providence Englewood				59.1 (3) 71.4 (4) 63.2 (5)	62.2 (3) 60.9 (4) 58.8 (5) 85.0 (6)
Shabazz	34.5 (3) 38.2 (5) 65.4 (8)	74.1 (3) 42.9 (5) 92.0 (8)	69.0 (3) 89.7 (4) 60.0 (5) 66.2 (6) 64.7 (7) 66.7 (8)	62.7 (3) 67.9 (4) 100.0 (5) 75.0 (6) 71.6 (7) 80.2 (8)	60.0 (3) 66.0 (4) 86.2 (5) 93.1 (6) 83.9 (7) 84.7 (8)
UCCS	55.8 (3) 55.6 (5) 65.2 (8)	52.0 (3) 48.1 (5) 83.3 (8)	54.5 (3) 66.7 (4) 70.4 (5) 74.1 (6) 66.7 (7) 88.0 (8)	59.6 (3) 59.8 (4) 57.5 (5) 71.7 (6) 68.0 (7) 80.0 (8)	67.0 (3) 71.1 (4) 67.3 (5) 70.6 (6) 73.3 (7) 95.8 (8)
UNO	40.6 (3) 42.0 (5) 75.0 (8)	56.6 (3) 56.0 (5) 71.7 (8)	53.0 (3) 68.5 (4) 45.4 (5) 58.3 (6) 59.1 (7) 80.0 (8)	62.6 (3) 53.2 (4) 64.1 (5) 63.3 (6) 71.0 (7) 87.3 (8)	54.3 (3) 55.9 (4) 56.9 (5) 67.3 (6) 76.9 (7) 80.4 (8)
Young Women's	57.7 (8)	71.4 (8)	67.3 (7) 56.9 (8)	61.7 (7) 76.5 (8)	57.1 (7) 76.0 (8)
Chicago District 299	41.3 (3) 42.7 (5) 54.6 (8)	42.1 (3) 40.3 (5) 59.4 (8)	50.9 (3) 57.6 (4) 53.5 (5) 59.1 (6) 62.8 (7) 72.0 (8)	53.2 (3) 56.6 (4) 52.5 (5) 59.2 (6) 62.9 (7) 77.9 (8)	54.6 (3) 57.8 (4) 55.5 (5) 67.0 (6) 69.5 (7) 74.9 (8)
Cambridge					62.3 (3) 65.5 (4) 76.9 (5) 93.2 (6) 85.7 (7) 85.7 (8)
CUSD 300					73.3 (3) 75.2 (4) 76.6 (5) 82.9 (6) 78.6 (7) 80.4 (8)
Prairie Crossing	82.9 (3) 90.0 (5)	90.2 (3) 92.1 (5)	90.2 (3) 97.6 (4) 93.0 (5) 94.4 (6) 93.5 (7) 94.4 (8)	90.2 (3) 95.3 (4) 94.4 (5) 91.2 (6) 97.0 (7) 88.0 (8)	95.3 (3) 95.1 (4) 95.3 (5) 100.0 (6) 91.2 (7) 100.0 (8)
Fremont District 79	85.1 (3) 79.6 (5)	78.9 (3) 68.8 (5)	84.5 (3) 88.8 (4) 87.0 (5) 88.2 (6) 83.8 (7) 85.6 (8)	86.2 (3) 89.6 (4) 89.1 (5) 90.7 (6) 87.7 (7) 92.8 (8)	85.5 (3) 86.2 (4) 90.2 (5) 95.1 (6) 91.2 (7) 93.6 (8)
Woodland Dist. 50	73.7 (3) 68.4 (5)	76.3 (3) 71.2 (5)	82.4 (3) 78.8 (4) 78.4 (5) 82.4 (6) 83.5 (7) 84.8 (8)	84.4 (3) 85.7 (4) 77.9 (5) 80.4 (6) 84.7 (7) 88.2 (8)	77.1 (3) 81.5 (4) 82.4 (5) 80.9 (6) 83.6 (7) 88.9 (8)
Ft. Bowman	66.7 (3) 60.0 (5) 68.2 (8)	73.7 (3) 57.1 (5) 77.8 (8)	76.2 (3) 63.2 (4) 54.8 (5) 57.5 (6) 84.2 (7) 71.4 (8)	77.8 (3) 61.1 (4) 44.4 (5) 56.7 (6) 51.4 (7) 85.0 (8)	55.6 (3) 55.6 (4) 52.9 (5) 45.5 (6) 55.6 (7) 64.9 (8)
Cahokia District 187	49.6 (3) 43.4 (5) 44.9 (8)	60.5 (3) 47.1 (5) 50.1 (8)	58.0 (3) 54.5 (4) 49.7 (5) 54.3 (6) 43.0 (7) 59.9 (8)	65.8 (3) 56.8 (4) 56.6 (5) 53.3 (6) 47.3 (7) 62.6 (8)	68.5 (3) 59.6 (4) 58.6 (5) 63.9 (6) 60.5 (7) 60.7 (8)

