

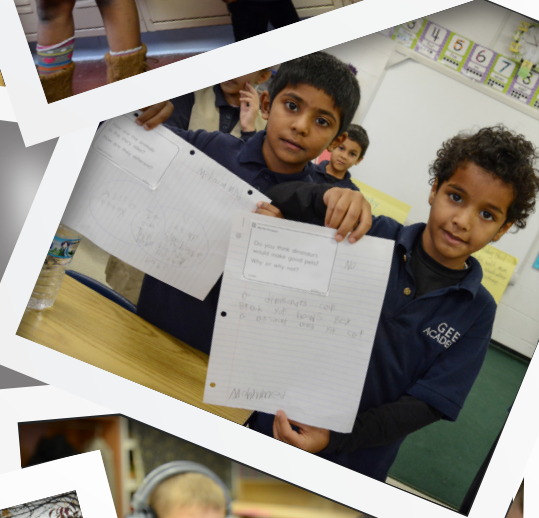


FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

FERRIS FORWARD



CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFICE
ANNUAL PORTFOLIO REPORT 2023





Board of *Trustees*

LaShanda R. Thomas - *Chair*

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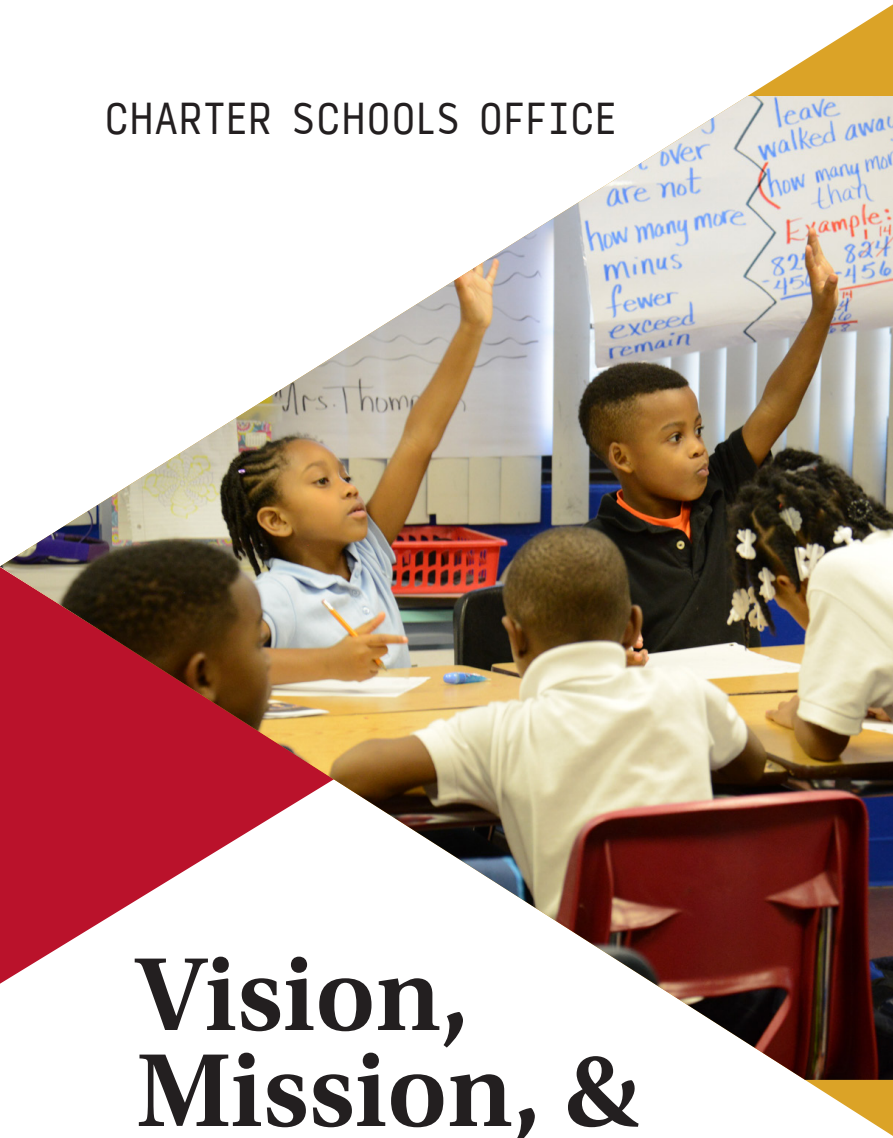
George K. Heartwell

Vivian TerMaat

University Administration

Bill Pink - *President*

Bobby Fleischman - *Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*



Vision, Mission, & Core Values

Vision

Ferris State University will authorize public school academies that promise to transform the lives of students by demonstrating high-quality performance.

Mission

By implementing quality oversight, the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office focuses on student growth and achievement, offers professional learning opportunities, and provides relevant resources to its authorized public school academies.

Core Values

The core values of the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office are the foundation of our organization's culture. Our values are static, unchanging and non-negotiable, built from the belief that learning is a lifelong process and all students can learn.

We Value

Student Learning

As a higher education institution, student learning is in our DNA; we see the opportunities created when students succeed, and we focus our oversight and support efforts on continual student success.

A Collaborative Working Environment

By supporting each other and building partnerships, we encourage a sense of community through cooperation, teamwork and consensus building with our stakeholders.

Diversity

Recognizing that stakeholders are made up of diverse populations, we honor diversity of ideas, beliefs, and cultures.

Opportunities

Through the work we do as a charter school authorizer, we help create learning opportunities and environments by lending support for professional growth and development.

Excellence

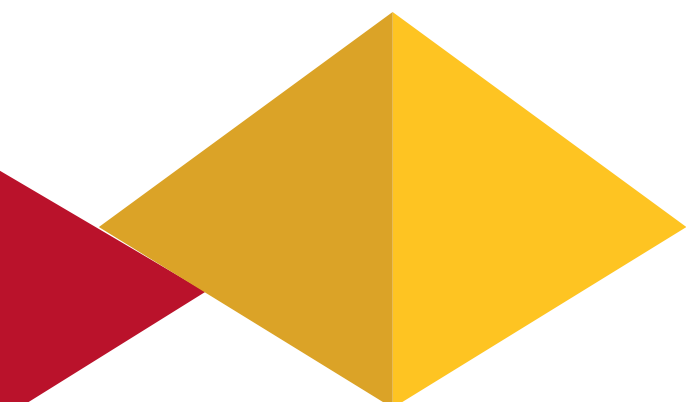
Committed to superior results, we engage in practices that produce the highest quality outcomes in all our endeavors.

Accountability

Accountability leads to academic progress. We believe in being held accountable for our work as an authorizer as deeply as we believe in holding all stakeholders accountable for their work.

Integrity and Trust

Our actions are guided by fairness and respect through transparency, effective communication and the building of positive relationships with each other and our stakeholders.



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Individual Academy Information

A Historical Perspective From the Director:

WOW, twenty-five years! With the Authorization of Northridge Academy in 1997 Ferris State University embarked on a journey to join in the transformation of the Michigan K-12 educational landscape through the advancement of public-school academies (charter schools). Then FSU President Dr. William Sederberg undertook this journey because he believed in educational equity and parental choice and saw charter schools as a way to help achieve those objectives.

The journey has not always been an easy one. Due to their disruptive nature to the Michigan educational scene PSAs were not welcomed by many of the status quo, and the struggle for acceptance is still very much alive in 2023 as it was in 1994 when Central Michigan University authorized Michigan's first charter school. Yet, the movement has preserved and grown. There are now 239 active charter schools in operation in Michigan, with approximately 10.7% of Michigan's K-12 students attending a charter.

Ferris' role as a PSA Authorizer has changed dramatically since its first foray into the authorizing world. Truth be told, the first few years of authorizing were very much like building the proverbial airplane as it was heading down the runway. The field of authorizing was relatively new, and everyone seemed to have a different view of what authorizing should look like. Here in Michigan, we were fortunate to have skilled leaders such as Dr. James Goenner, then at Central Michigan University who organized the Michigan authorizers into a monthly group that met and shared best practices, discussed issues and shared notes. That humble group is now the Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers whose members authorize 88% of the charters in the State. The Council was one of the first state- organizations in the country organized specially for public charter school academy authorizers.

In 2014, The Council established the nation's first statewide public charter school authorizing accreditation and assurance process to demonstrate the commitment to quality that Michigan authorizers strive to achieve. Partnering with nationally recognized Cognia (Formerly AdvancED), The Council set about moving beyond the basic practice known as "continuous improvement" to create a more rigorous definition of what it means to be an effective authorizer. I am proud to tell you that the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office has been accredited by this agency since 2017.

