



Hillsborough County School Board, Nonrenewal of Charters

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Hillsborough Non-renewed Charter Contract Schools

School grade and demographic information for four non-renewed charter schools.

SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT COUNT	% MINORITY STUDENTS	% ECONOMICALLY DISADV. STUDENTS	TITLE 1	SCHOOL GRADE	% ELA LEARNING GAINS (2019)	% ELA LOW 25% GAINS (2019)	% MIDDLE SCHOOL ACCELERATION
WOODMONT CHARTER SCHOOL	787	93.1 (90*)	100 (97.6*)	YES	B	61	50	96
PIVOT CHARTER SCHOOL	222	62.6 (59.5*)	38.3 (29.9*)	NO	C	55	44	67
SOUTHSHORE CHARTER ACADEMY	1,075	74.2 (72.6*)	26.1 (38.1*)	NO	B	59	55	69
KIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL	178	80.3 (77.6*)	33 (50.3*)	NO	C	47	46	**

* = 2019 metrics

** = not applicable

Kid's Community College Charter High School and Pivot Charter School Three-Mile Radius

School grade comparison of schools within a three-mile radius of Kid's Community College Charter High School and Pivot Charter High School.

School Name	School Type	School Grade	ELA Ach.	ELA Gains	-25% Gains	Math Ach.	Math Gains	-25% Gains
Bridgeprep Academy of Riverview	Public Charter, Combination	C	37%	49%	56%	43%	53%	45%
Dowdell Middle School	Traditional Public, Middle	C	29%	40%	40%	36%	48%	46%
Giunta Middle School	Traditional Public, Middle	D	26%	40%	41%	27%	41%	40%
Pivot Charter School	Public Charter, Combination	C	48%	55%	47%	54%	62%	59%
Progress Village Middle Magnet	Traditional Public, Middle	A	60%	57%	51%	61%	58%	45%
Winthrop Charter School	Public Charter, Combination	A	75%	67%	64%	77%	71%	65%

School Name	School Type	School Grade	ELA Ach.	ELA Gains	-25% Gains	Math Ach.	Math Gains	-25% Gains
Kid's Community College Charter High School	Public Charter, High School	C	41%	47%	46%	49%	54%	47%
Brandon High School	Traditional Public, High School	C	44%	50%	37%	30%	41%	35%
Pivot Charter School	Public Charter, Combination	C	48%	55%	42%	40%	43%	*
Riverview High School	Traditional Public, High School	B	58%	53%	44%	57%	56%	43%
Spoto High School	Traditional Public, High School	C	30%	34%	28%	31%	41%	43%

Woodmont Charter School Three-Mile Radius

School grade comparison of schools within a three-mile radius of Woodmont Charter School.

School Name	School Type	School Grade	ELA Ach.	ELA Gains	-25% Gains	Math Ach.	Math Gains	-25% Gains
Dr. Carter G Woodson K-8 School	Traditional Public, Combination	C	28%	48%	48%	31%	51%	54%
Excelsior Prep Charter School	Public Charter, Elementary	F	21%	*	*	29%	*	*
Kimbell Elementary School	Traditional Public, Elementary	F	25%	42%	47%	18%	26%	28%
Lewis Elementary School	Traditional Public, Elementary	C	48%	53%	35%	48%	56%	41%
Muller Elementary Magnet School	Traditional Public, Elementary	A	64%	63%	64%	61%	74%	55%
New Springs Schools	Public Charter, Combination	C	42%	49%	52%	45%	38%	22%
Pizzo K-8 School	Traditional Public, Combination	D	41%	47%	38%	38%	44%	32%
Riverhills Elementary Magnet School	Traditional Public, Elementary	C	58%	44%	33%	56%	40%	23%
Robles Elementary School	Traditional Public, Elementary	D	22%	40%	51%	17%	41%	43%
Shaw Elementary School	Traditional Public, Elementary	D	21%	40%	44%	33%	60%	55%
Sheehy Elementary School	Traditional Public, Elementary	C	32%	58%	67%	39%	63%	54%
Temple Terrace Elementary School	Traditional Public, Elementary	D	36%	46%	35%	38%	49%	32%
Village of Excellence Academy	Public Charter, Elementary	B	36%	83%	100%	37%	56%	53%
Witter Elementary School	Traditional Public, Elementary	D	32%	45%	44%	31%	38%	40%
Woodmont Charter School	Public Charter, Combination	B	47%	61%	67%	45%	56%	46%