**Table 5A (continued) Progress Report on Reading Scores – ISAT**

<i>Charter School/District Name</i>	<i>Percentage Meet + Exceeds 2004</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2005</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2006</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2007</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2008</i>
Robertson	55.0 (3) 31.3 (5)	69.6 (3) 47.4 (5)	16.7 (3) 60.0 (4) 19.2 (5) 47.6 (6) 43.5 (7)	56.0 (3) 56.0 (4) 38.5 (5) 30.8 (6) 68.2 (7) 73.7 (8)	75.0 (3) 69.2 (4) 70.4 (5) 76.9 (6) 69.0 (7) 86.4 (8)
Decatur District 61	60.5 (3) 47.5 (5)	60.1 (3) 47.5 (5)	53.3 (3) 55.0 (4) 52.6 (5) 62.7 (6) 51.9 (7) 60.3 (8)	58.8 (3) 56.5 (4) 49.2 (5) 65.9 (6) 54.4 (7) 67.2 (8)	65.8 (3) 63.0 (4) 61.9 (5) 67.5 (6) 65.8 (7) 65.5 (8)
Springfield Ball	64.3 (3) 59.6 (5) 75.0 (8)	59.1 (3) 65.9 (5) 72.7 (8)	76.7 (3) 78.6 (4) 73.8 (5) 83.7 (6) 76.2 (7) 97.1 (8)	73.3 (3) 84.1 (4) 66.7 (5) 72.5 (6) 70.6 (7) 89.2 (8)	68.2 (3) 75.6 (4) 78.7 (5) 80.5 (6) 73.0 (7) 90.3 (8)
Springfield District 186	56.1 (3) 51.9 (5) 51.8 (8)	55.6 (3) 49.2 (5) 61.9 (8)	59.6 (3) 62.2 (4) 57.4 (5) 64.0 (6) 61.1 (7) 69.7 (8)	59.3 (3) 63.4 (4) 57.1 (5) 62.3 (6) 61.6 (7) 68.5 (8)	63.0 (3) 63.2 (4) 67.1 (5) 70.4 (6) 63.6 (7) 67.0 (8)
State	65.0 (3) 60.9 (5) 67.1 (8)	66.6 (3) 59.8 (5) 72.7 (8)	70.7 (3) 72.9 (4) 68.5 (5) 72.8 (6) 72.0 (7) 79.2 (8)	73.0 (3) 73.7 (4) 69.7 (5) 73.4 (6) 73.4 (7) 81.8 (8)	71.7 (3) 72.8 (4) 72.6 (5) 72.9 (6) 66.0 (7) 66.6 (8)

**Table 5B Progress Report on Reading Scores - PSAE**

<i>Charter School/District Name</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2004</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2005</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2006</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2007</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2008</i>
ACT	16.1	22.4	23.5	16.0	7.8
ACE Tech			N/A	18.6	16.5
ASPIRA	N/A	N/A	37.0	29.6	21.7
Chicago International	42.3	53.5	51.2	39.1	35.4
Chicago Math & Science		N/A	N/A	N/A	51.4
Chicago Virtual					N/A
Noble Street	56.1	53.9	49.4	45.6	39.8
North Lawndale	24.1	28.2	24.2	36.0	15.3
Perspectives	30.0	36.4	29.2	22.2	19.6
Shabazz	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.8
Urban Prep				N/A	N/A
Young Women's	19.1	30.4	26.3	27.3	29.6
Youth Connections	26.9	32.2	25.9	17.8	17.0
<b>Chicago District 299</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>30.4</b>
Ft. Bowman	33.3	N/A	N/A	50.0	47.6
<b>Cahokia District 187</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>16.6</b>
SIU-E. St. Louis	18.2	18.2	N/A	12.5	26.1
Tomorrow's Builders	0.0	5.9	N/A	3.3	
<b>East St. Louis Dist. 189</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>12.6</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>53.3</b>

