

2014 Authorizer Report

*Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice
Florida Department of Education*

By the Numbers

199 – Number of charter school applications districts received in 2014

50 – Number of charter school applications districts approved

25 percent – Average approval rate

114 – Number of applications submitted to five counties alone: Miami-Dade (36), Broward County (32), Palm Beach (22), Hillsborough (12), and Duval (12)

41 percent – Highest approval rate of any district that received more than 10 applications (Broward)

16 – Percentage of charter school applications approved within the statutorily required timeframe of 60 days.

109 – Number of applications withdrawn from consideration before the district could make a decision

0 – Number of virtual charter school applications

Summary

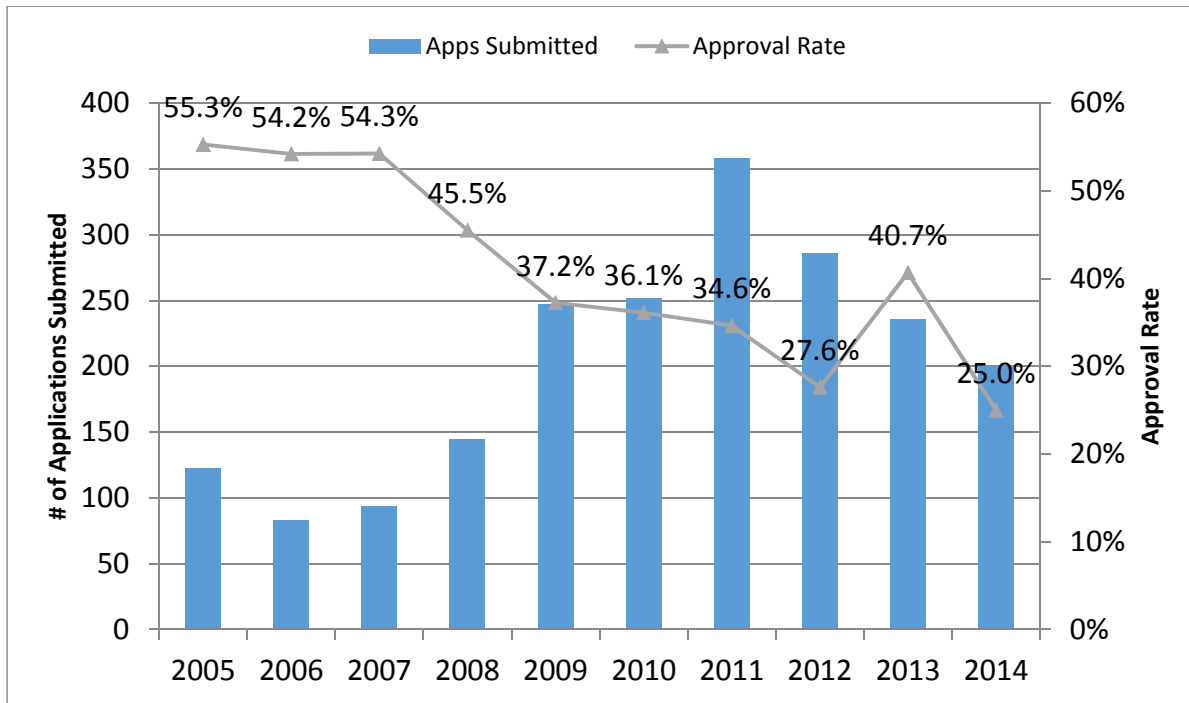
School districts throughout Florida received 199 charter school applications in 2014, ensuring continued new growth for the charter school sector in the Sunshine State. However, continuing a steady trend seen during the past few years, that number of new applications is less than in previous years. The 199 applications submitted to districts is a 16 percent decline from the 236 charter applications in 2013 and a 44 percent drop from the peak of 358 seen in 2011.

Moreover, districts are approving fewer charter school applications. Of the 199 applications submitted, districts approved just 25 percent. This signals another trend showing that (with the exception of 2013) charter schools are finding it harder to gain approval from school districts (see Figure 1). Additionally, 109 charter applications submitted last year were withdrawn before a district could even make a decision.

Of course, district practices regarding charter schools vary widely. In a continued effort to unpack the decisions of charter school sponsors throughout the state, the Florida Department of Education's Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice conducted the accompanying analysis. The data for this report was submitted by school districts pursuant to Section 1002.33(5)(b)1.k., Florida Statutes. It includes information on each charter application, such as when it was approved, denied, or withdrawn, and when a charter contract was executed.

Additionally, this report will highlight some notable findings among the numbers as well as point to activity the Department has engaged in during the past year to help develop districts in their work vetting and monitoring charter schools.

Figure 1. History of Application Approval Rate



Findings

The biggest account for the most. Fifty-seven percent of the 199 charter applications statewide were submitted to just five districts – Miami-Dade (36 applications); Broward County (32); Palm Beach (22); Hillsborough: (12); and Duval (12).

