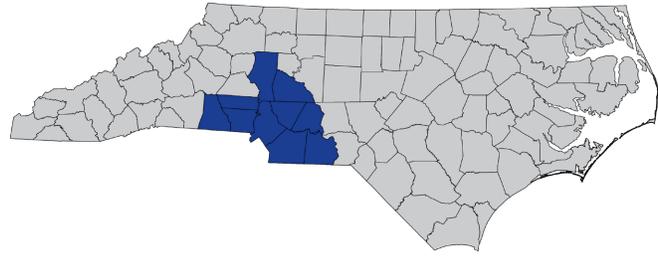


Southwest Charter

Charter School Profiles
myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles

Counties in Southwest:
Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, and Union Counties

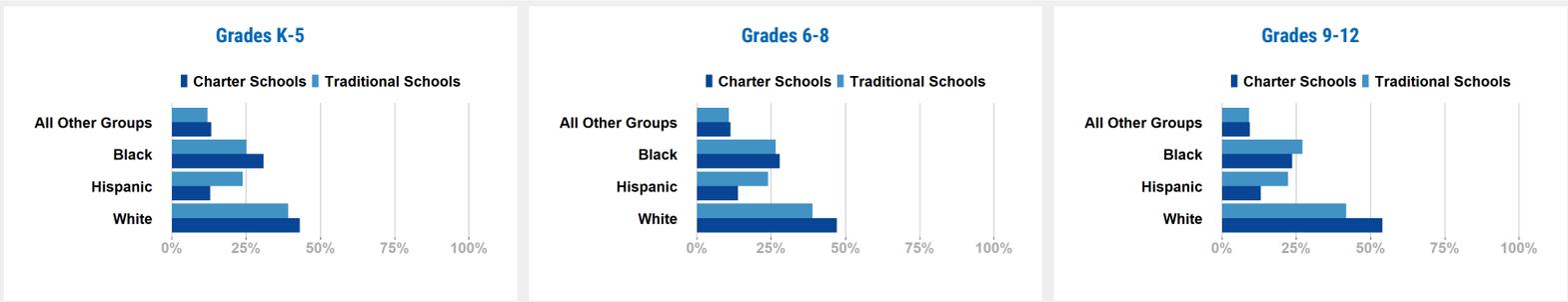
Charter schools are public schools that must be authorized by the NC State Board of Education to operate. Like traditional public schools, charter schools are primarily funded through state and local tax dollars and are prohibited from discriminating in admissions, having religious affiliations, or charging tuition. Charter schools are held accountable through the State assessment and accountability system.¹ Because charter schools have open enrollment and often serve students from multiple counties, charter school profiles are aggregated up to the Prosperity-Zone level. In Southwest there are 57 charter schools and 12 traditional public school districts operating 504 schools.



¹Charter Schools. 2023. NC Dept of Public Instruction.

	Total Schools	Total Students	Total High Schools	Total High School Students	Economically Disadvantaged Students
Charter Schools	57	45,761	26	9,842	36.7%
Traditional Schools	504	332,264	125	105,868	45.8%

Race/Ethnic Composition of Grades K-12 in Southwest Charter Schools, 2022-23



Note: Any data item including <10 students, or any observation <5%, or >95% is not reported. ** Indicates, no data available.

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

88.5% of students who enroll **persist to their second year**.
State: 86.3%, 2023

73.3% of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years. State: 70.5%, 2023

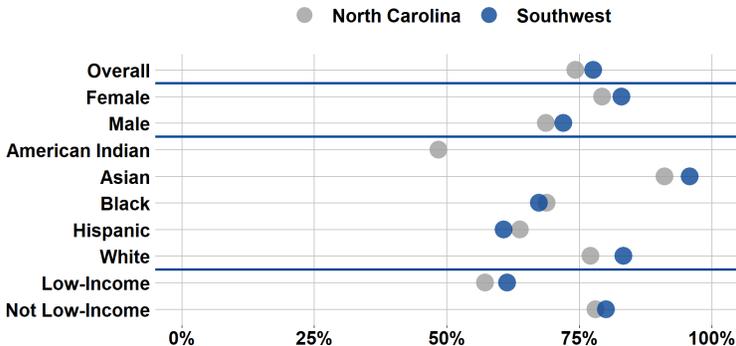
COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

How students in Southwest Charter Schools are planning for and enrolling in college:

60.8% of 2024 high school class **completed the FAFSA** as of Sept. 27, 2024. 383 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of **80%**. State: 58.8%

75.9% of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. State: 72.5% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates (within 12 months) for Select Groups in Southwest Charter Schools, 2023



Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

ACADEMIC READINESS

Southwest Charter School students:

37.5% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2024. 8,025 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. State: 36.6%

41.0% of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2024. 10,161 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. State: 38.5%

20.4% of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 4,584 fewer needed to meet state goal of **11.0%**. State: 19.3%

0.7% of students **drop out of high school** (28 total students), compared to **1.0%** statewide. 2023

Pathways to College and Career

Students in charter schools completed **16 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 112 concentrations**. **10 (62.5%) of credentials were industry-valued** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; Health Science; and Information Technology.

2,206 (24.5%) high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam**. State: 21.3% (2023).

987 (46.1%) high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs**. State: 42.7% (2024).