

# West Virginia Public Charter Schools

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Charter schools are independently-managed public schools that are exempt from regulations in exchange for greater accountability.

# Charter schools:

May not charge tuition.

Accept all students who apply.

Have fixed-term charter contracts.

Are exempt from most State Board policies & rules.

Administer WV General Summative Assessments.

Are overseen by non-profit governing board & authorizer.

The West Virginia Professional Charter School Board is an independent, statewide authorizer.

*“The mission of the board is to authorize high-quality public charter schools throughout the state that provide more options for students to attain a thorough and efficient education, particularly through schools designed to expand the opportunities for at-risk students.”*

--WVC § 18-5G-15(a)

# Professional Charter School Board (PCSB)

Solicit & review applications.

Negotiate charter contracts with authorized schools.

Oversee authorized schools.

Ensure compliance with charter contracts & WVC §18-5G.

Provide technical assistance & support for authorized schools.

Serve as intermediary between charter schools and WVDE.

# West Virginia's charter sector at a glance

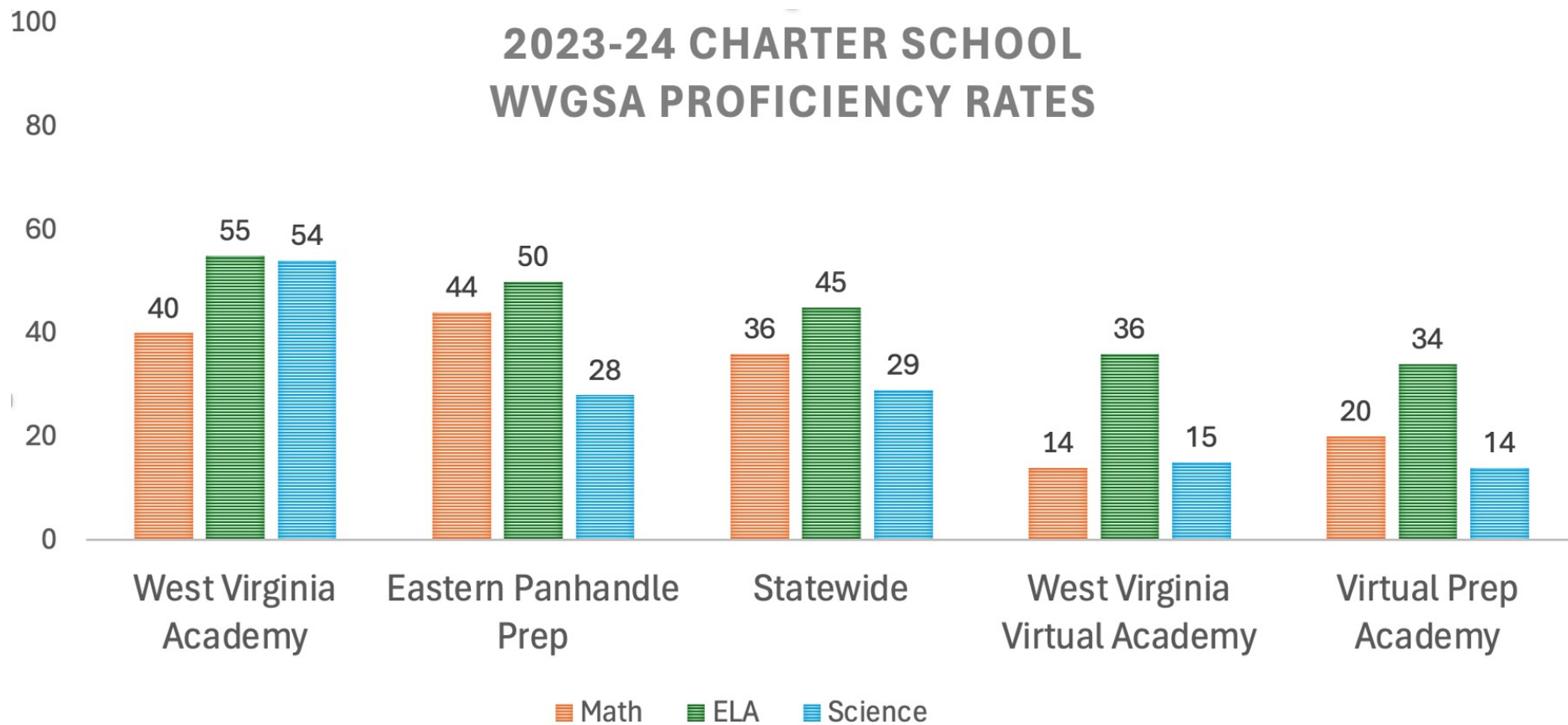
Charter School	Opened	Grades	Enrollment (unofficial)
West Virginia Virtual Academy	2022	K-12	1675
Virtual Prep Academy	2022	K-12	1145
West Virginia Academy	2022	PK-11	251
Eastern Panhandle Prep Academy	2022	K-8	245
Workforce Initiative (WIN) Academy	2023	11-12	34
Clarksburg Classical Academy	2024	K-5	57
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## WVC § 18-5G-4(b)(7)(A)