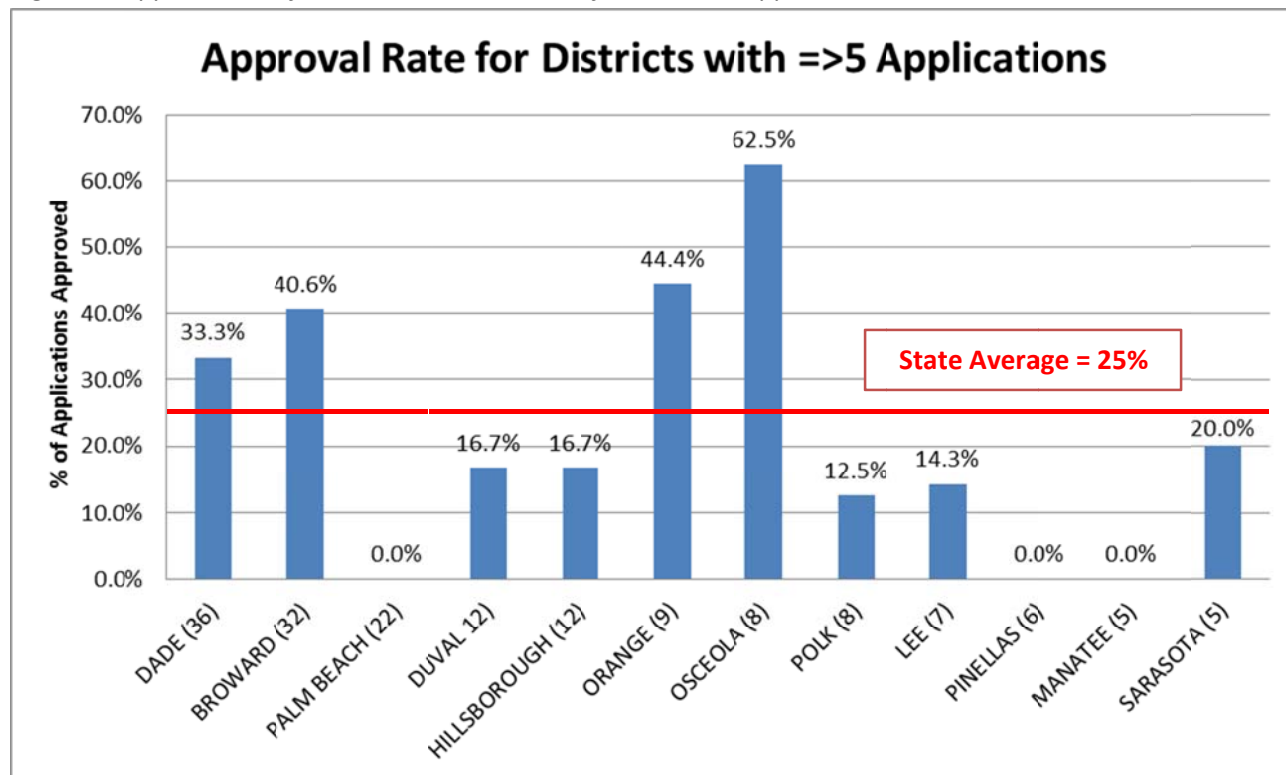
Approval rates vary widely. The “Big Five” charter authorizers mentioned above had an approval rate that mirrored the rest of the state: 25 percent. But that number masks wildly different approval rates among two districts (see Figure 2). Broward County, for instance, had a 41 percent approval rate, the highest among any district that received more than 10 applications. The lowest was Palm Beach, which approved none of the applications it received.

It takes time. The vast majority of charter applications did not see any action by district authorizers until after the 60 days required by the charter school law – 1002.33(6)(b)3.a., Florida Statutes. While the law does allow an extension if both parties “mutually agree in writing,” just 16 percent of the 50 applications approved by districts statewide were approved within that 60-day window.

Relatively few draft applications. Despite a law enabling applicants to submit a draft application to their school districts for feedback on any material deficiencies, districts received just 43 drafts by the statutory deadline of May 1. Twelve of those, or 28 percent, went on to win approval by their districts.

No virtual charters. Districts received no virtual charter school applications (though they received three draft applications, none of the applicants submitted a final application by the August 1 deadline).

Figure 2. Approval rate for districts that received five or more applications



Professional Development for Authorizers

For nearly two years, the Florida Department of Education has intensified its professional development offerings and tools for school district charter school sponsors. They include:

Principles and Standards. The Department partnered with authorizers, charter school operators and other stakeholders to develop the Florida Principles & Standards for Quality Authorizing. That document can be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5423/urlt/Florida-Principles-and-Standards-Final-Proof.pdf>

Authorizer evaluations. The Department contracted with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) to conduct comprehensive assessments of the strengths and weaknesses of

individual authorizers who opted for such a review; eight districts volunteered to undergo these assessments.

Interview training. When application season started, the Department worked with NACSA to sponsor workshops aimed at helping authorizers better prepare for interviews with charter school applicants to assess the applicant's capacity to open and operate a high-quality public school.

