

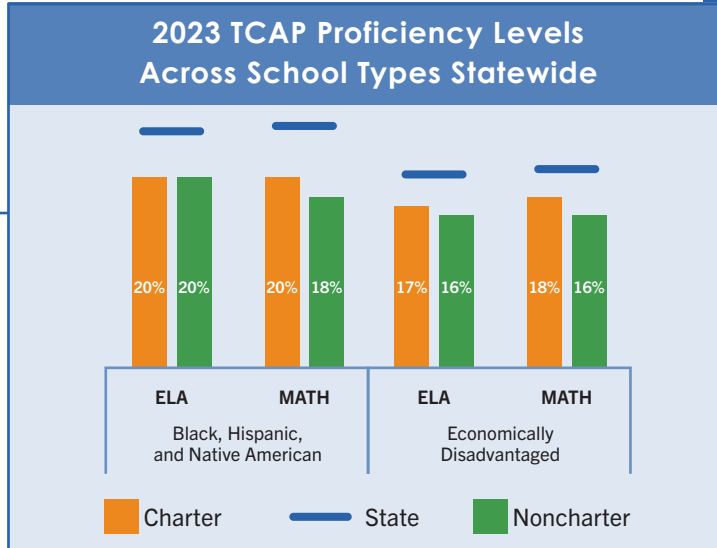
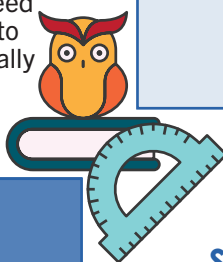
Historically Underserved Student Groups In Tennessee Public Charter Schools

Public charter schools serve a greater proportion of students from historically underserved groups — namely students of color and economically disadvantaged students — compared to noncharter schools across the state. On average, these charter students show faster academic growth and higher proficiency levels than their district peers.

However, there is still progress to be made for charter students to meet or surpass state-level achievement. While there is still considerable need to better support charter students statewide, Nashville's public charter sector shows a promising trend of improvement toward equitable student outcomes as charter students outpace their district and state peers.

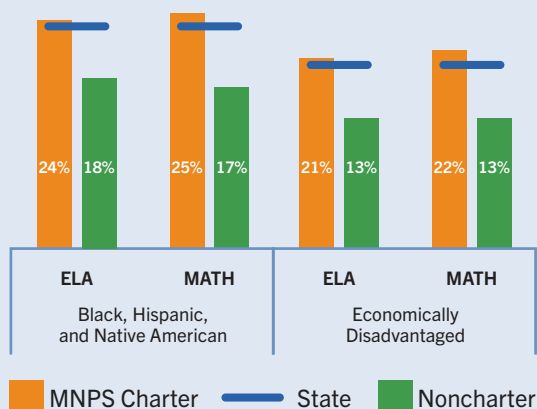
Students From Historically Underserved Groups In Tennessee Charter Schools Perform Just Above District Peers On TCAP

Despite higher performance in Nashville, underserved student groups showed lower levels of proficiency across both English language arts and math subjects, regardless of school type across the large urban districts in Tennessee. On average, the proficiency rate of Black, Hispanic, or Native American and economically disadvantaged groups was 1 percent below district peers across subjects. This signals a clear need for schools and districts across Tennessee to better serve students of color and economically disadvantaged students.