*“The student performance of all operating public charter schools”*

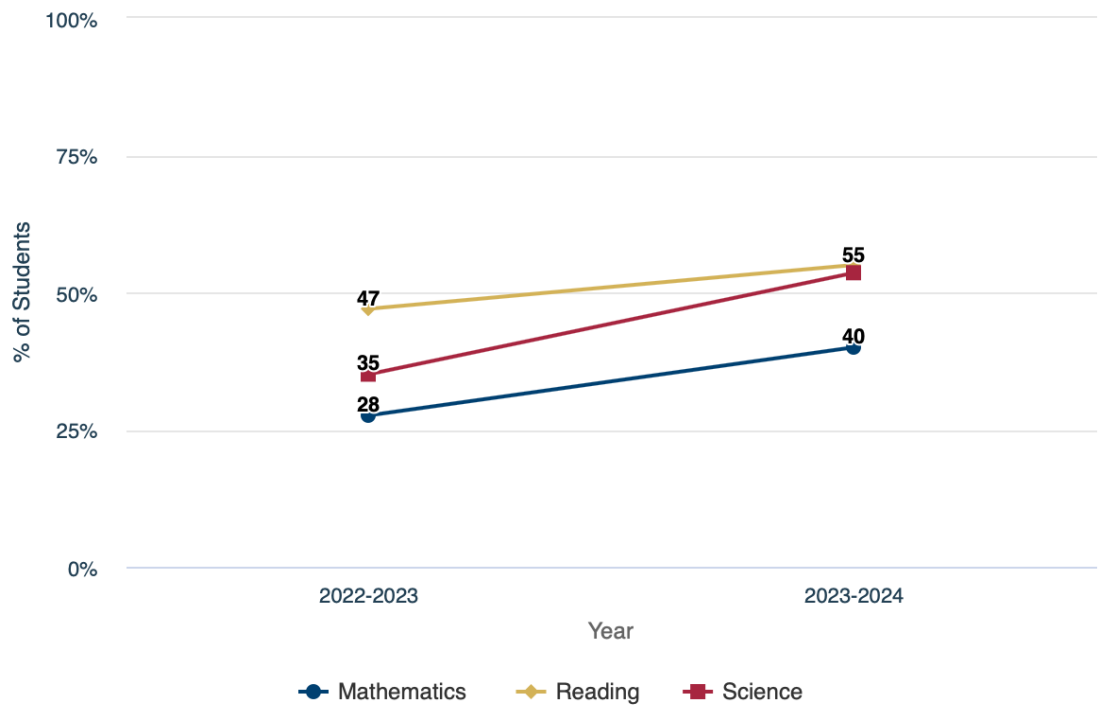


## 2023-24 CHARTER SCHOOL WVGSA PROFICIENCY RATES



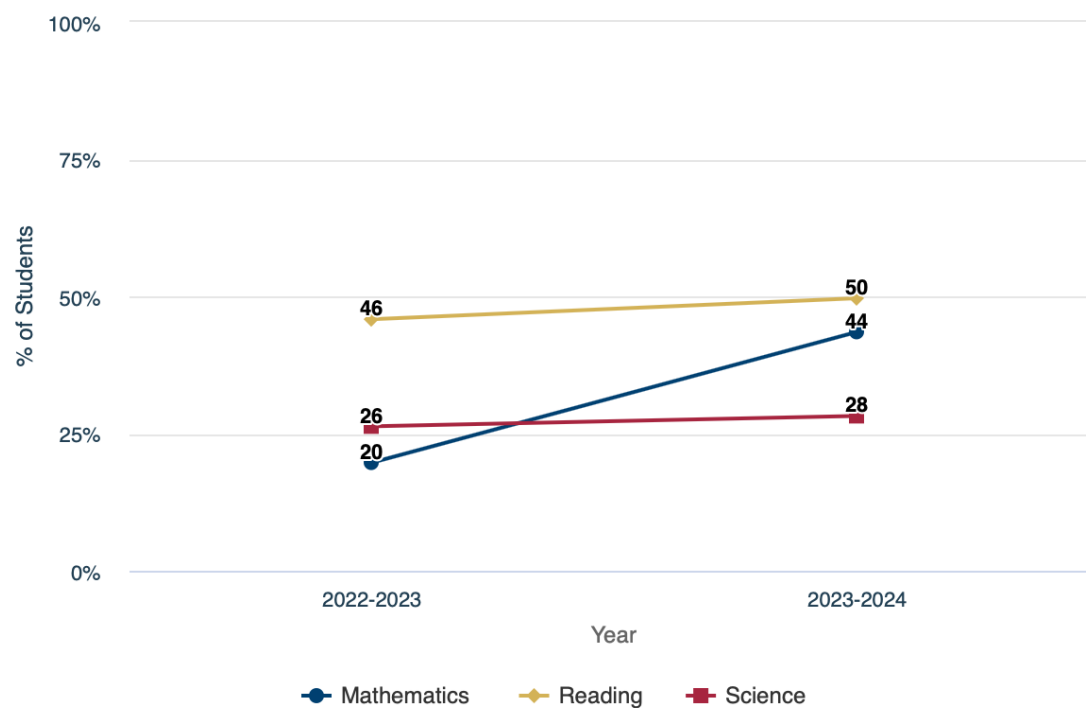