Applicant history. The Department has developed searchable databases that enable authorizers to type in the name of an individual, management company, or governing board member and see a list of all schools – current and closed – associated with that name; additionally, the State Board of Education last summer mandated that charter school applicants, governing boards, and management companies identify any affiliated schools and provide details on their current and past academic and financial performance.

District-Charter Collaboration. The Department has funded Florida's first District-Charter Collaborative Compact that empowers districts to develop and implement bold and innovative strategies for collaborating and partnering with high-impact charter school organizations that are capable and prepared to serve students in the state's highest need areas; Duval and Miami-Dade counties are current recipients of this state grant, and the Department has called for proposals to fund a third district.

2014 Charter School New Applicant Summary

District	Approved	Percentage Approved	Denied	Percentage Denied	Withdrawn	Percentage Withdrawn	Total Applications Received
Alachua	0	0%	0	0%	3	100%	3
Bay	3	100%	0	0%	0	0%	3
Brevard	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	1
Broward	13	41%	6	19%	13	41%	32
Citrus	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1
Clay	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1
Collier	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	2
Dade	12	33%	5	14%	19	53%	36
Duval	2	17%	4	33%	6	50%	12
Escambia	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	1
Hillsborough	2	17%	0	0%	10	83%	12
India River	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	2
Lake	0	0%	0	0%	3	100%	3
Lee	1	14%	5	71%	1	14%	7
Leon	1	50%	1	50%	0	0%	2
Manatee	0	0%	1	20%	4	80%	5
Marion	0	0%	0	0%	1	100%	1
Orange	4	44%	0	0%	5	56%	9
Osceola	5	63%	0	0%	3	38%	8
Palm Beach	0	0%	6	27%	16	73%	22
Pasco	2	50%	0	0%	2	50%	4
Pinellas	0	0%	1	17%	5	83%	6
Polk	1	13%	3	38%	3	38%	8
St. Johns	0	0%	1	33%	1	33%	3
St. Lucie	0	0%	1	33%	2	67%	3
Sarasota	1	20%	0	0%	3	60%	5
Seminole	1	33%	0	0%	2	67%	3
Volusia	0	0%	2	50%	2	50%	4
Total	50	25%	37	19%	109	55%	199

Approved Applications	Approved Within 60 Days	Percentage Approved Within 60 Days	Approved Applications Within 90 Days	Percentage Approved Applications Within 90 Days	Approved Applications Within 120 Days or More	Percentage Approved Applications Within 120 Days or More	Average (Mean) Number of Days Towards School Board Approval
50	8	16%	17	34%	25	50%	93

Denied Applications	Denied Applications Within 60 Days	Percentage Denial Within 60 Days	Denied Applications Within 90 Days	Percentage Denied Applications Within 90 Days	Denied Applications Within 120 Days or More	Percentage of Denied Applications Within 120 Days or More	Average (Mean) Towards School Board Denial
37	4	11%	17	46%	16	43%	93