**Table 6A Progress Report on Mathematics Scores - ISAT**

<i>Charter School/District Name</i>	<i>Percentage Meet + Exceeds 2004</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2005</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2006</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2007</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2008</i>
ACT	21.6 (8)	9.3 (8)	51.2 (6) 54.9 (7) 75.6 (8)	46.7 (7) 60.0 (8)	35.7 (7) 78.0 (8)
ASPIRA	N/A	N/A	59.5 (6) 57.9 (7) 57.0 (8)	60.3 (6) 67.5 (7) 68.6 (8)	61.7 (6) 47.4 (7) 51.4 (8)
Bronzeville Lighthouse				63.0 (3) 64.6 (4) 71.7 (5)	62.5 (3) 57.1 (4) 60.9 (5) 68.8 (6)
Catalyst				50.0 (4) 39.0 (5)	60.0 (3) 61.4 (4) 32.7 (5) 50.9 (6)
Chicago International	73.5 (3) 49.5 (5) 46.6 (8)	73.2 (3) 64.5 (5) 48.8 (8)	78.4 (3) 72.9 (4) 68.8 (5) 74.2 (6) 70.6 (7) 73.0 (8)	81.6 (3) 79.0 (4) 71.4 (5) 76.5 (6) 78.1 (7) 79.3 (8)	76.9 (3) 74.3 (4) 75.6 (5) 79.4 (6) 79.0 (7) 79.9 (8)
Chicago Math & Science		71.6 (8)	66.7 (6) 80.8 (7) 72.9 (8)	78.8 (6) 78.1 (7) 89.7 (8)	77.6 (6) 80.3 (7) 65.9 (8)
Chicago Virtual				76.0 (3) 76.9 (4) 61.9 (5) 71.0 (6) 66.7 (7) 41.4 (8)	66.7 (3) 74.4 (4) 62.5 (5) 68.9 (6) 64.3 (7) 62.8 (8)
Choir Academy	22.0 (5) 22.5 (8)	34.7 (5) 22.5 (8)	47.1 (4) 47.4 (5) 60.0 (6) 58.8 (7) 61.2 (8)	71.4 (3) 86.5 (4) 46.2 (5) 35.6 (6) 71.1 (7) 66.7 (8)	79.2 (4) 75.7 (5) 48.1 (6) 75.0 (7) 81.8 (8)
Erie			N/A	N/A	84.2 (3)
Galapagos			50.0 (3) 50.0 (4)	68.4 (3) 83.7 (4) 50.0 (5)	79.5 (3) 57.5 (4) 73.0 (5) 74.2 (6)
KIPP	53.8 (5)	71.9 (5)	73.6 (5) 82.5 (6) 96.6 (7)	72.2 (5) 89.2 (6) 88.5 (7) 100.0 (8)	63.4 (5) 74.4 (6) 86.6 (7) 88.1 (8)
L.E.A.R.N.	50.0 (8)	89.5 (3) 100.0 (5) 40.09 (8)	72.9 (30) 94.7 (4) 85.7 (5) 100.0 (6) 73.3 (7) 80.0 (8)	82.8 (3) 80.4 (4) 68.2 (5) 100.0 (6) 91.7 (7) 78.6 (8)	92.9 (3) 94.7 (4) 75.6 (5) 85.7 (6) 92.3 (7) 90.9 (8)
Legacy			N/A	72.7 (3)	70.8 (3) 70.8 (4)
Locke	69.6(3) 55.6 (5)	94.0 (3) 72.5 (5)	93.6 (3) 93.8 (4) 62.5 (5) 81.8 (6) 66.7 (7)	85.7 (3) 89.6 (4) 83.0 (5) 73.9 (6) 91.4 (7) 84.2 (8)	85.7 (3) 77.8 (4) 85.4 (5) 88.6 (6) 77.3 (7) 90.6 (8)
Namaste		N/A	N/A	76.7 (3)	90.0 (3) 84.1 (4)
Passages	53.3 (3)	91.7 (3)	93.3 (3) 96.0 (4)	91.3 (3) 90.9 (4) 91.7 (5)	82.1 (3) 89.7 (4) 87.5 (5)
Perspectives	17.4 (8)	N/A	77.8 (6) 58.5 (7) 70.0 (8)	67.5 (6) 63.7 (7) 80.0 (8)	77.4 (6) 58.1 (7) 52.8 (8)
Polaris					N/A
Providence Englewood				72.7 (3) 78.6 (4) 57.9 (5)	77.8 (3) 60.9 (4) 76.5 (5) 85.0 (6)

