

Newark

Public Charter School Facts

January 2026

ENROLLMENT



15
NUMBER OF
CHARTER SCHOOLS



21,400
CHARTER
ENROLLMENT



5,900
CHARTER
WAITLIST TOTAL

PERFORMANCE

+48
DAYS



READING

+73
DAYS



MATH

Stanford University shows Newark public charter schools post best student learning gains in the nation

Students learn more in charter schools with gains of **48 additional days per year in reading** and **73 additional days per year in math** when compared to the **state average**. Newark's charter schools also outperform Newark's selective enrollment magnet schools in Math three years in a row.

Source: 2023 CREDO Stanford University Research

Newark has the **#1 charter sector in the nation.**

Newark charter schools have outperformed the state average in reading **two years in a row.**

75% of Newark's charter school students are enrolled in a school beating the odds.

2020 study from MarGrady Research

The strength of the public charter school sector in Newark has also **improved outcomes across all public schools**, district and charter. Over the past decade, Newark students **closed the statewide achievement gap by 45%.**

2024 study from the Progressive Policy Institute

English-Language Arts (ELA)

ALL STUDENTS

CHARTERS	53.6%
DISTRICT	34.0%
STATE	53.1%

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

CHARTERS	52.8%
DISTRICT	33.1%
STATE	36.6%

BLACK AND LATINO STUDENTS

CHARTERS	53.6%
DISTRICT	32.9%
STATE	38.3%

2024-25 NJSLA, Grades 3-9 ELA

EXTENDED LEARNING

With a longer school day and year, on average Newark public charter school students receive **2 more hours** of instructional time every day — translating to



48 additional days per year

in school compared to district peers.

Source: 2024 NJDOE Performance Reports

Math

ALL STUDENTS

CHARTERS	35.9%
DISTRICT	21.1%
STATE	41.7%

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

CHARTERS	36.4%
DISTRICT	20.7%
STATE	23.7%

BLACK AND LATINO STUDENTS

CHARTERS	36.1%
DISTRICT	19.9%
STATE	24.3%

2024-25 NJSLA, Grades 3-8 Math, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry

SAT SCORES

Seniors at Newark's public charter high schools score **almost 100 points higher** on the SAT compared to their peers in local district schools.



Source: 2024 NJDOE Performance Reports

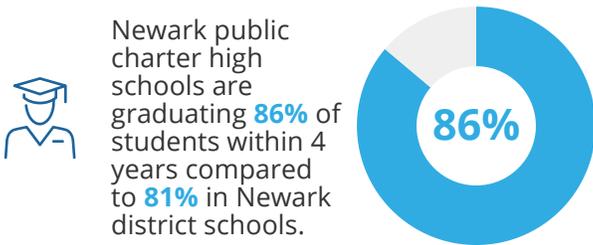


FUNDING



Charter schools in Newark receive **\$4,700 less**, per student, than district schools.

GRADUATION RATE



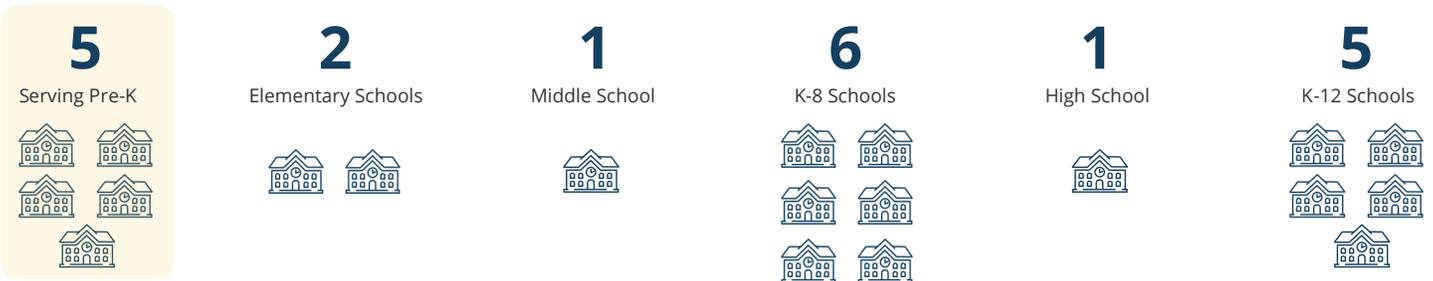
SCHOOLS

Discovery Charter School (1999, 4-8)	98
Gateway Academy Charter School (2023, K-12)	812
Gray Charter School (2000, K-8)	310
Great Oaks Legacy Charter School (2010, PreK-12)	2,145
LEAD Academy Charter School (2017, 9-12)	253
Link Community Charter School (2014, K-8)	387
Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School (1999, K-8)	557
Marion P. Thomas Charter School (1999, PK-12)	1,233
New Horizons Community Charter School (1999, K-8)	351
Newark Educators' Community Charter School (2009, PreK-4)	123
North Star Academy Charter School (Uncommon) (1997, K-12)	6,722
Philip's Academy Charter School (2013, PreK-8)	764
Robert Treat Academy Charter School (1997, K-8)	718
Roseville Community Charter School (2011, K-4)	330
TEAM Academy Charter School (KIPP NJ) (2002, K-12)	6,586

KEY DEMOGRAPHICS



CHARTER SCHOOLS BY GRADES SERVED



ACCESS AND EQUITY

10 charter schools, representing nearly 90% of charter enrollment, are implementing weighted lotteries to serve more low-income, special needs, multilingual learners, and homeless students through the Newark Common App, Newark's universal enrollment system.

The percentage of students with special needs served by Newark charter schools has **doubled** since 2009.

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