2014 Charter School New Applicants

Name of Proposed School	District	Contact Person First Name	Contact Person Last Name	Email Address	Application Status Approved Date	Withdrawn	Denied	Final Contract Execution Date
Impact Leadership	ALACHUA	Scott	Whitaker	scott@impactforliving.org		11/06/2014		
Lagotic	ALACHUA	Bonita	Williams	bwilliams@therisingstaracademy.com		10/10/2014		
Rising Star Academy Charter School	ALACHUA	Bonita	Williams	mbussey@risingstaracademy.com		10/13/2014		
Central High School	BAY	Carla	Lovett	lovetct@bay.k12.fl.us	10/14/2014			06/28/2015
Newpoint Bay Prep Academy	BAY	David	Stiles	david.stiles@newpointeducation.com	03/10/2015			03/10/2015
University Academy Middle School	BAY	Jacob	Fish	info@universityacademy.org	10/14/2014			04/14/2015
Premier Innovations Career and Technical Education Center	BREVARD	Paulette	Coombs	coombs@pcglearningcenter.org			10/28/2014	
Academic Solutions Academy - A	BROWARD	Andrew	Kinlock	akinlock@asacharterschools.org	11/12/2014			
Academic Solutions Academy - B	BROWARD	Andrew	Kinlock	akinlock@asacharterschools.org		10/15/2014		
Atlantic Montessori Charter School West Campus K-5	BROWARD	Juana	Garcia	director.amcharterschool@gmail.com	11/12/2014			03/03/2015
BrightStar Institute of Applied Studies	BROWARD	Samuel	Artiste	hendrickartiste@gmail.com		10/17/2014		
Championship Academy of Distinction	BROWARD	Melissa	March	melissa@theschoolstore.com		10/17/2014		
Championship Academy of Distinction Davie Middle School	BROWARD	Melissa	March	melissa@theschoolstore.com		10/17/2014		
CrestPointe Montessori Charter School	BROWARD	Rene	Martinez	crestpointe@outlook.com			11/12/2014	
Doral Academy Charter High Tamarac	BROWARD	Adri	Lima	alima@academica.org	11/12/2014			
Doral Academy Charter Middle Tamarac	BROWARD	Adri	Lima	alima@academica.org	11/12/2014			
Educational Strides Academy	BROWARD	Kendra	Nichols	edstrides@gmail.com		10/15/2014		
Global Learning Academy Charter School	BROWARD	Ann-Marie	Manzano-Sanz	manzanos5@netzero.net			11/12/2014	
Innovation Charter School	BROWARD	Tammy	Hoskins	tammyhoskins@mac.com	11/12/2014			03/03/2015
International School of Broward at Coral Springs/Parkland	BROWARD	Michelle	Garay	mgaray@isbcharterschool.org		10/20/2014		
Little Leapers Education Center of Excellence	BROWARD	Ivory	Wilson	drsandravilson51@yahoo.com		08/09/2014		
MYcroSchool Broward	BROWARD	Joy	Baldree	joy.baldree@new-corp.org		10/15/2014		
Magnolia Middle School	BROWARD	David	Stiles	david.stiles@newpointeducation.com		08/30/2014		
MeritEd High North	BROWARD	Neil	Kartez	nkartez13@gmail.com	10/07/2014			
MeritEd High South	BROWARD	Neil	Kartez	nkartez13@gmail.com	10/07/2014			
New World Academy of Broward County	BROWARD	Jack	Cunningham	jc@chestertongroup.com		10/20/2014		
Nixon Elementary Charter School	BROWARD	Christine	Mentis	x_tinem@yahoo.com		10/06/2014		
Renaissance Charter High School of Southwest Broward	BROWARD	Derek	Kelmanson	dkelmanson@charterschoolsusa.com	11/12/2014			
Renaissance Charter High School of West Broward	BROWARD	Derek	Kelmanson	dkelmanson@charterschoolsusa.com	11/12/2014			
Renaissance Charter School of Northeast Broward	BROWARD	Derek	Kelmanson	dkelmanson@charterschoolsusa.com	11/12/2014			
Renaissance Charter School of Southwest Broward	BROWARD	Derek	Kelmanson	dkelmanson@charterschoolsusa.com	11/12/2014			

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Renaissance Charter School of West Broward	BROWARD	Derek	Kelmanson	dkelmanson@charterschoolsusa.com	11/12/2014			05/05/2015
Stellar Academy	BROWARD	Thomas	Johnson	stellaracademyprep@gmail.com		10/21/2014		
The Leadership Academy for Academic and Personal Achievement	BROWARD	Steve	Gallon	svgleadershipacademies@yahoo.com			10/07/2014	
The Leadership Institute of Broward	BROWARD	John	Maye	jmaye@agilitynetwork.org		09/29/2014		
Virtus Academy (Coconut Creek HS)	BROWARD	Thomas	David	tdavid@fuerstlaw.com			11/12/2014	
Virtus Academy (Coconut Creek K-8)	BROWARD	Thomas	David	tdavid@fuerstlaw.com			11/12/2014	
Virtus Academy Southwest Ranches	BROWARD	Thomas	David	tdavid@fuerstlaw.com			11/12/2014	
Wingate Oaks Charter School	BROWARD	Denise	Rusnak	deniser@bcckids.org	11/12/2014			
MYcroSchool Citrus	CITRUS	Joy	Baldree	Joy.Baldree@new-corp.org	09/23/2014			01/27/2015
Clay Charter Academy	CLAY	Derek	Kelmanson	dkelmanson@charterschoolsusa.com	08/21/2014			12/16/2014
BridgePrep Academy	COLLIER	Juan Carlos	Quintana	jcquintana2@gmail.com		01/22/2015		
Gulf Coast Charter Academy of Arts and Sciences	COLLIER	Mark	McCabe	mmccabe@summit-mortgage.com		07/16/2014		
Academir Prep Academy	DADE	Esther	Mir	mirscss@yahoo.com	11/19/2014			03/18/2015
Beacon College Prep Middle School	DADE	Patrick	Evans	pevans@beaconpride.org		10/13/2014		
Championship Academy of Distinction Charter School	DADE	Lazara	Castellanos	lcastellanos@championshipacademy.org		11/05/2014		
Einstein K-8 Prep Academy	DADE	Maria	Gondra	mgondrapsyd@aol.com		10/28/2014		
Elite Charter School of Science & Technology	DADE	Greg	Capdevilla	gregcapdevilla@gmail.com		11/07/2014		
Excelsior Charter Academy High School	DADE	Claudia	Trilles	ctrilles@aol.com			10/07/2014	
Face Academy	DADE	Saliha	Nelson	saliha@urgentinc.org		10/17/2014		
Florida High School Accelerated Learning - Miami Campus, School II	DADE	Eileen	Quinlan	eileen.quinlan@als-education.com		10/14/2014		
Florida High School Accelerated Learning - Miami Campus, School III	DADE	Eileen	Quinlan	eileen.quinlan@als-education.com		10/14/2014		
Florida High School Accelerated Learning - Miami Campus, School IV	DADE	Eileen	Quinlan	eileen.quilan@als-education.com		10/14/2014		
Florida Military Academy	DADE	William	Orris	billorris@yahoo.com		09/10/2014		
Global Learning Academy	DADE	Ann-Marie	Sanz	manzano5@netzero.net		10/19/2014		
International Studies Academy	DADE	Fiorella	Dongo	fidongo@gmail.com		11/14/2014		
Juntos Academy Middle School	DADE	Simon	Dalex	dalex@juntosacademy.org			11/19/2014	
Knowledge Quest Preparatory Academy	DADE	Michelle	Ferguson	kqacademy@gmail.com		10/23/2014		
LeJardin Charter School	DADE	Eduardo	Berrones	berrones@bellsouth.net		10/14/2014		
Mater Academy International High School	DADE	Jeanette	Nunez	jeanette1469@gmail.com		04/29/2015		
Mater Academy West	DADE	Lisa	Arneaud	lisaleeinc@gmail.com	02/11/2015			02/11/2015
Mater International Academy	DADE	Lisa	Arneaud	lisaleeinc@gmail.com	02/11/2015			02/11/2015
Mater International Academy Middle	DADE	Christine	McGuinn	christinemcguinn@yahoo.com		04/29/2015		
Mater Isles Academy	DADE	Lisa	Arneaud	lisaleeinc@gmail.com		04/29/2015		