Table 6A (continued) Progress Report on Mathematics Scores - ISAT

Charter School/District Name	Percentage Meet + Exceeds 2004	Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2005	Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2006	Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2007	Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2008
Shabazz	69.0 (3) 45.5 (5) 30.8 (8)	81.5 (3) 14.3 (5) 48.0 (8)	82.8 (3)	76.3 (3)	70.0 (3)
			93.1 (4)	92.9 (4)	83.0 (4)
			73.3 (5)	100.0 (5)	93.1 (5)
			64.6 (6)	74.5 (6)	96.6 (6)
UCCS	73.1 (3) 74.1 (5) 47.8 (8)	74.0 (3) 81.5 (5) 29.2 (8)	50.6 (7)	73.1 (7)	80.4 (7)
			56.3 (8)	72.8 (8)	74.6 (8)
			60.4 (30)	77.8 (3)	91.6 (3)
			81.5 (4)	73.5 (4)	86.6 (4)
UNO	65.2 (3) 71.0 (5) 55.8 (8)	77.1 (3) 73.3 (5) 45.0 (8)	81.5 (5)	76.9 (5)	71.4 (5)
			77.8 (6)	72.7 (6)	76.5 (6)
			88.9 (7)	84.0 (7)	68.3 (7)
			80.0 (8)	80.8 (8)	75.0 (8)
Young Women's	21.1 (8)	28.6 (8)	81.9 (3)	78.7 (3)	75.4 (3)
			89.1 (4)	81.4 (4)	81.4 (4)
			56.3 (5)	79.6 (5)	73.5 (5)
			82.4 (6)	75.5 (6)	78.2 (6)
Chicago District 299	55.7 (3) 50.9 (5) 33.2 (8)	55.2 (3) 49.6 (5) 32.3 (8)	67.8 (7)	79.7 (7)	77.0 (7)
			62.0 (7)	80.5 (8)	74.1 (8)
			55.1 (7)	57.4 (7)	53.1 (7)
			45.1 (8)	56.9 (8)	54.00 (8)
Cambridge			67.0 (3)	69.2 (3)	70.2 (3)
			68.9 (4)	72.2 (4)	70.6 (4)
			58.3 (5)	65.2 (5)	65.8 (5)
			62.3 (6)	66.8 (6)	69.1 (6)
CUSD 300			62.0 (7)	65.8 (7)	68.2 (7)
			64.6 (8)	71.1 (8)	69.4 (8)
			80.3 (3)		82.8 (3)
			82.8 (3)		92.0 (4)
Prairie Crossing	100.0 (3) 97.5 (5)	95.1 (3) 94.7 (5)	93.2 (6)		80.0 (7)
			100.0 (7)		100.0 (8)
			100.0 (8)		88.0 (3)
					86.7 (4)
Fremont District 79	96.6 (3) 86.6 (5)	93.0 (3) 92.0 (5)	86.9 (5)		85.8 (6)
			97.2 (6)		83.0 (7)
			100.0 (7)		84.6 (8)
			100.0 (8)		
Woodland Dist. 50	91.3 (3) 79.3 (5)	89.3 (3) 85.1 (5)	97.6 (3)	100.0 (3)	93.2 (3)
			97.6 (4)	97.7 (4)	97.6 (4)
			93.0 (5)	100.0 (5)	97.7 (5)
			97.2 (6)	88.2 (6)	100.0 (6)
Ft. Bowman	72.2 (3) 65.0 (5) 22.7 (8)	73.7 (3) 91.7 (5) 54.4 (8)	97.1 (3)	95.0 (3)	93.0 (3)
			95.2 (4)	98.2 (4)	91.2 (4)
			91.1 (5)	93.8 (5)	95.1 (5)
			92.3 (6)	93.1 (6)	93.7 (6)
Cahokia District 187	76.1 (3) 68.7 (5) 26.8 (8)	84.2 (3) 78.2 (5) 25.1 (8)	87.7 (7)	92.5 (7)	90.8 (7)
			89.8 (8)	94.2 (8)	94.1 (8)
			94.5 (3)	92.1 (3)	90.4 (3)
			92.5 (4)	94.2 (4)	89.9 (4)
Cahokia District 187	76.1 (3) 68.7 (5) 26.8 (8)	84.2 (3) 78.2 (5) 25.1 (8)	90.1 (5)	88.9 (5)	90.3 (5)
			90.5 (6)	89.2 (6)	88.2 (6)
			89.7 (7)	90.6 (7)	90.0 (7)
			88.7 (8)	90.1 (8)	90.6 (8)
Cahokia District 187	76.1 (3) 68.7 (5) 26.8 (8)	84.2 (3) 78.2 (5) 25.1 (8)	76.2 (3)	83.3 (3)	88.9 (3)
			52.6 (4)	94.4 (4)	66.7 (4)
			83.9 (5)	50.0 (5)	70.6 (5)
			90.0 (6)	70.0 (6)	31.8 (6)
Cahokia District 187	76.1 (3) 68.7 (5) 26.8 (8)	84.2 (3) 78.2 (5) 25.1 (8)	73.7 (7)	62.2 (7)	63.0 (7)
			65.0 (8)	85.0 (8)	45.9 (8)
			85.9 (3)	91.9 (3)	87.0 (3)
			81.7 (4)	83.4 (4)	83.5 (4)
Cahokia District 187	76.1 (3) 68.7 (5) 26.8 (8)	84.2 (3) 78.2 (5) 25.1 (8)	76.4 (5)	80.1 (5)	78.2 (5)
			65.1 (6)	69.3 (6)	68.9 (6)
			58.6 (7)	63.2 (7)	61.5 (7)
			59.0 (8)	66.7 (8)	60.5 (8)