Our work is far from done, however. Even though the development of a new public school academy is a multi-step process sometimes taking years, the real work begins with the academy's opening. The role of an authorizer then changes to 'oversight' of the operations, governance, and performance (academic and fiscal) of the academy. At FSU, our Mission states that the office, "... focuses on student growth and achievement, offers professional learning opportunities, and provides relevant resources to its authorized public school academies." This is a charge the CSO takes seriously, and our office has spent several million dollars over the years by offering workshops, reimbursements, grants, camps, scholarships, and providing expensive testing platforms such as the NWEA free of charge to our authorized academies. At FSU we believe we have a responsibility to help ensure the overall success of each of our academies, even though we do not have an active role in their day-to-day operation.

As we move into a new era, our mission, and our commitment to it remains unchanged. Especially post-pandemic, we are very much committed to providing support to our academies as they recover from the disruption COVID's toll took on all K-12 students' learning. This support is a partnership that is highly personalized to each academy based on their needs. Above all, the CSO works with each academy using relevant performance data in planning and decision making. The CSO assists academies by providing extensive data to each academy regarding academic and fiscal performance.

What will the next 25 years hold for Michigan's public school academies? While it is impossible to tell for sure, I believe that parents will still want choice in making decisions about their child's education, and that charter schools will still play a vital role in providing that choice. Along with the demand for choice I also believe that competition will continue to drive higher levels of academic performance for all of Michigan's K-12 schools. This was the exact reason for the initial creation of charter schools in Michigan and around the country. The number of charter schools may change in the future, but the core function and mission upon which they were established will still be intact long into the future. Ferris State University looks forward to being a relevant part of this future!



Educationally Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. S. Rizzo".

RONALD S. RIZZO, PH.D.
Director of Charter Schools

The Ferris State University Public School Academy Portfolio

Academy	Authorized	Years of Operation
Northridge Academy	16-AUG-97	26
Benton Harbor Charter School Academy	8-MAY-98	25
Creative Technologies Academy	8-MAY-98	25
New Bedford Academy	8-MAY-98	25
Voyageur Academy	8-MAY-98	25
Hope of Detroit Academy	7-MAY-99	24
Huron Academy	7-MAY-99	24
Joy Preparatory Academy	7-MAY-99	24
Michigan Collegiate (Formerly Conner Creek Academy East)	7-MAY-99	24
Marshall Academy	5-MAY-00	23
Bridge Academy	7-MAY-04	19
Clara B. Ford Academy	14-MAR-07	16
Lighthouse Academy	21-MAR-08	15
Hope Academy of West Michigan	14-JUL-10	13
Michigan Connections Academy	21-MAY-10	13
Battle Creek Montessori Academy Blended Learning Academies	2-NOV-12	11
Credit Recovery High School	13-DEC-13	10
Muskegon Montessori Academy for Environmental Change	22-FEB-13	10
Pittsfield Acres Academy	8-FEB-22	1

Charter School Locations



FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFICE

BIG RAPIDS

CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY

MUSKEGON MONTESSORI ACADEMY
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

HOPE ACADEMY OF
WEST MICHIGAN

LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY

GRAND RAPIDS

BENTON HARBOR

BENTON HARBOR
CHARTER SCHOOL
ACADEMY

BATTLE CREEK MONTESSORI ACADEMY

MARSHALL ACADEMY

LANSING

BLENDED LEARNING ACADEMIES
CREDIT RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL
MICHIGAN CONNECTIONS
ACADEMY

NORTHRIDGE ACADEMY

FLINT

DETROIT

JOY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

CLARA B. FORD ACADEMY

NEW BEDFORD ACADEMY

HURON ACADEMY

CONNER CREEK ACADEMY EAST

BRIDGE ACADEMY

HOPE OF DETROIT ACADEMY

VOYAGEUR ACADEMY

Service & Leadership

Academy Boards of Directors



Battle Creek Montessori Academy

Elizabeth Turner, President
Kristin Blood
Lisa Hahn
Keona Ackley
Elizabeth Turner
Derrick Freeman
Worthams David

Benton Harbor Charter School Academy

Jean Nesbitt, President
Glenda Bell
Betty Mason
Terri Mays

Blended Learning Academies Credit Recovery High School

Marcus Kirkpatrick, President
William Jaconette
Louis Schiavone III
Darin Southworth
Meagan Mahoney-Lamson
Amy Hovey
Phillip McKinney

Bridge Academy

Jamal Aljahmi, President
Abdulraqib Nagi Anakeeb
Fahmi Husain
Toyab M. Al-Bari
Aladdin Nahsal

Clara B. Ford Academy

Jeanne Martens, President
Tracy Myrick
Sr. Janice Rushman
Lisa Sasaki
Jennifer Simmons
Tuoanyene Sims

Creative Technologies Academy

Anthony Domico, President
Cynthia Patin
Michael Tawney
Austin Hilyer
James Comden
Shanielle Rypma
William Treman

Hope Academy of West Michigan

Barth Roberts, President
Todd Medendorp
Peter Kladder III
Barbara Foster
Bernard Ayoola

Hope of Detroit Academy

Thomas Rys, President
Roslyn Love
Joe Gappy
Kimberly Farrow
James Krol
Tina McCullar

Huron Academy

Jeffrey Duchene, President
Colleen Dickey
James Perna
Katherine Colombo
Suzan Karadsheh
Jeffrey Parlow
Ramzi Twal

Joy Preparatory Academy

Alfred Cobbs, President
Debryl Ector
Grover McCants
Antoinette Reid
April Green

Lighthouse Academy

Robert VanWieren, President
Peter VanGelderren
Todd Penning
Angela Bunn
Brenda King
Aaron Toffoli
Steven Bossenbroek II

Marshall Academy

Kasey Morris, President
Sean Washington
Parker Arnold
Patti Cornwell
Grace Noyola

Michigan Collegiate

Mary Carpenter, President
Jason David
Keira Driskell
Gilda Ponder
Erica Galet

Michigan Connections Academy

Linda Frost, President
Adam Vahratian
Randy Zylstra
Andrew Bellingar
Todd Terry
Frederick Fendt

Muskegon Montessori Academy for Environmental Change

Judith Kell, President
John Taylor
Michelle Eisenbarth
Janda VanDyke
Lenore Wieschowski
Jack Kennedy

New Bedford Academy

Timothy Rothman, President

Gary Walentowski

Karen Moore

Tiffany Glenn

Rebecca Pasko

Northridge Academy

James Shelley, President

Charles Winfrey

Authur Evans

Cecilia A. Miller-Sims

Craig Simpson

Pittsfield Acres Academy

Douglas Abbott, President

Nadeem Shaukat

Amjed Oudeif

Amy Awad

Voyageur Academy

Curtis Wade, President

Minika Benning

Barbara Smith

Gibbs Anita

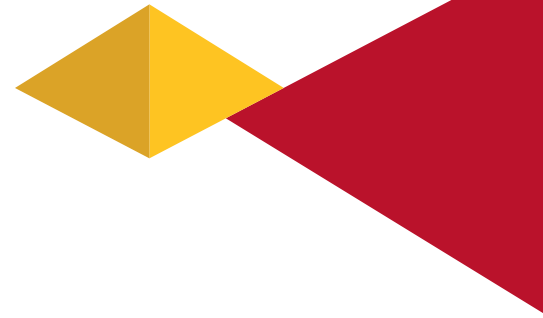
Dale Williams

Robert Redmer



By the Numbers

Numbers to Note and Operations



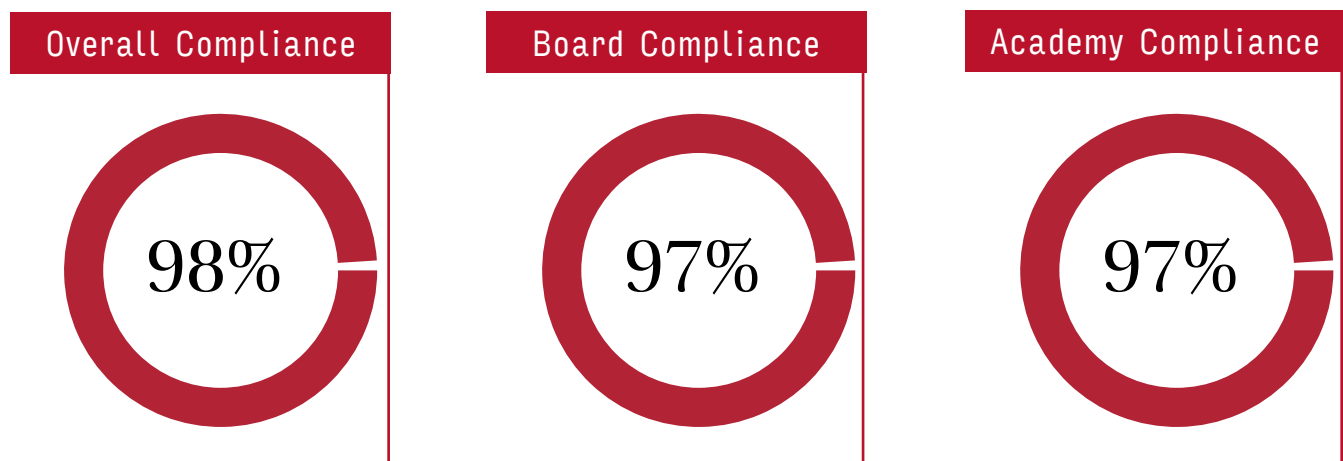
Numbers to Note

Chartered Public School Academies.....	19
Campuses.....	33
Students.....	9,498
Academy Board Members.....	107
Number of Years Served by Academy Board Members.....	895
Teachers.....	572
Administrators.....	46
Non-teaching Staff.....	547
Substitutes.....	309
Total Employees at FSU-Academies.....	1,474
Portfolio Compliance Percentage.....	98%

Operations

Charter Contract Compliance

Overall on-time compliance record, in addition to the Board and Academy's compliance breakdown.