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Miami Arts Charter School at Homestead	DADE	Alfredo	de la Rosa	adellarosa@miamiartscharter.net		10/17/2014		
Miami Children's Museum Charter School North Campus	DADE	Millie	Sanchez	msanchez@academica.org	12/10/2014			
Renaissance Charter School at North Miami	DADE	Derek	Kelmanson	dkelmanson@charterschoolsusa.com	08/06/2014			
Renaissance Charter School at South Miami	DADE	Derek	Kelmanson	dkelmanson@charterschoolsusa.com	08/06/2014			
Somerset Academy High School at Sunset	DADE	Christina	Guerra	cmguerra15@yahoo.com	10/07/2014			
Somerset Academy Sunset	DADE	Adriana	Lima	adri5283@gmail.com		09/25/2014		
Somerset Preparatory Academy Sunset	DADE	Adriana	Lima	adri5283@gmail.com	10/07/2014			
Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) High School - North Campus	DADE	Millie	Sanchez	msanchez@academica.org	02/11/2015			
Sports Leadership and Management (SLAM) Middle School - North Campus	DADE	Millie	Sanchez	msanchez@academica.org	02/11/2015			
Sunny Palms Charter Community High School	DADE	Trineica	Bouie	sunnypalmscharter@yahoo.com		10/14/2014		
The Leadership Academy for Academic & Personal Achievement	DADE	Dorothy	Davis	svgleadershipacademies@yahoo.com			10/07/2014	
The Leadership Academy for Academic & Personal Achievement North	DADE	Dorothy	Davis	svgleadershipacademies@yahoo.com			10/07/2014	
The Leadership Academy for the Arts & Advanced Academics	DADE	Dorothy	Davis	svgleadershipacademies@yahoo.com			10/07/2014	
True North Classical Academy	DADE	Luis	Diaz	ldiaz@swkj-cpa.com	07/16/2014			05/13/2015
We Rise Academy	DADE	Isha	Haley	ihaley@hotmail.com	10/07/2014			
BRIDGEPREP ACADEMY DUVAL	DUVAL	J.C.	QUINTANA	JCQUINTANA2@GMAIL.COM		10/28/2014		
EARTHA WHITE SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMY	DUVAL	CAROL	HALL	EARTHAWHITESLA@GMAIL.COM			11/04/2014	
KIPP JACKSONVILLE K-8	DUVAL	TOM	MAJDANICS	TOM@KIPPJAX.ORG	11/04/2014			07/01/2015
LEGACY ACADEMY	DUVAL	LORI	POTTER	LORICPOTTER@GMAIL.COM			10/07/2014	
MYCROSCHOOL FIRST COAST	DUVAL	JOY	BALDREE	JOY.BALDREE@NEW-CORP.ORG		10/10/2014		
NEW WORLD ACADEMY OF DUVAL COUNTY	DUVAL	JACK	CUNNINGHAM	JC@CHESTERTONGROUP.COM		10/15/2014		
RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY AT MANDARIN	DUVAL	DOGAN	TOZOGLU	DTOZOGLU@RIVERCITYSCIENCE.ORG	11/04/2014			
SOUTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL	DUVAL	DAVID	STILES	DAVID.STILES@NEWPOINTEDUCATION.COM		11/03/2014		
STEPHEN BIKO CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL	DUVAL	GREGORY	MYERS	MYERSG2@COMCAST.NET			11/04/2014	
THE ARTS ACADEMY OF JACKSONVILLE PREPARATORY SCHOOL	DUVAL	DEVONDALYN	HUGHES	DEVONDALYN@ICLOUD.COM			11/04/2014	
THE EARLY CAREER ACADEMY	DUVAL	DAVID	CATALANO	DCATALANO@ITTESI.COM		10/06/2014		
THE MARGULIS ACADEMY	DUVAL	THEANA	MCKENZIE	MUNE4STAR@HOTMAIL.COM		09/22/2014		