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<i>Charter School/District Name</i>	<i>Percentage Meet + Exceeds 2004</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2005</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2006</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2007</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2008</i>
Robertson	66.7 (3) 43.8 (5)	73.9 (3) 15.8 (5)	58.3 (3) 69.6 (4) 53.8 (5) 66.7 (6) 65.2 (7)	76.0 (3) 72.0 (4) 65.4 (5) 66.7 (6) 59.1 (7) 68.4 (8)	79.2 (3) 80.8 (4) 63.0 (5) 73.1 (6) 63.3 (7) 72.7 (8)
Decatur District 61	75.0 (3) 57.1 (5)	72.7 (3) 61.4 (5)	74.7 (3) 71.1 (4) 65.3 (5) 68.3 (6) 56.3 (7) 56.6 (8)	76.2 (3) 74.5 (4) 66.3 (5) 75.8 (6) 61.4 (7) 65.8 (8)	81.6 (3) 75.8 (4) 73.1 (5) 68.0 (6) 69.1 (7) 64.7 (8)
Springfield Ball	81.4 (3) 70.2 (5) 30.8 (8)	86.4 (3) 75.0 (5) 68.2 (8)	93.0 (3) 95.2 (4) 88.1 (5) 90.7 (6) 88.1 (7) 88.2 (8)	86.7 (3) 90.9 (4) 88.9 (5) 87.5 (6) 85.3 (7) 97.3 (8)	86.4 (3) 88.9 (4) 80.9 (5) 87.8 (6) 83.8 (7) 87.1 (8)
Springfield Dist. 186	73.8 (3) 61.4 (5) 40.7 (8)	74.6 (3) 60.9 (5) 42.8 (8)	79.7 (3) 75.0 (4) 69.8 (5) 64.2 (6) 64.5 (7) 64.6 (8)	76.9 (3) 76.4 (4) 73.8 (5) 67.6 (6) 65.0 (7) 67.1 (8)	75.0 (3) 72.8 (4) 72.6 (5) 72.9 (6) 66.0 (7) 66.6 (8)
State	79.2 (3) 71.8 (5) 54.4 (8)	79.2 (3) 73.1 (5) 54.3 (8)	85.6 (3) 84.8 (4) 78.6 (5) 79.1 (6) 76.1 (7) 78.2 (8)	86.8 (3) 86.4 (4) 82.5 (5) 81.4 (6) 79.4 (7) 81.3 (8)	85.1 (3) 84.6 (4) 81.4 (5) 82.6 (6) 80.4 (7) 80.4 (8)