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# West Virginia Academy Proficiency Trend



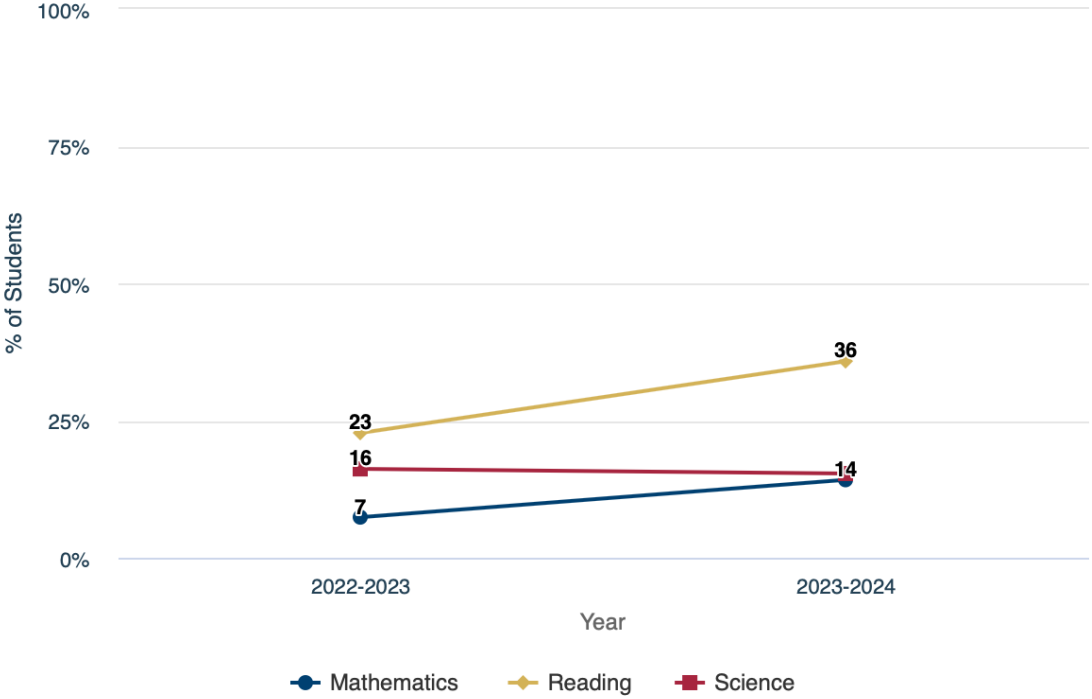
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# Eastern Panhandle Prep Proficiency Trend