Source: Tennessee Department of Education, 2023

2023 TCAP Proficiency Levels Across School Types In Nashville



Source: Tennessee Department of Education, 2023

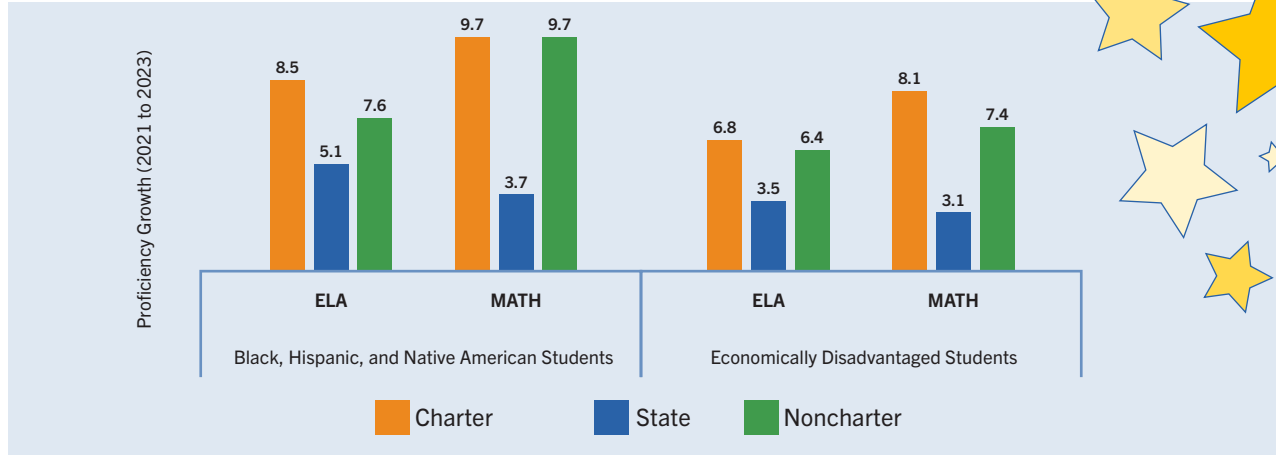
Students From Underserved Groups In Nashville Charter Schools Are Outpacing District And State Peers

On the 2023 Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) exams, public charters in Nashville are an important bright spot in the sector. Not only are students from underserved backgrounds performing above district peers, they are also exceeding the state average for proficiency across ELA and math.



Charter Schools Show Stronger Post-Pandemic Growth For Historically Underserved Student Groups Compared To District Peers

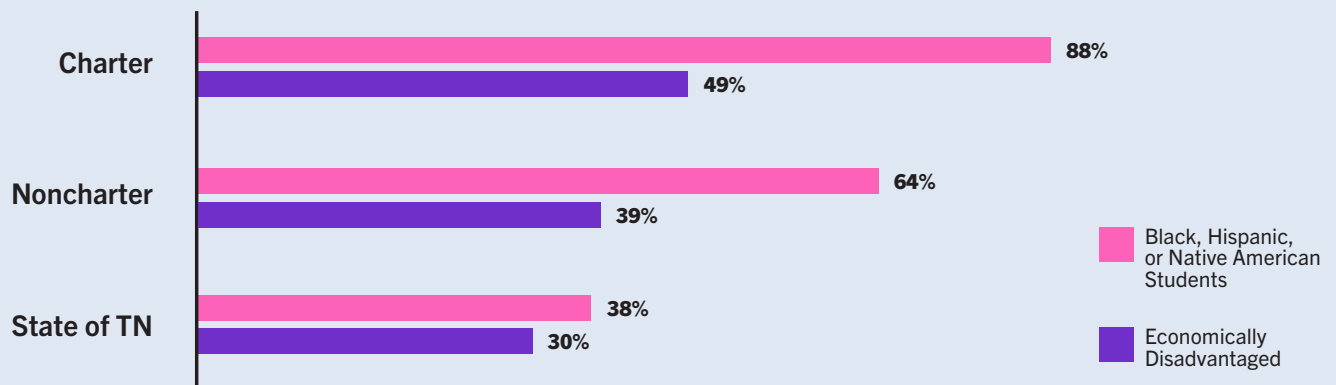
As a sector, public charter schools previously showed lower proficiency rates for students of color and economically disadvantaged students compared to the state average across math and ELA. However, since pandemic declines in 2021, charter students from these historically underserved groups show **outsized growth** across subjects compared to district peers and even slightly outpace the state overall.



Source: Tennessee Department of Education, 2023

Tennessee's Public Charter Schools Serve More Students From Historically Underserved Backgrounds

In 2023, nearly 90 percent of all students in public charter schools were Black, Hispanic, or Native American — 50 percentage points above the state average. Additionally, economically disadvantaged students make up half of the student population in public charter schools, while students in that group make up less than a third of the state's overall public school enrollment.



Source: Tennessee Department of Education, 2023

Charter and noncharter data are not inclusive of the Achievement School District (ASD). Noncharter data reflect the performance of noncharter schools in districts with public charter options.