Finance

Ferris Authorized Schools 2022-2023 Combined Totals



Revenue

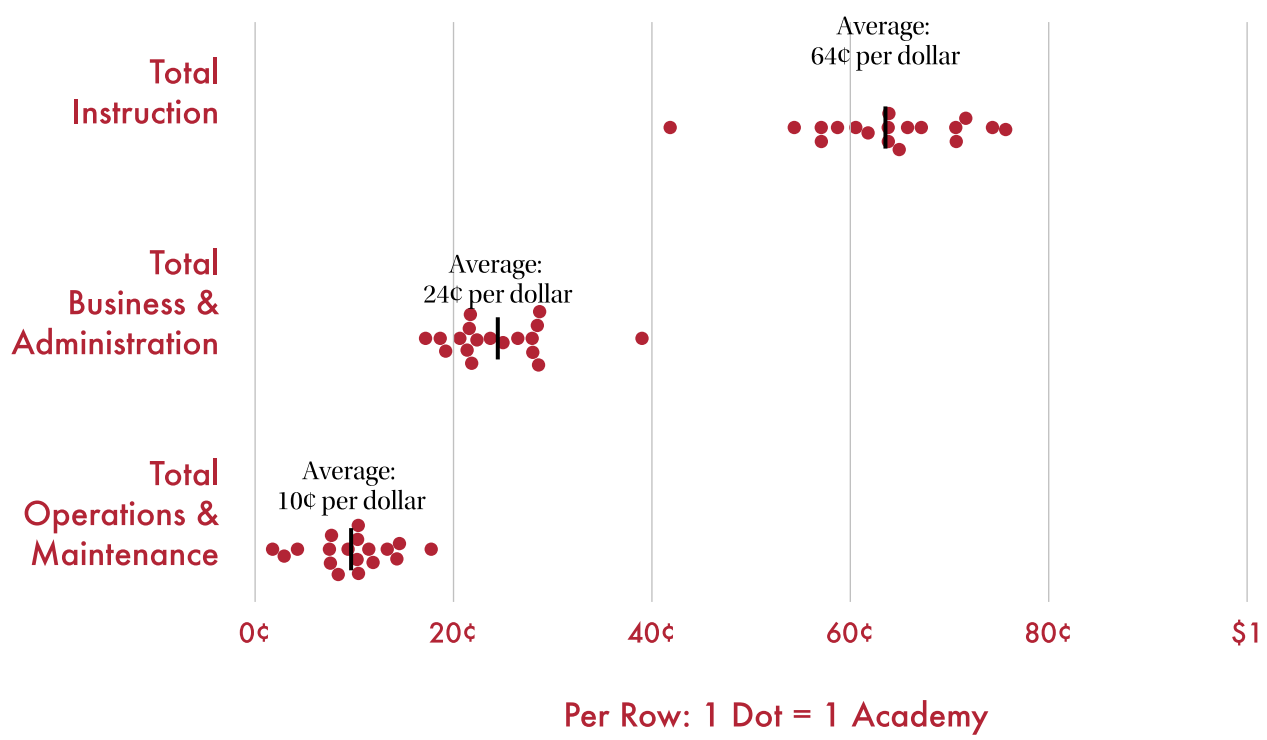
\$120,691,661



Expenditures

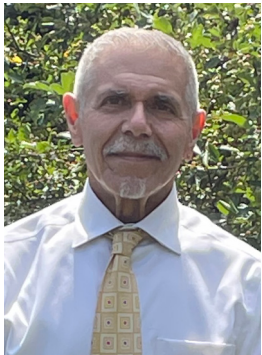
\$104,172,095

Academy Expenditures per Dollar



Notes:
Audited public 2022-23 financial data will be available via [MiSchoolData.org](https://MISchoolData.org) in or around February.
Revenue is general fund, excluding fund modifications.
Expenditures are from "Total Current Operating Expenditures".
Expenditures per Dollar use "Total Current Operating Expenditures" for the denominator.

CSO Team



Ronald S. Rizzo, Ph.D.
Director



Christopher White, Ed.D.
Associate Director



Susan Bachinski
Secretary



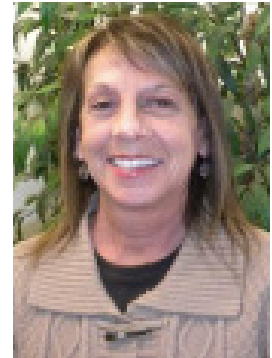
Phyllis Robinson, Ph.D.
Field Representative/
Woodbridge
Promise Coordinator



Jim Scholten
Field Representative/
Visitation
Review Chair



Susan Wakefield
Field Representative



Sharon Hopper
Compliance Auditor/
Board Liaison



Andrea Ruggles
Secretary



Laura Emshanov
Field Representative/
School Support



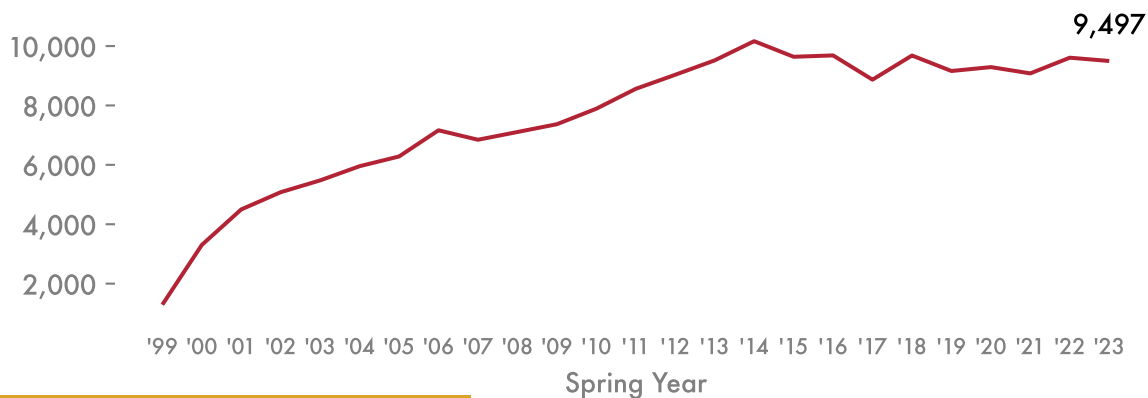
Linda Bouman
Field Representative



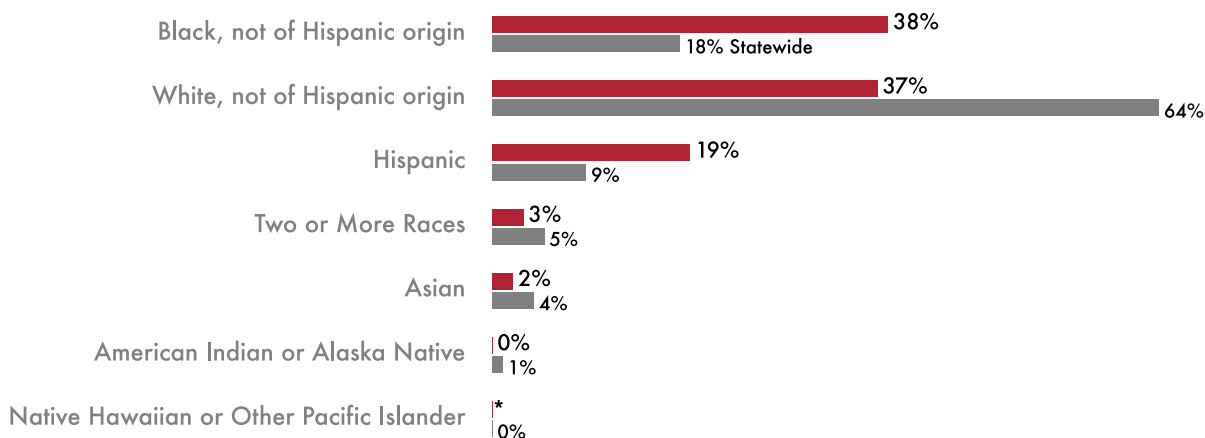
Michele Sideman, Ph.D.
Field Representative

Enrollment & Demographics

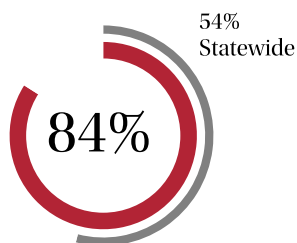
Student Enrollment Over Time



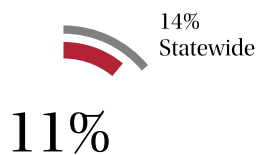
Breakdown of Student Ethnicity



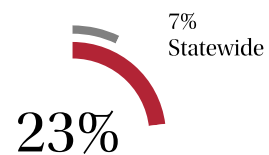
Students who Qualify for Free & Reduced Price Lunch



Students who Qualify for Special Education Services



Students identified as English Language Learners (ELL)





LANGUAGE Describing something by comparing it to another thing.