**Table 6B Progress Report on Mathematics Scores - PSAE**

<i>Charter School/District Name</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2004</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2005</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2006</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2007</i>	<i>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2008</i>
ACT	6.5	6.1	8.8	4.0	9.8
ACE Tech			N/A	16.7	12.9
ASPIRA	N/A	N/A	32.0	24.1	26.1
Chicago International	20.7	30.2	31.1	30.7	31.6
Chicago Math & Science		N/A	N/A	N/A	54.3
Chicago Virtual					N/A
Noble Street	37.4	51.0	52.9	48.2	36.3
North Lawndale	9.6	9.4	16.7	22.1	21.2
Perspectives	25.0	9.1	20.8	6.7	19.6
Shabazz	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.7
Urban Prep				N/A	N/A
Young Women's	14.9	10.9	5.3	14.5	16.7
Youth Connection	15.2	11.9	11.3	8.7	8.8
<b>Chicago District 299</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>28.3</b>
Ft. Bowman	28.6	N/A	N/A	22.2	19.0
<b>Cahokia District 187</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>20.4</b>
SIU-E. St. Louis	4.5	0.0	N/A	0.0	13.0
Tomorrow's Builders	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	
<b>East St. Louis Dist. 189</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>11.4</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>53.0</b>

**Table 7A Progress Report on Science Scores - ISAT**

<b>Charter School/District Name</b>	<b>Percentage Meet + Exceeds 2004</b>	<b>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2005</b>	<b>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2006</b>	<b>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2007</b>	<b>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2008</b>
ACT	47.9 (7)	52.2 (7)	60.8 (7)	52.4 (7)	60.7 (7)
ASPIRA			59.8 (7)	62.9 (7)	41.9 (7)
Bronzeville Lighthouse				41.7 (4)	24.5 (4)
Catalyst				26.8 (4)	34.1 (4)
Chicago International	54.1 (4)	57.5 (4)	61.4 (4)	64.6 (4)	59.2 (4)
Chicago Math & Science	70.9 (7)	67.0 (7)	75.3 (7)	67.8 (7)	75.3 (7)
Chicago Virtual		70.8 (7)	79.5 (7)	72.6 (7)	83.1 (7)
Choir Academy				69.2 (4)	67.4 (4)
Erie	27.8 (4)	25.0 (4)	35.3 (4)	59.5 (4)	50.0 (4)
Galapagos	64.0 (7)	63.3 (7)	76.5 (7)	77.8 (7)	72.2 (7)
KIPP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
L.E.A.R.N.	N/A	72.7 (7)	80.0 (7)	91.7 (7)	84.6 (7)
Legacy			N/A	N/A	N/A
Locke	52.1 (4)	41.3 (4)	77.1 (4)	68.8 (4)	56.8 (4)
Namaste		N/A	66.7 (7)	85.7 (7)	72.7 (7)
Passages	N/A	54.5 (4)	84.0 (4)	87.9 (4)	79.3 (4)
Perspectives	47.8 (7)	55.3 (7)	69.8 (7)	57.1 (7)	52.0 (7)
Polaris					N/A
Providence Englewood				57.1 (4)	69.6 (4)
Shabazz	22.6 (4)	32.1 (4)	75.9 (4)	67.9 (4)	56.6 (4)
UCCS	77.8 (7)	57.1 (7)	70.2 (7)	74.6 (7)	60.0 (7)
UNO	55.6 (5)	50.0 (5)	57.4 (4)	55.9 (4)	57.7 (4)
Young Women's	67.9 (7)	77.8 (7)	81.5 (7)	76.0 (7)	67.3 (7)
Chicago District 299	60.3 (4)	41.5 (4)	72.5 (4)	57.7 (4)	58.8 (4)
	52.2 (7)	63.7 (7)	74.7 (7)	72.0 (7)	66.1 (7)
	66.7 (7)	28.6 (7)	67.3 (7)	65.2 (7)	57.1 (7)
	40.5 (4)	43.3 (4)	57.2 (4)	57.3 (4)	56.0 (4)
	56.0 (7)	54.4 (7)	68.3 (7)	62.5 (7)	63.2 (7)
Cambridge					81.0 (4)
					85.7 (7)
<b>CUSD 300</b>					<b>80.1 (4)</b>
					<b>81.0 (7)</b>
Prairie Crossing		88.6 (4)	100.0 (4)	97.7 (4)	97.6 (4)
	97.6 (4)	94.7 (7)	100.0 (7)	97.0 (7)	94.1 (7)