School Name	School Type	School Grade	ELA Ach.	ELA Gains	-25% Gains	Math Ach.	Math Gains	-25% Gains
Dr. Carter G Woodson K-8 School	Traditional Public, Combination	C	32%	52%	54%	40%	52%	39%
Greco Middle Magnet School	Traditional Public, Middle	C	32%	43%	47%	32%	46%	44%
New Springs Schools	Public Charter, Combination	C	50%	61%	68%	47%	46%	42%
Pizzo K-8 School	Traditional Public, Combination	D	28%	38%	33%	23%	38%	35%
Village of Excellence Academy Middle School	Public Charter, Middle School	D	22%	37%	30%	15%	51%	73%
Woodmont Charter School	Public Charter, Combination	B	40%	55%	57%	49%	65%	53%

Southshore Charter Academy Three-Mile Radius

School grade comparison of schools within a three-mile radius of Southshore Charter Academy.

School Name	School Type	School Grade	ELA Ach.	ELA Gains	-25% Gains	Math Ach.	Math Gains	-25% Gains
Collins Elementary School	Traditional Public, Elementary	C	58%	55%	41%	56%	44%	26%
Creekside Charter Academy	Public Charter, Elementary	B	55%	49%	55%	56%	56%	57%
Sessums Elementary School	Traditional Public, Elementary	C	58%	51%	31%	58%	61%	40%
Southshore Charter Academy	Public Charter, Combination	B	65%	65%	63%	59%	62%	42%
Summerfield Crossings Elementary	Traditional Public, Elementary	B	53%	58%	47%	53%	67%	54%
Summerfield Elementary School	Traditional Public, Elementary	C	48%	48%	52%	51%	50%	44%
Warren Hope Dawson Elementary	Traditional Public, Elementary	C	50%	53%	54%	40%	31%	34%

School Name	School Type	School Grade	ELA Ach.	ELA Gains	-25% Gains	Math Ach.	Math Gains	-25% Gains
Eisenhower Middle School	Traditional Public, Middle	C	43%	46%	39%	51%	51%	34%
Kid's Community College SE Middle	Public Charter, Middle	D	37%	41%	44%	27%	18%	35%
Rodgers Middle School	Traditional Public, Middle	B	45%	54%	52%	56%	59%	52%
Southshore Charter Academy	Public Charter, Combination	B	60%	56%	51%	53%	53%	48%

Factual Background

- Hillsborough County Public Schools serves approximately 220,000 students.
- Since at least 2014-15, Hillsborough's charter schools have outperformed Hillsborough's traditional public schools on ELA and Math assessments.
- Since 2016, the Hillsborough County School District has had more of the lowest-performing elementary schools than any other district in the state.
- Since 2017, the District has had the highest number of persistently low-performing schools in the state, with more than 21% of the state's persistently low-performing schools.
- During the 2018-19 school year, which is the most recent year data is available, 61% of Hillsborough's charter school students scored at grade level or above on the ELA assessment, compared to 53% of non-charter students.
- Similarly, 59% of charter school students scored at grade level or above on the Math assessment, compared to 54% of non-charter students.

Summary of Issues

1. Notice of Nonrenewal Was Not Timely Provided
2. Hillsborough's Failure to Provide Notice Was Not Cured By Making the Nonrenewal Effective on September 27, 2021—90 Days After Mailing the Untimely Notice of Nonrenewal
3. Hillsborough Failed to Provide Colorable Grounds for an Emergency Termination and Failed to Make Student Academic Achievement the Most Important Factor when it Nonrenewed
4. The Actions of the Hillsborough County School Board Harms the State's System of Education and the Students Served by the District

Conclusion

- Section 1008.32, Florida Statutes, provides the State Board the authority to order compliance with laws and rules and, ultimately, initiate actions against the school boards for failing to comply.
- There is probable cause to find that the School Board of Hillsborough County violated section 1002.33(8), Florida Statutes.

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