FIGURES OF SPEECH Describing things using words or as...

METAPHOR Compares two things by saying something is something else.

The bird was as red as an apple.

He has feet of a lion!

The room felt like small kisses on my face.

Visit Muskegon



Academy *Profiles*



BATTLE CREEK MONTESSORI ACADEMY

399 20TH STREET N, SPRINGFIELD, MI 49037

BATTLECREEKMONTESSORI.COM



MISSION

Battle Creek Montessori Academy educates students through Montessori methods and character development leading to intellectual curiosity and academic excellence, developing children who are self-reliant, peaceful, embrace diversity, and contribute meaningfully to their community.

HEAD OF SCHOOL:

Dave Averill (PreK-8)

GRADES SERVED:

PreK-8

YEAR OPENED:

2013

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2023-2028

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

Choice Schools Associates, LLC

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Battle Creek Public Schools

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$1,992,086 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$1,714,847 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$856,832 (All Funds)

FREE OR
REDUCED LUNCH



SPECIAL
EDUCATION



ENGLISH
LEARNERS

*

ETHNICITY

White, not of Hispanic origin 58%

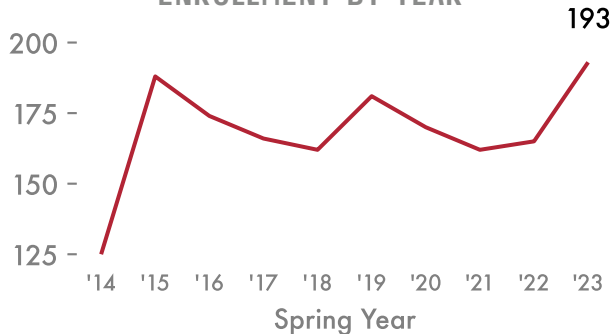
Two or More Races 16%

Black, not of Hispanic origin 13%

Hispanic 10%

Asian *

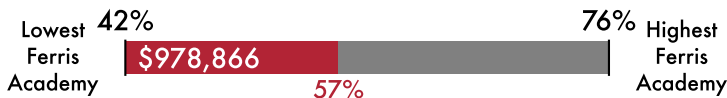
ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

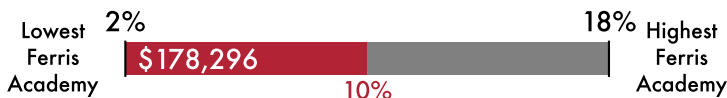
TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS NOT HELD: 4

7 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD: 2

BOARD ATTENDANCE

76% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

1 VACANCY

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 100% BOARD 100% ACADEMY 100%

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BENTON HARBOR CHARTER SCHOOL ACADEMY

455 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022 | BENTONHARBORCHARTER.COM



MISSION

To prepare and inspire every child to face the challenges and seize opportunities in their journey to greatness as reflected in the core values.

PRINCIPAL:

Ashley Smith (PreK-8)

GRADES SERVED:

PreK-8

YEAR OPENED:

2000

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2019-2024

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

Choice Schools Associates, LLC

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Benton Harbor Area Schools

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$6,048,461 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$4,891,656 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$1,107,449 (All Funds)

FREE OR
REDUCED LUNCH



SPECIAL
EDUCATION



ENGLISH
LEARNERS

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ETHNICITY

Black, not of Hispanic
origin



Hispanic



White, not of Hispanic
origin

*

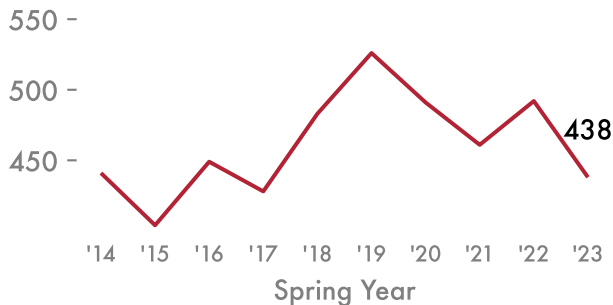
Two or More Races

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American Indian or Alaska
Native

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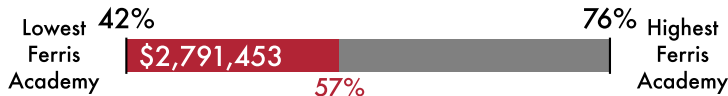
ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

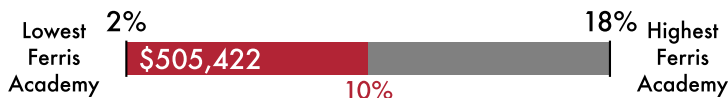
TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS NOT HELD: 3

8 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

BOARD ATTENDANCE

SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD: 1

89% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

1 VACANCY

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 100% BOARD 100% ACADEMY 100%

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BLENDLED LEARNING ACADEMIES CREDIT RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL

1754 E CLARK ROAD, LANSING, MI 48906
30246 PLYMOUTH RD, LIVONIA, MI 48150
BLENDEDLEARNINGACADEMIES.ORG



MISSION

Blended Learning Academies supports the emotional and academic strengths of 9-12 grade students in an educational environment that encourages all student to meet or exceed their intellectual and personal potential.

SCHOOL LEADER:

Greg Morris (9-12)

GRADES SERVED:

9-12

YEAR OPENED:

2014

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2019-2024

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

ITS Education Management Group, LLC

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Lansing Public School District

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$1,629,313 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

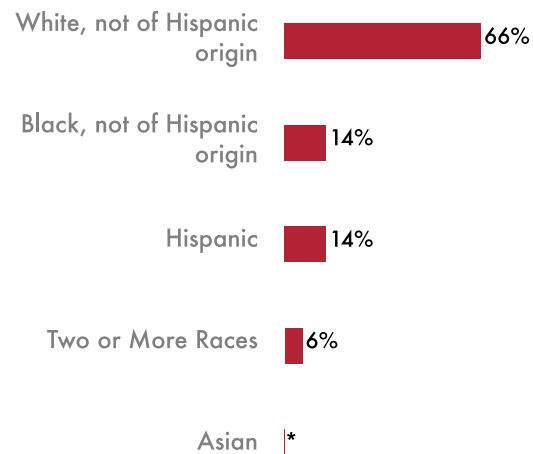
\$1,246,067 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

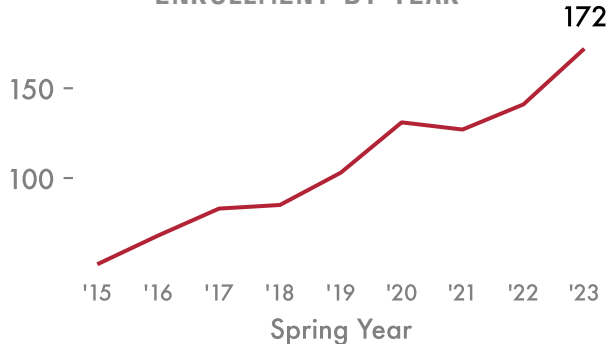
\$1,027,533 (All Funds)



ETHNICITY



ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS NOT HELD: 3

8 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

BOARD ATTENDANCE

78% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

0 VACANCIES

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 100% BOARD 100% ACADEMY 100%

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BRIDGE ACADEMY

9600 BUFFALO STREET, HAMTRAMCK, MI 48212 | BRIDGEEAST.GEEACADEMIES.NET

3105 CARPENTER ROAD, DETROIT, MI 48212 | BRIDGEWEST.GEEACADEMIES.NET



MISSION

To promote lifelong learning by nurturing academic excellence, positive character, and appreciation of cultures.