<b>Fremont District 79</b>	<b>89.1 (4)</b>	<b>89.4 (4)</b>	<b>89.8 (4)</b>	<b>92.8 (4)</b>	<b>89.3 (4)</b>
		<b>81.8 (7)</b>	<b>94.1 (7)</b>	<b>95.2 (7)</b>	<b>93.1 (7)</b>
<b>Woodland Dist. 50</b>		<b>82.6 (4)</b>	<b>88.6 (4)</b>	<b>90.1 (4)</b>	<b>84.6 (4)</b>
	<b>83.0 (4)</b>	<b>85.1 (7)</b>	<b>90.8 (7)</b>	<b>90.7 (7)</b>	<b>89.2 (7)</b>
Ft. Bowman	57.9 (4)	67.6 (4)	65.0 (4)	94.1 (4)	61.1 (4)
	80.0 (7)	66.7 (7)	94.1 (7)	73.0 (7)	66.7 (7)
<b>Cahokia District 187</b>	<b>50.6 (4)</b>	<b>64.2 (4)</b>	<b>62.0 (4)</b>	<b>67.4 (4)</b>	<b>61.2 (4)</b>
	<b>44.9 (7)</b>	<b>50.4 (7)</b>	<b>65.4 (7)</b>	<b>55.3 (7)</b>	<b>53.0 (7)</b>
Robertson	26.3 (4)	20.0 (4)	65.2 (4)	40.0 (4)	53.8 (4)
			50.0 (7)	61.9 (7)	37.9 (7)
<b>Decatur District 61</b>			<b>62.7 (4)</b>	<b>64.6 (4)</b>	<b>66.9 (4)</b>
	<b>53.2 (4)</b>	<b>61.6 (4)</b>	<b>64.0 (7)</b>	<b>63.7 (7)</b>	<b>71.4 (7)</b>
Springfield Ball	71.4 (4)	75.6 (4)	83.3 (4)	88.6 (4)	75.6 (4)
	65.2 (7)	80.6 (7)	88.1 (7)	85.3 (7)	89.2 (7)
<b>Springfield Dist. 186</b>	<b>53.0 (4)</b>	<b>56.2 (4)</b>	<b>71.1 (4)</b>	<b>69.8 (4)</b>	<b>65.5 (4)</b>
	<b>65.9 (7)</b>	<b>66.5 (7)</b>	<b>72.4 (7)</b>	<b>70.4 (7)</b>	<b>67.5 (7)</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>67.8 (4)</b>	<b>71.4 (4)</b>	<b>79.8 (4)</b>	<b>79.8 (4)</b>	<b>76.2 (4)</b>
	<b>74.4 (7)</b>	<b>74.6 (7)</b>	<b>80.9 (7)</b>	<b>79.3 (7)</b>	<b>79.1 (7)</b>

**Table 7B Progress Report on Science Scores – PSAE**

<b>Charter School/District Name</b>	<b>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2004</b>	<b>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2005</b>	<b>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2006</b>	<b>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2007</b>	<b>Percentage Meets + Exceeds 2008</b>
ACT	6.5	2.0	5.9	4.0	11.8
ACE Tech			N/A	14.7	11.8
ASPIRA	N/A	N/A	26.0	18.5	18.8
Chicago International	26.1	41.1	29.7	35.1	25.0
Chicago Math & Science		N/A	N/A	N/A	48.6
Chicago Virtual					N/A
Noble Street	27.1	29.4	22.4	31.6	34.5
North Lawndale	12.0	10.6	12.1	12.8	7.1
Perspectives	10.0	9.1	12.5	8.9	13.0
Shabazz	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.7
Urban Prep				N/A	N/A
Young Women's	4.3	8.7	7.9	9.1	1.9
Youth Connection	13.9	12.0	9.3	5.3	9.8
<b>Chicago District 299</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>24.4</b>
Ft. Bowman	28.6	N/A	N/A	27.8	33.3
<b>Cahokia District 187</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>10.8</b>
SIU-E. St. Louis	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	13.0
Tomorrow's Builders	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	
<b>East St. Louis Dist. 189</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>51.2</b>

**New Schools for 2008-2009**

Amandla Charter School and Henry Ford Academy Powerhouse Charter School (Chicago District 299), Beardstown Academy Charter School (Beardstown District CUSD 15), and YouthBuild McClean County Charter School (McLean County USD 5) were opened for the 2008-2009 school year. These schools will begin to appear in the 2010 annual report. New campuses approved under the already existing charter schools were opened: Chicago International, LEARN, Noble Street (2), Perspectives, UCCS and UNO (2) Charter Schools.