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Theophalis May School of Scholars	ESCAMBIA	Larry	Hutcheson	liveoakdean@aol.com		11/13/2014		
Atlas Academy	HILLSBOROUGH	Frank	Bolanos	frankbolanos@bellsouth.net		10/15/2014		
Excelsior Prep Charter School	HILLSBOROUGH	Tim	Bower Rodriguez	t@bowerrodriguez.com	12/09/2014			
GATES Junior/Senior High School	HILLSBOROUGH	Patti	Girard	pattigirard@gmail.com		10/28/2014		
Garden Montessori Charter School	HILLSBOROUGH	Richard	Tschantz	tschantz1@verizon.net		11/06/2014		
Hillsborough Lighthouse Charter School	HILLSBOROUGH	Khori	Whittaker	kwhittaker@lighthouse-academies.org		01/16/2015		
MacDill Charter Academy	HILLSBOROUGH	Stephen	Mitchell	stephen.mitchell@squirepb.com		09/29/2014		
New World Academy of Hillsborough County	HILLSBOROUGH	Jack	Cunningham	jc@chestertongroup.com		10/20/2014		
Plato Academy Charter School K-8	HILLSBOROUGH	Steve	Christopoulos	stevec@superiorschools.com		11/25/2014		
Southshore Middle School	HILLSBOROUGH	David	Stiles	david.stiles@newpointeducation.com		09/18/2014		
Southshore Preparatory Academy	HILLSBOROUGH	David	Stiles	david.stiles@newpointeducation.com		09/18/2014		
Tampa Academy of Math and Science	HILLSBOROUGH	Michael	Strader	mstrader@charterschoolassociates.com	12/09/2014			
University Preparatory Academy- Hillsborough	HILLSBOROUGH	Darius	Adamson	dadamson@upaflorida.org		11/07/2014		
Doral Academy of Technology	INDIAN RIVER	Marianella	Mesa	mari_mesa@hotmail.com		10/07/2014		
Somerset Preparatory Academy of Vero Beach, Inc.	INDIAN RIVER	Andreina	Figuroa	adri5283@gmail.com		09/15/2014		
Florida Military Academy - Lake	LAKE	Dr. William	Orris	billorris@yahoo.com		08/20/2014		
Hillside Charter School, Inc.	LAKE	Carlyle	Holder	ceomcg@aol.com		08/13/2014		
Tri-City Montessori School	LAKE	Nicki	Thomas	missbushway@gmail.com		08/09/2014		
Basic Learning Skills STEAM Academy	LEE	Roy	Kennix	basiclearningskills95@yahoo.com			10/21/2014	
Florida Military Academy - Lee	LEE	William	Oris	billorris@yahoo.com		10/14/2014		
Fort Myers Classical Academy	LEE	Jon	Kordon	johnkordon@q.com			10/21/2014	
Harlem Heights Community Charter School	LEE	Debra	Mathinos	debra@heightsfoundation.org			10/21/2014	
New World Academy of Lee County	LEE	Jack	Cunningham	jc@chestertongroup.com			10/21/2014	
Northern Palms Charter High School	LEE	Amy	Rohner	Amy.Rohner@gmail.com	11/18/2014			04/28/2015
Real World Institute	LEE	Tobie	Duty	tobie.duty@gmail.com			10/21/2014	
Tallahasee School of Math and Science	LEON	Dogan	Tozoglu	dogantozoglu@gmail.com	09/23/2014			12/09/2014
The Leadership Academy (for Students At-Risk)	LEON	Sabrina	Allen	sabrinamallen@comcast.net			09/23/2014	
Cortez High School	MANATEE	David	Stiles	david.stiles@newpointeducation.com			09/23/2014	
Manatee Y Technological Charter School	MANATEE	Sean	Allison	sallison@manateeymca.org		10/24/2014		
Oneco International School of Excellence	MANATEE	Frank	Bolanos	frankbolanos@bellsouth.net		09/10/2014		
Plato Academy Charter School	MANATEE	Matt	Gunderson	mattg@superiorschools.com		09/13/2014		
Team Success STEM Charter School	MANATEE	William	Orris	billorris@yahoo.com		11/18/2014		
Summerfield Leadership Academy	MARION	Tina	Travis	roccenter@yahoo.com		09/03/2014		
BridgePrep Academy Orange	ORANGE	J.C.	Quintana	jcquintana2@gmail.com		09/09/2014		
MYcroSchool Orange	ORANGE	Joy	Baldree	joy.baldree@new-corp.org		09/05/2014		