PRINCIPAL:

Raihan Akther (6-8)

DIRECTOR OF K-12/VIRTUAL LEARNING:

Shawn Robson (9-12)

GRADES SERVED:

PreK-12

PRINCIPAL:

Mohand Jadallah (PreK-5)

YEAR OPENED:

2004

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2020-2027

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

Global Educational Excellence

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Hamtramck School District

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$14,870,150 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$15,104,005 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$3,068,736 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

100%

SPECIAL EDUCATION

3%

ENGLISH LEARNERS

63%

ETHNICITY

White, not of Hispanic origin

87%

Asian

10%

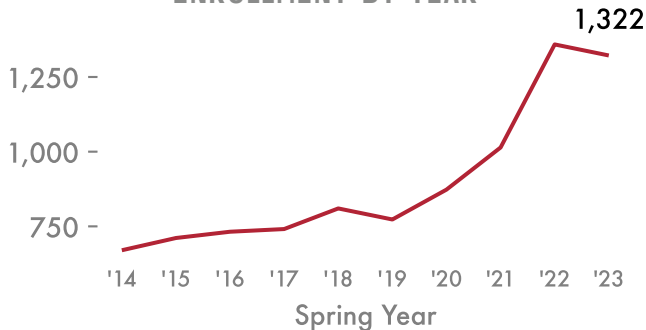
Black, not of Hispanic origin

3%

Hispanic

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ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS NOT HELD: 3

9 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD: 2

BOARD ATTENDANCE

75% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

0 VACANCIES

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 98%

BOARD 98%

ACADEMY 97%

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CLARA B. FORD ACADEMY

20651 WEST WARREN STREET, DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI 48127
CBFACADEMY.COM



MISSION

Clara B. Ford Academy's mission is to engage our students in a safe, innovative learning environment within Southeast Michigan that will enable them to function as contributing adults.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Mike Ventura (5-12)

GRADES SERVED:

5-12

YEAR OPENED:

2007

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2017-2022

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

CS Partners

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Dearborn City School District

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$1,810,311 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$1,832,730 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$731,650 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH



SPECIAL EDUCATION



ENGLISH LEARNERS

0%

ETHNICITY

White, not of Hispanic
origin



Black, not of Hispanic
origin



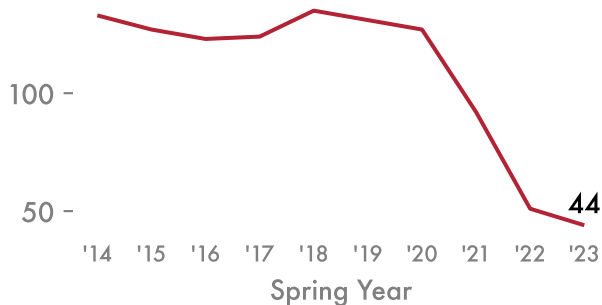
Hispanic

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Two or More Races

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ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

10 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

BOARD ATTENDANCE

82% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

1 VACANCY

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 98%

BOARD 100% ACADEMY 95%

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CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY

350 PINE STREET, CEDAR SPRINGS, MI 49319
CTACHARGERS.ORG



MISSION

Creative Technologies Academy is a Preschool through grade 12 community of learners committed to changing our world by developing students in character, scholarship, and leadership.

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL: SUPERINTENDENT/SCHOOL LEADER:

Jenny Bangma (7-12) Autumn Mattson (K-12)

GRADES SERVED: ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL:

K-12 Kate Bialkowski (K-6)

YEAR OPENED:

1998

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2019-2026

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

Self-Managed

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Cedar Springs Public Schools

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$4,136,680 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$3,514,762 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$1,101,382 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH



SPECIAL EDUCATION



ENGLISH LEARNERS

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ETHNICITY

White, not of Hispanic
origin



Hispanic



Two or More Races



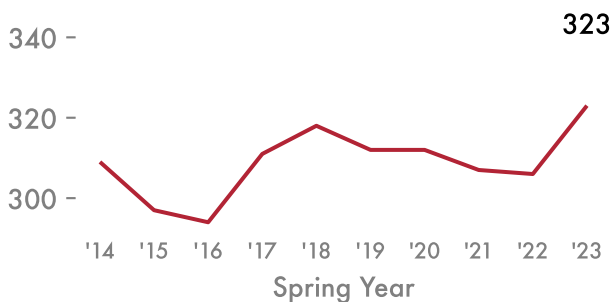
Black, not of Hispanic
origin

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Asian

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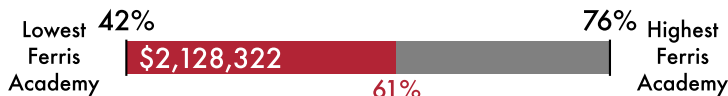
ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

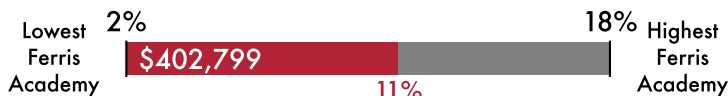
TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

10 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD: 2

BOARD ATTENDANCE

85% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

0 VACANCIES

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 100% BOARD 100% ACADEMY 100%

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HOPE ACADEMY OF WEST MICHIGAN

240 BROWN STREET SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49507
HOPEACADEMYWM.ORG



MISSION

Hope Academy of West Michigan is a safe place for students to grow and achieve academic success.

PRINCIPAL:

Dr. Arthur Garner (PreK-12)

SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Heidi Cate (PreK-13)

GRADES SERVED:

PreK-12

YEAR OPENED:

2011

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2022-2027

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

Integrity Educational Services

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Grand Rapids Public Schools

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$5,867,145 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$4,785,747 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$1,576,996 (All Funds)

FREE OR
REDUCED LUNCH



SPECIAL
EDUCATION



ENGLISH
LEARNERS



ETHNICITY

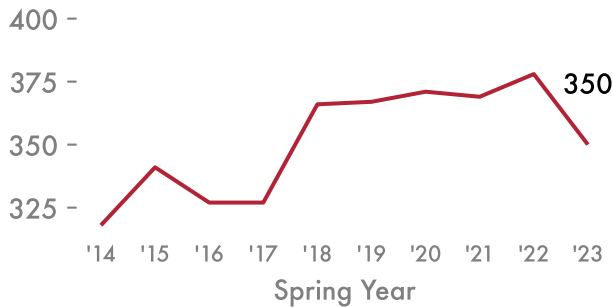
Hispanic 86%

Black, not of Hispanic
origin 13%

White, not of Hispanic
origin *

Two or More Races *

ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS NOT HELD: 2

10 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD: 2

BOARD ATTENDANCE

88% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

2 VACANCIES

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 100% BOARD 100% ACADEMY 100%

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HOPE OF DETROIT ACADEMY

4443 NORTH CAMPBELL STREET, DETROIT, MI 48210
4444 35TH STREET, DETROIT, MI 48210
HOPEOFDETROIT.COM



MISSION

It is the mission of Hope of Detroit Academy to promote a multi-cultural community of learners who strive for excellence, determination, and achievement through college and/or vocational education.

SUPERINTENDENT:

Ali Abdel (K-12)

GRADES SERVED:

K-12

YEAR OPENED:

1999

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2019-2024

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

The Leona Group

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Detroit Public Schools Community District

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$13,109,466 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$10,578,063 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$4,123,804 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH



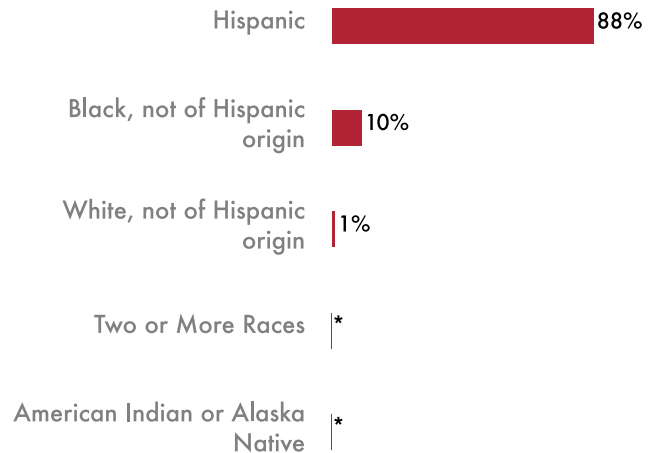
SPECIAL EDUCATION



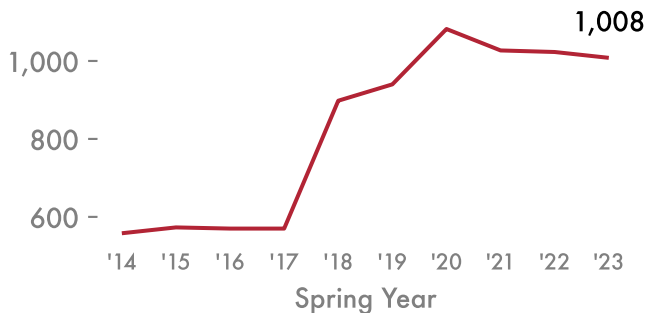
ENGLISH LEARNERS



ETHNICITY



ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS NOT HELD: 3

7 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD: 3

BOARD ATTENDANCE

85% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

1 VACANCY

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 95%

BOARD 96%

ACADEMY 95%

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HURON ACADEMY

36301 UTICA ROAD, CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI 48035
11401 METROPOLITAN PKWY, STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48312
HURONACADEMY.ORG



MISSION

Huron Academy's mission is to be a leader in the areas of academic excellence and safety, while developing the character of our students.