**Denied Proposals**

One appeal of denials by multiple local districts was received by the Illinois State Board of Education-Metro East Agriculture, Health and Applied Science Charter School was denied by Belleville District 201, Cahokia Unit School District 187, Dupu Community Unit District 196, and East St. Louis District 189. The Illinois State Board of Education upheld the districts' decisions.

**Charter Renewals**

Charter agreements may be renewed by the authorizer at the end of the charter term unless the school meets one or more of the following criteria for non-renewal or revocation of a charter as noted above. Springfield School District 186 approved a five year renewal for Springfield Ball Charter School. Chicago Public School District 299 issued renewals for ASPIRA, Choir Academy, KIPP, North Lawndale, Passages, Shabazz, and University of Chicago Charter Schools.

**Charter School Use of Flexibility**

The Charter Schools Law exempts charter schools from most School Code of Illinois requirements except those deemed essential. The rationale for this exemption is consistent with the purpose of the law, which is to ensure that charter schools have maximum flexibility for serving students while being held accountable for results. Major decisions such as curriculum, service delivery, and program options are left to the discretion of the charter school governing board rather than being subject to state school mandates. The responses from charter schools operating throughout 2007-2008 are illustrated in the table below.

**Table 8 Areas of flexibility used by schools in 2007-2008 school year.**

<b>Area of flexibility</b>	<b>Number of schools reporting use of flexibility</b>
Autonomy to allow teaching methods that are new or different from the school district	35
Autonomy to design curriculum independent from the school district	32
Autonomy to set educational priorities	31
Autonomy to manage fiscal affairs independent of the school district	31
Autonomy to set employee compensation rates and/or to provide bonuses	31
Autonomy to set unique school and school year schedules	30
Autonomy to design different, additional performance standards	29
Flexibility with administrator certification	27
Flexibility with teacher certification	26
Autonomy to contract with external providers: janitorial services; music, art, and gym; social workers; mental health services; nursing staff; special education services; and youth guidance.	21

Charter schools are asked to submit any recommendations for amendments in the Illinois Charter Schools Law in order to strengthen charter schools. The responses from charter schools operating throughout 2007-2008 are illustrated in the table below.

**Table 9 Statutory Changes Suggested by Charter Schools.**

<b>Suggested amendment</b>	<b>Number of schools requesting amendments</b>
Provide facilities financing	33
Allocate additional operating funds to charter schools beyond the per capita assistance from the authorizing district	33
Provide state grants to all schools, including those in renewal periods	33
Mandate at least 100% per capita funding from the authorizer.	27
Extend the charter renewal period to up to 10 years	25
Increase the cap to allow more charter schools to open	23
Provide transportation funding	22
Increase the amount of state start-up grants to up to \$1,000 per enrolled student	21
Allocate funds to provide incentive grants to districts that approve charter schools	20
Appropriate funds sufficient to fully fund state start-up grants as well as transition impact aid to districts	20
Allow employees children to attend regardless of their home district	17
Allow multiple campuses for all schools	15
Allow ISBE to authorize charter schools without first presenting to local districts	15
Remove the requirement that charter schools give the same standardized tests as the authorizing district	11
Eliminate the teacher certification requirements included in Public Act 093-0003	11
Prohibit districts from charging rent for district buildings used by charter schools	9
Allow loan repayment after the initial charter term	8
Allow for-profit management companies for all schools	8
Allow additional enrollment preferences, such as targeting immigrant and refugee populations	5

## **State Board of Education Charter School Legislative Agenda**

The Illinois State Board of Education has no new legislative amendments to propose for 105 ILCS 5/27A, Charter Schools Law.

In summary, charter schools have fulfilled the intention of the General Assembly to create an avenue for parents, teachers, and community members to create new and more flexible ways of educating children within the public school system.