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Orange Business and Entrepreneurship Academy	ORANGE	Bill	Orris	billorris@yahoo.com		09/03/2014		
Renaissance Charter at Central Florida B	ORANGE	Derek	Kelmanson	dkelmanson@charterschoolsusa.com	09/09/2014			
Renaissance at Central Florida C	ORANGE	Derek	Kelmanson	dkelmanson@charterschoolsusa.com	09/09/2014			
Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) West Orange Middle and High	ORANGE	Bill	Orris	billorris@yahoo.com		09/04/2014		
Sports Leadership and Management Academy	ORANGE	Rene	Ruiz	rruiz@steamsweaver.com		09/11/2014		
Sunshine High School -Fifth Orlando School (d/b/a school name reflective of school's geographic loca	ORANGE	Angela	Whitford-Narine	angela.whitford-narine@communityeducation.com	10/14/2014			
UCP West Orange	ORANGE	Ilene	Wilkins	iwilkins@ucpcf.org	10/14/2014			05/12/2015
BridgePrep Academy Osceola	OSCEOLA	J.C.	Quintana	jcquintana2@gmail.com		09/25/2014		
Heritage Academy of Osceola	OSCEOLA	Dr. Kenneth	Brown	drbenton2@gmail.com	10/07/2014			04/07/2015
Legacy Academy of Osceola	OSCEOLA	Dr. Kenneth	Benton	drbenton2@gmail.com	10/07/2014			04/07/2015
Osceola Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Middle and High School	OSCEOLA	Dr. William R.	Orris	billorris@yahoo.com		09/16/2014		
Our Children's Charter School	OSCEOLA	Sharon	McManus Comkowycz	sharon.mcmanus@ourchildrens.org		09/22/2014		
Sports Leadership and Management Academy (SLAM)	OSCEOLA	Rene	Ruiz	rruiz@steamsweaver.com	10/07/2014			
St. Cloud Preparatory Academy High School	OSCEOLA	Kathleen	Thomas	kthomas@stcloudprep.org	10/07/2014			03/17/2015
UCP of Central Florida	OSCEOLA	Ilene E.	Wilkins	iwilkins@ucpfl.org	10/07/2014			
Academic Solutions High School	PALM BEACH	Andrew	Kinlock	akinlock@asaschools.org			11/05/2014	
Albert Einstein Academy for Letters, Arts and Sciences - Palm Beach	PALM BEACH	Cheryl	Jacobs			09/12/2014		
BridgePrep Academy Palm Beach	PALM BEACH	J. C.	Quintana	Jcquintana2@gmail.com			11/05/2014	
CHAMPS Charter School of Central Palm Beach County	PALM BEACH	Joseph	Russo	jrusso@cssoffl.com		09/08/2014		
CHAMPS Charter School of Southern Palm Beach County	PALM BEACH	Joseph		jrusso@cssoffl.com		09/08/2014		
CHAMPS Charter School of West Central Palm Beach County	PALM BEACH	Joseph		jrusso@cssoffl.com		09/08/2014		
CHAMPS Charter School of Western Palm Beach County	PALM BEACH	Joseph		jrusso@cssoffl.com		09/08/2014		
Cambridge Preparatory Charter Academy	PALM BEACH	Carmella	Morton	cmortonphd@comcast.net		09/25/2014		
Coastline Middle School	PALM BEACH	David	Stiles	David.stiles@newpointeducation.com			11/05/2014	
Coastline Preparatory Academy	PALM BEACH	David		David.stiles@newpointeducation.com			11/05/2014	