PRINCIPAL:

Paula Bremerkamp (PreK-2)

SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL:

Joshua Sobczak (PreK-8)

GRADES SERVED:

PreK-8

YEAR OPENED:

1999

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2023-2030

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

CS Partners

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Utica Community Schools

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$7,907,676 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$6,423,795 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$2,854,278 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

62%

SPECIAL EDUCATION

6%

ENGLISH LEARNERS

30%

ETHNICITY

White, not of Hispanic origin 62%

Black, not of Hispanic origin 25%

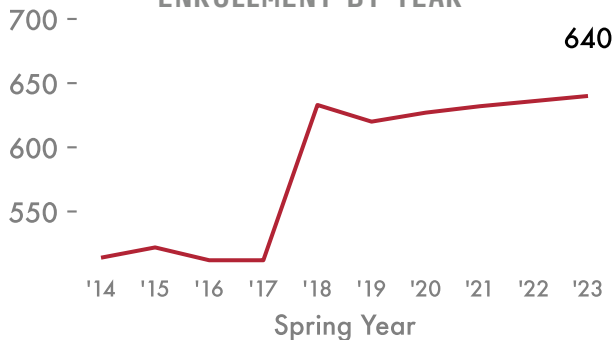
Two or More Races 5%

Asian 5%

Hispanic 2%

American Indian or Alaska Native *

ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS NOT HELD: 2

9 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD: 1

BOARD ATTENDANCE

84% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

0 VACANCIES

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 100% BOARD 100% ACADEMY 100%

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JOY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

15055 DEXTER AVENUE, DETROIT, MI 48238

JOYPREP.COM



MISSION

JPA will educate children safely, vigorously and competitively, creating success in a global society.

SCHOOL LEADER:

Adasina Philyaw (PreK-8)

GRADES SERVED:

PreK-8

YEAR OPENED:

1999

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2023-2028

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

The Leona Group

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Detroit Public Schools Community District

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$3,597,221 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$3,468,849 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$1,108,476 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH



SPECIAL EDUCATION



ENGLISH LEARNERS

0%

ETHNICITY

Black, not of Hispanic
origin

99%

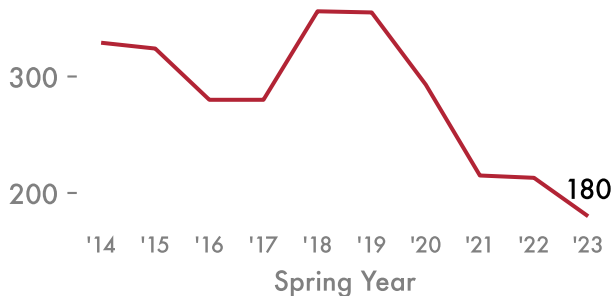
Hispanic

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American Indian or Alaska
Native

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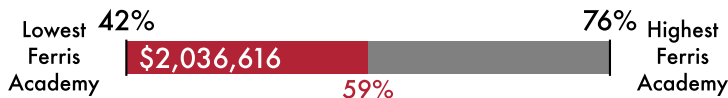
ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS NOT HELD: 3

8 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

BOARD ATTENDANCE

84% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

0 VACANCIES

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 93%

BOARD 95%

ACADEMY 90%

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LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY

4507 170TH AVENUE, HERSEY, MI 49639
3300 36TH STREET SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49512
1260 EKHART STREET NE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

703 BALL AVENUE NE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503
1501 CEDAR STREET NE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503
2355 KNAPP STREET NE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49505
| LIGHTHOUSEACADEMYSCHOOL.ORG

MISSION

A safe harbor that provides innovative whole-child education and ensures success despite life's storms.



**LIGHTHOUSE
ACADEMY**

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT:

Stacey Martinez (1-13)

PRINCIPAL:

Ronda Dyer (1-13)

GRADES SERVED:

1-12

PRINCIPAL:

Ronda Dyer

SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Heidi Cate

YEAR OPENED:

2008

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2018-2025

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

Integrity Educational Services

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Kentwood Public Schools

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$6,169,140 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$6,282,249 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$2,437,132 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH



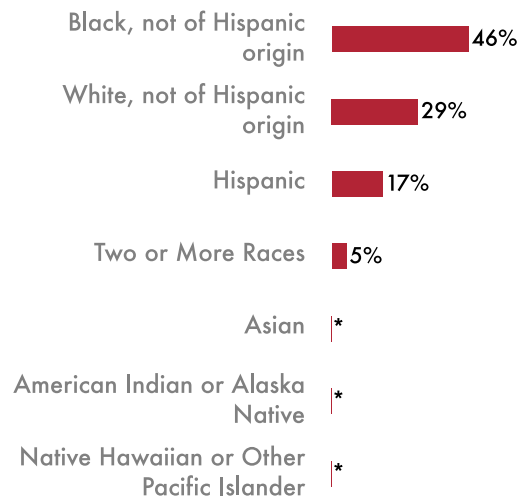
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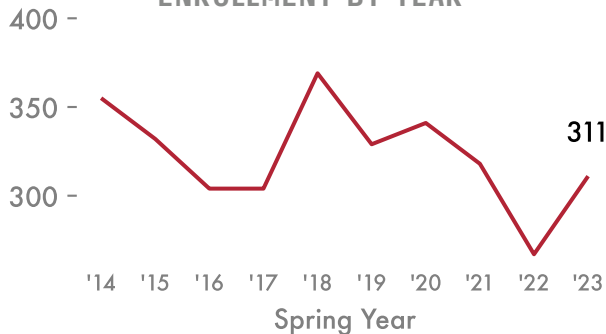
ENGLISH LEARNERS



ETHNICITY



ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

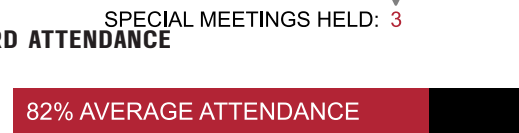


BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS



BOARD ATTENDANCE



BOARD POSITION VACANCIES



CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 100% BOARD 100% ACADEMY 100%

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MARSHALL ACADEMY

18203 HOMER ROAD, MARSHALL, MI 49068
MARSHALLACADEMY.ORG



Marshall Academy

MISSION

As members of the Marshall Academy community, we pledge our best efforts to create and maintain a disciplined learning environment based upon traditional moral values, while assuring mastery of the classic fundamentals of learning and challenging our students to excel in their given talents.

DIRECTOR:

Noah Wilson (K-13)

GRADES SERVED:

K-12

YEAR OPENED:

2000

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2023-2024

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

Midwest Management Group, Inc.

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Marshall Public Schools

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$3,317,001 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$2,464,214 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$1,024,726 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

64%

SPECIAL EDUCATION

21%

ENGLISH LEARNERS

0%

ETHNICITY

White, not of Hispanic origin 62%

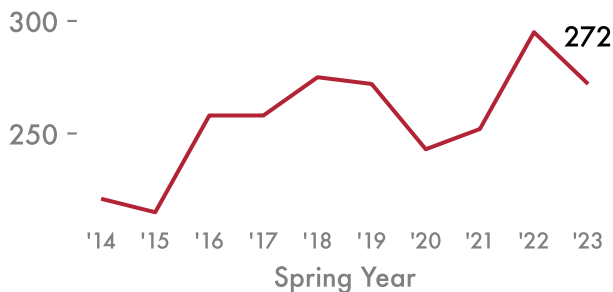
Black, not of Hispanic origin 28%

Hispanic 7%

Two or More Races *

Asian *

ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS NOT HELD: 3

8 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD: 2

BOARD ATTENDANCE

96% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

0 VACANCIES

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 98%

BOARD 98%

ACADEMY 98%

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MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE

31300 RYAN ROAD, WARREN, MI 48092
MICHCOL.ORG



**MICHIGAN
COLLEGIATE**

MISSION

Inspire students to become lifelong learners

Create responsible citizens

Empower students to develop to their potential in a caring, supportive and diverse environment

PRINCIPAL:

Brad Valentine (6-8)

SUPERINTENDENT:

Russel Woodruff (K-12)

GRADES SERVED:

K-12

PRINCIPAL:

Katie Jeffrey (K-5)

YEAR OPENED:

1999

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2023-2026

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

The Romine Group, Inc.