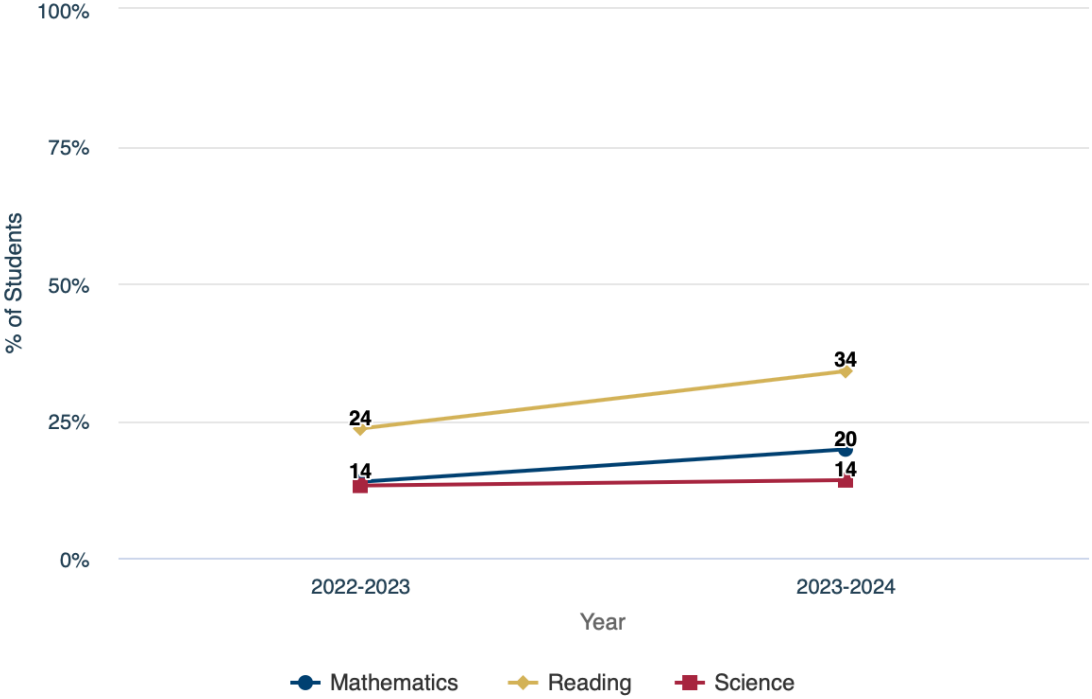
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# West Virginia Virtual Academy Trend



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# Virtual Prep Academy Proficiency Trend



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## WVC § 18-5G-4(b)(7)(B)

*“The authorization status of all public charter schools within the last school year”*

# Authorized, but not yet open

## M.E.C.C.A. Business Learning Institute (MBLI)

Recruitment Area	Berkeley & Jefferson Counties
Grades	6-12 (beginning with 6-7)
Mission	To educate middle through high school students on the fundamental theories and practices of business with a focus on leadership, entrepreneurship, and finance in an innovative, high quality, academically challenging, but fulfilling, environment.

*MBLI was originally approved to open in Fall 2024, but it was granted an extension by the PCSB as school founders work to identify a suitable facility.*

# Application pending

## Wisdom Academy (Fall 2025)

Recruitment Area	Monongalia County
Grades	K-12 (beginning K-6)
Mission	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.

*In Fall 2023 the PCSB denied an application from Wisdom Academy because, at the time, the school failed to demonstrate it would be fiscally sound and failed to provide all application materials required by WVC § 18-5G-8(b)(9).*

*On September 30 2024, WIN Academy submitted a renewal application to the PCSB, which is currently pending.*



# Charter relinquished

Nitro Preparatory Academy	
Recruitment Area	Kanawha & Putnam Counties
Grades	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.
<i>Nitro Prep was 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 PCSB approved the request.</i>	
<i>No charter schools have been closed, to date.</i>	

## WVC § 18-5G-4(b)(7)(B)(ix)

*“Any successful innovations applied in authorized public charter schools which may be replicated in other schools.”*

# Innovations

1. Students at WIN Academy receive an early college experience, with the opportunity to earn up to 60 credits toward an associate or bachelor's degree.
2. West Virginia Academy employs *Direct Instruction* methods of teaching.
3. Virtual schools provide school choice to students in all 55 West Virginia counties—including students in rural areas who may not live near other educational options.
4. Charter schools take advantage of flexibility to hire quality staff who do not possess traditional teaching certifications.

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*“It is the intent of the Legislature that public charter school students be considered as important as all other school students in the state and, to that end, comparable funding levels from existing and future sources should be maintained for public charter school students.”*

-- WVC § 18-5G-1(h)