

WV Public Charter Schools Report

October 2024



W. Va. Code §18-5G-4(b)(7) requires the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) to submit an annual report regarding the status of public charter schools to the Governor and the Legislature that includes the following information.

Student Efficiency

The WVDE released West Virginia's Balanced Scorecard results for the 2023-24 school year during the West Virginia Board of Education's September meeting. The data represents the accountability ratings for all public schools as part of the West Virginia's School Accountability System. For information regarding county and school-level data, visit the Balanced Scorecard Dashboard here: <https://wveis.k12.wv.us/essa/dashboard.html>.

Student Enrollment

School Year 2023-2024

District	School	Charter School Name	Grades Served	Certified October Enrollment	Certified EOY Enrollment
101	101	West Virginia Academy	PK-10	275	250
102	102	Eastern Panhandle Preparatory Academy	PK-11	374	293
104	104	Virtual Preparatory Academy	KG-11	667	667
105	105	West Virginia Virtual Academy	PK-11	936	966
106	106	WIN Academy	11-12	18	16
108	108	Clarksburg Classical Academy	NA	NA	NA

These data were certified by school administrators as complete and accurate as of the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

School Year 2024-2025

District	School	Charter School Name	Grades Served	Unofficial Enrollment*
101	101	West Virginia Academy	PK-11	234
102	102	Eastern Panhandle Preparatory Academy	PK-8	232
104	104	Virtual Preparatory Academy	KG-12	1011
105	105	West Virginia Virtual Academy	PK-12	1337
106	106	WIN Academy	11-12	30
108	108	Clarksburg Classical Academy	KG-5	54

**These data are uncertified and are based on enrollment counts in WVEIS as of September 17, 2024. Official enrollment data are certified based on the number and full-time equivalency (FTE) of students enrolled in schools on the school day closest to October 1 each year. In the 2024-2025 school year, the official enrollment data will reflect enrollment in schools as of October 1, 2024. Official enrollment data will be released following review and certification by school administrators and district superintendents.*

Coming Soon

M.E.C.A. Business Learning Institute, Inc.	
Recruitment area:	Berkeley County
Grade levels:	6-12 (6-7 first year, adding a grade each school year)
Mission:	Educate middle school students on fundamental theories & business practices focusing on leadership, entrepreneurship, and finance.
Note:	The school is expected to open in Fall 2025 serving grades 6-7 and will add a grade each year until it serves grades 6-12. This school was originally slated to open in Fall 2024 but was granted an extension by the West Virginia Public Charter School Board (WVPCSB).

Relinquished Charter

Nitro Preparatory Academy	
Recruitment area:	Kanawha & Putnam Counties
Grade levels:	K-8
Mission:	Empower students with the skills, direction, and character to pursue excellence in their families and communities through research based best practices in education with community partnerships for labs, service opportunities, and skill development.
Note:	This charter school was originally authorized to open in Fall 2022 but could not secure a facility; therefore, the school's governing board requested that its charter be relinquished on March 7, 2024, and the WVPCSB approved the request.

2023 Denials

The application for the Wisdom Academy (Monongalia County) was denied by the WVPCSB because the applicant failed to demonstrate it would be fiscally sound and failed to provide all application materials required by W. Va. Code §18-5G-8(b)(9).

2024 Applications

The application for the Wisdom Academy is currently under review by the WVPCSB after being denied in 2023. The Wisdom Academy plans to serve students in K-6 beginning in Fall 2025 and adding a grade annually until it serves K-12 students. The Wisdom Academy plans to develop and adhere to rigorous academic standards with a focus on developing students who are responsible future leaders, exhibiting unbiased ethical and moral perspectives, a global approach to interactions, and commitment to lifelong learning for the advancement of the greater good of society.

Charter School Closings

As of the filing of this report, there have not been any public charter school closings.

Collaboration

The WVDE continues to support the public charter school initiative by providing various training sessions and sharing pertinent information. Jeff Kelley, Assistant Superintendent of the Office of Accountability, serves as the WVDE's contact to the WVPCSB.