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Michigan Collegiate District (Roseville)

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$12,150,475 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$9,667,513 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$3,979,970 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH



SPECIAL EDUCATION



ENGLISH LEARNERS

0%

ETHNICITY

Black, not of Hispanic
origin



Two or More Races



White, not of Hispanic
origin



Hispanic



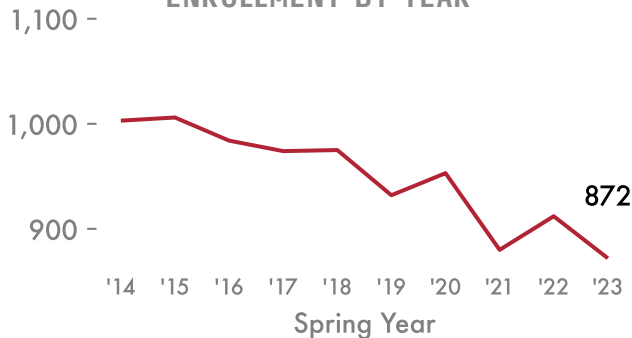
Asian



Native Hawaiian or Other
Pacific Islander



ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

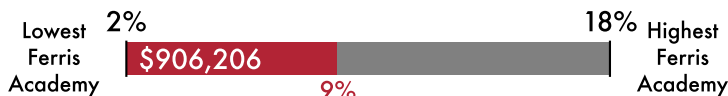
TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

10 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

BOARD ATTENDANCE

84% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

0 VACANCIES

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 96%

BOARD 94%

ACADEMY 98%

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MICHIGAN CONNECTIONS ACADEMY

3950 HERITAGE AVENUE, OKEMOS, MI 48864

CONNECTIONSACADEMY.COM/MICHIGAN-VIRTUAL-SCHOOL



MISSION

Our mission is to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards. We are a high-quality, high-tech "school without walls" that brings out the best in every student.

SUPERINTENDENT:

Bryan Klochack (K-12)

GRADES SERVED:

K-12

YEAR OPENED:

2010

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2018-2025

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

Connections Education, LLC

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Okemos Public Schools

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$17,758,827 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$15,447,714 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$6,657,567 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH



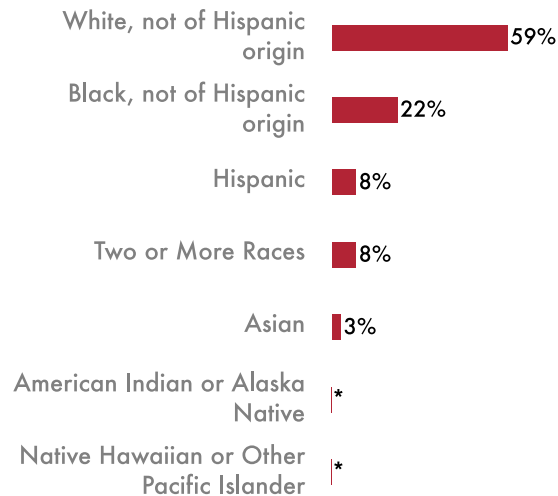
SPECIAL EDUCATION



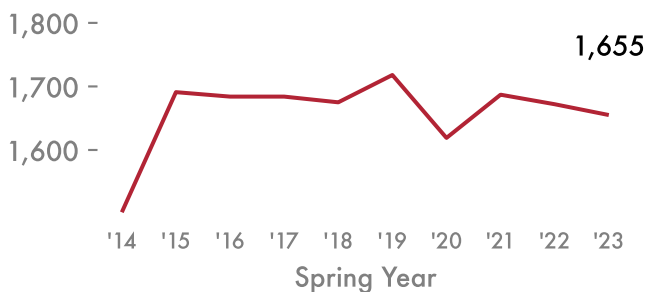
ENGLISH LEARNERS



ETHNICITY



ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS NOT HELD: 2

7 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

BOARD ATTENDANCE

76% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

1 VACANCY

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 93%

BOARD 90%

ACADEMY 97%

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MUSKEGON MONTESSORI ACADEMY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

2950 MCCracken STREET, NORTON SHORES, MI 49441
MUSKEGONMONTESSORIACADEMY.COM



MISSION

The mission of Muskegon Montessori Academy for Environmental Change is to prepare students to be academically and environmentally excellent for sustained success in a global economy. The Academy will sharpen critical thinking skills of its students and through learning that remains relevant, active, environmentally focused, and globally mindful.

HEAD OF SCHOOL:

Brad Coon (PreK-8)

GRADES SERVED:

PreK-8

YEAR OPENED:

2013

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2018-2030

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

Choice Schools Associates, LLC

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Mona Shores Public School District

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$2,056,622 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$1,638,330 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$785,269 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH



SPECIAL EDUCATION



ENGLISH LEARNERS

0%

ETHNICITY

White, not of Hispanic origin 56%

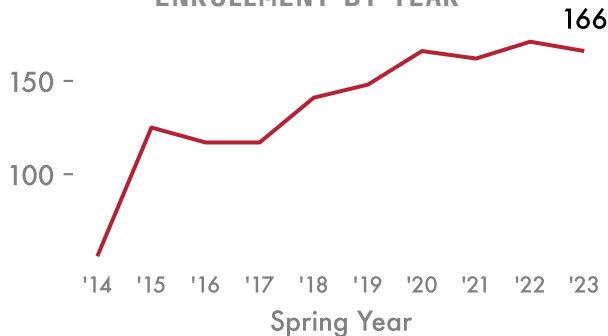
Black, not of Hispanic origin 17%

Hispanic 14%

Two or More Races 12%

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander *

ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

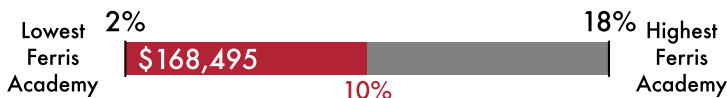
TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS NOT HELD: 1

9 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD: 1

BOARD ATTENDANCE

80% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

1 VACANCY

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 99% BOARD 98% ACADEMY 100%

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NEW BEDFORD ACADEMY

6315 SECOR ROAD, LAMBERTVILLE, MI 48144

NEWBEDFORDACADEMY.COM



MISSION

New Bedford Academy is a fully accredited public school dedicated to providing quality education through ability based instruction in a safe and caring environment.

PRINCIPAL:

Dr. Amanda Magnuson (K-8)

GRADES SERVED:

K-8

YEAR OPENED:

1998

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2019-2024

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

Educational Partnerships, Inc.

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Bedford Public Schools

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$1,005,203 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$890,057 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$298,585 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

53%

SPECIAL EDUCATION

18%

ENGLISH LEARNERS

0%

ETHNICITY

White, not of Hispanic origin 63%

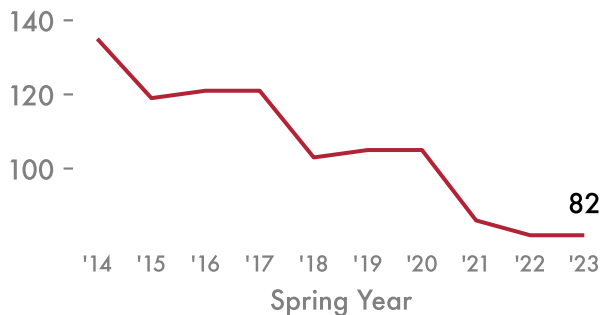
Hispanic 16%

Two or More Races 16%

Black, not of Hispanic origin *

American Indian or Alaska Native *

ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

11 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD: 1

BOARD ATTENDANCE

85% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

2 VACANCIES

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 90%

BOARD 89%

ACADEMY 90%

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NORTHRIDGE ACADEMY

4100 COLDWATER ROAD, FLINT, MI 48504
NORTHRIDGEFLINT.COM



MISSION

Northridge Academy provides learning experiences in a safe, caring, and respectful environment that is second to none. The academy will employ best practices to produce well-educated, compassionate students ready to compete in a global society.