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Elite Charter School of Science and Technology	PALM BEACH	Greg	Capdevila	gregcapdevila@gmail.com		10/21/2014		
Estella Pyfrom Charter Middle School	PALM BEACH	Estella	Pyfrom	estella@brilliantbus.org		09/25/2014		
Great Escalations	PALM BEACH	Susan	Fuller Pope	mspalmbeachpi@aol.com		09/30/2014		
International School of Excellence, Inc.	PALM BEACH	Frank	Bolanos	frankbolanos@bellsouth.net		10/16/2014		
Lake Worth Classical Academy	PALM BEACH	Margaret	Menge	margaretmenge@yahoo.com			11/05/2014	
New Horizons Charter School	PALM BEACH	Yudit	Silva	yuditsilva@ymail.com		09/17/2014		
New World Academy of Palm Beach County	PALM BEACH	Jack	Cunningham	jc@chesterongroup.com		10/10/2014		
Palm Beach Collegiate	PALM BEACH	Deokee	Balliram	deokee.balliram@gmail.com		12/09/2014		
Palm Beach Legacy Collegiate Academy (formerly referred to as Gray Collegiate Academy Palm Beach)	PALM BEACH	Lauren	Wood	WoodLauren@aol.com		09/26/2014		
South Palm Beach Charter School	PALM BEACH	Derek	Kelmanson	dkelmanson@charterschoolsusa.com			12/10/2014	
The Academy of Aviation, Pre-Med and Technology	PALM BEACH	Harold	Edwards	Hle_67@yahoo.com		09/16/2014		
The Leadership Institute of Palm Beach	PALM BEACH	John	Maye	jmaye@agilitynetwork.org		09/26/2014		
Garden Montessori Charter School	PASCO	Richard	Tschantz	Tschantz1@verizon.net	10/21/2014			02/17/2015
Golden Pair Promise Charter School of Pasco	PASCO	Alexandra	Penn	goldenpair@earthlink.net		10/13/2014		
Plato Academy Charter School	PASCO	Steve	Christopoulos	SteveC@SuperiorSchools.com		10/13/2014		
Plato Academy Charter School (K-8)	PASCO	Steve	Christopoulos	SteveC@superiorschools.com	10/21/2014			03/03/2015
Florida High School For Accelerated Learning Pinellas County Campus	PINELLAS	Bobby	Smith	bobby.smith@als-education.com		10/06/2014		
Florida Military Academy - Pinellas	PINELLAS	William	Orris	billorris@yahoo.com		09/25/2014		
Our Children's Charter School - Pinellas	PINELLAS	Sharon	McManus Comkowycz	sharon.mcmanus@ourchildrens.org		09/25/2014		
Pepin Academies of Pinellas County	PINELLAS					09/09/2014		
The Tower Academy	PINELLAS	Frank	Bolanos	frankbolanos@bellsouth.net		10/06/2014		
Village of Excellence Academy Middle School Pinellas	PINELLAS	Cametra	Edwards	cedwards@villageofexcellence.com			09/23/2014	
Discovery High School	POLK	Carol	Fulks	carol.fulks@discoveryacademy.org	02/25/2015			
Floirda Virtual Academy at Polk County	POLK	Joe	Chisholm	jchisholm@k12.com				
Our Children's Charter Middle: Winter Haven	POLK	Sharon	McManus	sharon.mcmanus@ourchildrens.org		09/22/2014		
Our Children's Charter School: Lakeland	POLK	Sharon	McManus	sharon.mcmanus@ourchildrens.org		09/22/2014		
Our Children's Charter School: Winter Haven	POLK	Sharon	McManus	sharon.mcmanus@ourchildrens.org		09/22/2014		
Poinciana Community Schools, Inc.	POLK	Wendy	Farrell	wendyf425@yahoo.com			10/14/2014	
Ridgeview Middle Academy, Inc.	POLK	Ralph	Frier	ralph.frier@polk-fl.net			10/14/2014	
Winter Haven Montessori Academy	POLK	Melissa	Davis	Melissa@WinterHavenMontessori.com			10/14/2014	
Florida Virtual Academy at St. Johns County	ST. JOHNS	Joe	Chisolm	jchisolm@k12.com				
Heritage Academy	ST. JOHNS	Lori	Potter	loricpotter@gmail.com			10/01/2014	

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New World Academy of St. Johns County	ST. JOHNS	Jack	Cunningham	jc@chestertongroup.com		10/15/2014		
CHAMPS Charter School of St. Lucie	ST. LUCIE	Daniel	Staniskawczyk	staniskawczyk@americancharterschools.com		09/05/2014		
Somerset College Preparatory Academy	ST. LUCIE	Erika	Rains	rains.erika@cpatc.org			10/14/2014	
Summit High School of St. Lucie	ST. LUCIE	Jill	Rosolek	jill.rosolek@gmail.com		09/04/2014		
Horizons Unlimited Creative Learning Academy	SARASOTA	Rev Patrick	Miller	pmiller64@verizon.net		10/02/2014		
Our Children's Charter School Sarasota	SARASOTA	Sharon	McManus Comkowycz	sharon.mcmanus@ourchildrens.org		09/22/2014		
Personalized Learning Academy	SARASOTA	Dennis	DiNoia	dennis@mrdmath.com				
Plato Academy Charter School	SARASOTA	Steve	Christopoulos	stevec@superiorschools.com		10/06/2014		
SKY Academy Englewood	SARASOTA	Kenneth	Modzelewski	kenneth@veniceymca.org	10/21/2014			02/03/2015
Montessori Prep School	SEMINOLE	Larysa	Druzynina	colley624@hotmail.com		10/10/2014		
Seminole Classical Academy	SEMINOLE	Ben	Pittman	ben@cse-online.com		08/28/2014		
UCP of Central Florida	SEMINOLE	Ilene	Wilkins	iwilkins@ucpcf.org	11/14/2014			
Big Engine Academy	VOLUSIA	Rebecca	Sampson	vballwin@gmail.com			10/28/2015	
Florida Military Academy	VOLUSIA	William	Orris	billorris@yahoo.com		09/29/2014		
Legacy Scholars Academy	VOLUSIA	Mary	Cortez	mary.cortez@fumch.org		10/08/2015		
True Learning Cooperative	VOLUSIA	Angie	Sills	truelearning@cfl.rr.com			09/23/2014	