SCHOOL LEADER:

Evelyn Hamlett (PreK-8)

GRADES SERVED:

PreK-8

YEAR OPENED:

1999

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2020-2025

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

The Leona Group

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Westwood Heights Schools

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$2,695,456 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$2,371,494 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$562,089 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH



SPECIAL EDUCATION



ENGLISH LEARNERS

0%

ETHNICITY

Black, not of Hispanic origin



White, not of Hispanic origin



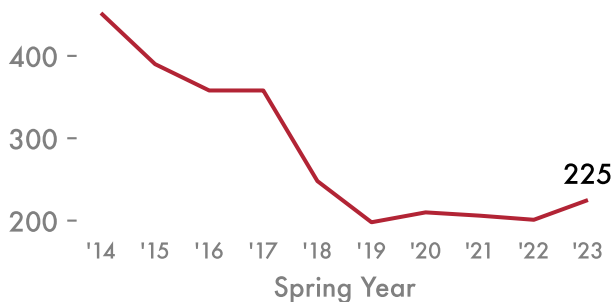
Hispanic



Two or More Races



ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



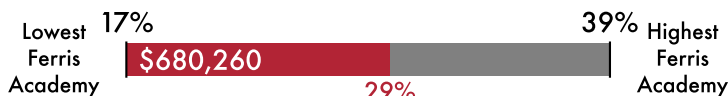
ACADEMY SPENDING

As a Percent of Total Expenditures

TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

11 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

BOARD ATTENDANCE

93% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

0 VACANCIES

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 98%

BOARD 98%

ACADEMY 98%

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MISSION

The mission of the Voyageur School District is to prepare students to be College Ready and College Bound. This mission will be achieved through the fundamental pillars of Discipline, Focus and Hard-Work; and the Sustenance pillars of Perseverance and Character.

PRINCIPAL:

Dennis Veal (7-12)

SUPERINTENDENT:

Vergil Smith (K-12)

GRADES SERVED:

K-12

PRINCIPAL:

Joseph Gagnon (K-8)

YEAR OPENED:

1998

CURRENT CHARTER CONTRACT TERM:

2022-2027

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

The Romine Group, Inc.

RESIDENT DISTRICT:

Detroit Public Schools Community District

2021-22 TOTAL REVENUE:

\$14,570,426 (General Fund)

2021-22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

\$11,850,003 (minus "Remaining Expenditures")

2021-22 FUND BALANCE:

\$5,538,869 (All Funds)

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH



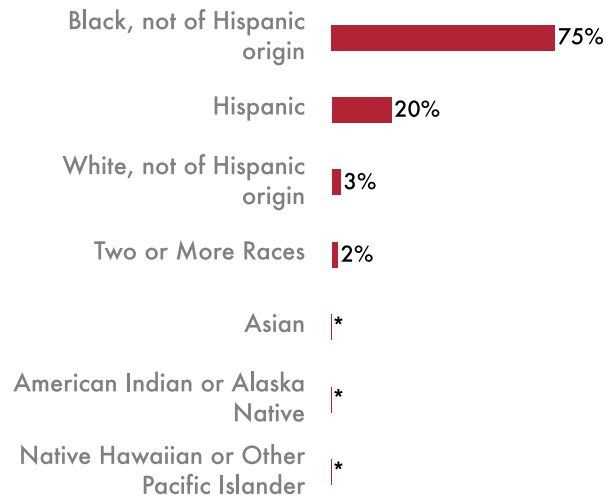
SPECIAL EDUCATION



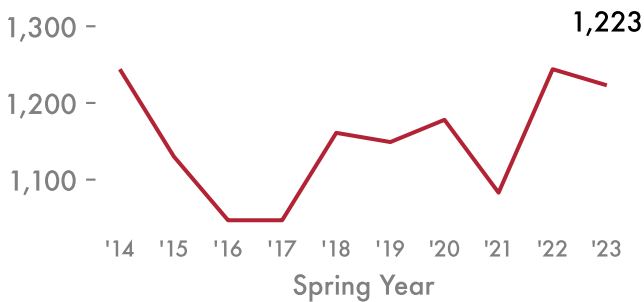
ENGLISH LEARNERS



ETHNICITY



ENROLLMENT BY YEAR



ACADEMY SPENDING

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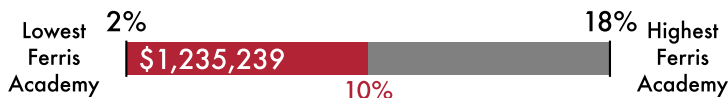
TOTAL INSTRUCTION



TOTAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE



BOARD MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE & POSITION VACANCIES

BOARD MEETINGS

10 REGULAR MEETINGS HELD

BOARD ATTENDANCE

92% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

BOARD POSITION VACANCIES

1 VACANCY

CHARTER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: OVERALL 100% BOARD 100% ACADEMY 100%

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Notes of Support

Partnership is a word tossed around quite liberally in our profession. However, it is a word that accurately describes our relationship with the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office under the leadership of Dr. Ron Rizzo. Success is not compartmentalized, blame is not assigned, and we are all in it together. Our success is their success, and when storms arise you can count on them to assist you in navigating the choppy waters. They are all in when it comes to supporting their partners. No matter the circumstances, you can count on them as your trusted partner.

Chris Matheson
CEO
CS Partners

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Education is tough and the challenges are real. When I stepped into the classroom 20 years ago, I had no idea what I was in for. I was a brand new teacher, in a Detroit charter school, with a passion to move mountains and make a difference in the community where I lived. I recall our authorizer, FSU CSO, visiting the school and always finding the time to stop in my classroom, engage, and inquire how things were going. As a new teacher, these conversations and words of encouragement helped me navigate the toughest of times.

Since joining The Leona Group in 2003, I have had the opportunity to work with FSU as a classroom teacher, instructional coach, dear of students, school leader and, currently, as executive vice president. Over time, so much has changed in education and it seems the challenges have become more complex than ever. I have witnessed first-hand FSU's CSO transform its approach to provide meaningful support, roll up their sleeves and play an active role with improving schools and ensuring kids are successful. When an authorizer takes the time to prioritize collaboration and become a part of the solution - students win. When all stakeholders walk-the-talk, hold each other accountable, and work together - students win.

This profession is not for the faint of heart. Being a critic or having a gotcha mentality is easy but isn't helpful. The FSU CSO gets it. We must focus on students and work together. Dr. Rizzo and the entire CSO team, thank you for investing back into schools, for bringing innovative ideas to the table that enhance and expand the teaching/learning experience, for being a true partner and advocate for children and educators. Because of this kind of leadership and support - schools can improve life chances and make a true difference.

Georgia Rodgers
Executive Vice President
The Leona Group Midwest

- FSU has been a courageous bulldog....chartering charge and
- challenging the givens of the system. Your efforts have
- empowered educators and created opportunities for students, families
- and communities. Congratulations on 25 years of being a difference
- makers for Michigan's kids!

- James N. Goenner, Ph.D., President + CEO
- National Charter Schools Institute
- National Charter Schools Founders Library

Congratulations on the 25th anniversary of being authorizer of charter public schools in Michigan. thru quality oversight, the team at the Charter Schools Office (CSO) at Ferris State University (FSU) has authorized new public schools that transform the lives of the students you serve with high-quality performance. Your core values of excellence, a collaborative working environment, accountability, diversity, opportunities, integrity and trust, reflect the values of the Michigan charter sector as a whole, and can be seen in the work you do every day. The FSU CSO achieves these goals thru the quality authorization of new schools. You reflect and align your expectations as an authorizer while providing support and appropriate measurable outcomes for each school, all through open lines of communication between the charter office and the schools you authorize.

Ron Rizzo, you and the team at the FSU CSO all bring the unique blend of aligned professional experience and training in a balance of personal relationship building. Keeping people first in the pursuit of professional outcomes.

The founder of Ferris State University, Woodbridge Ferris said In 1909 "The little things of life are the great things of life." On behalf of the Michigan charter school community, congratulations on 25 years of making sure the little things are making a great impact on the lives of the students you serve.

Dan Quisenberry
President
Michigan Association of Public School Academies

True to its mission, the Ferris State University Charter School Office holds quality education at the center of everything they do. For nearly 20 years, it has been a privilege to partner with the FSU Charter School Office to serve three of our Michigan schools. They believe wholeheartedly in educating the whole child with the best oversight, guidance, and accountability measures an authorizer can provide.

Purposeful and active, the Charter School Office uses every opportunity to teach boards, school leaders, and staff how to operate schools with integrity. I've seen it first-hand in board meetings where they lean in on the hard decisions to ensure the students are at the center of every decision. They will not shy away from speaking up in public rooms to advocate for what is best for every charter school student, even when it may not be the most comfortable thing to do.

Ferris State University CSO is creating a legacy of integrity, innovation, and commitment. It has been an honor to serve with, learn from, and link arms with them to prepare students for greatness.

Sarah Willey
President and CEO
Choice Schools Associates

Over the past 25 years, Ferris State University (FSU) has helped reshape the K-12 educational landscape in Michigan. By authorizing and supporting their schools, FSU has helped transform the lives of many students that otherwise would have no other option but to attend a low performing school based upon their address. FSU lives their core values with a focus on student learning and excellence.

Cindy Schumacher
Executive Secretary to the Board
Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers



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