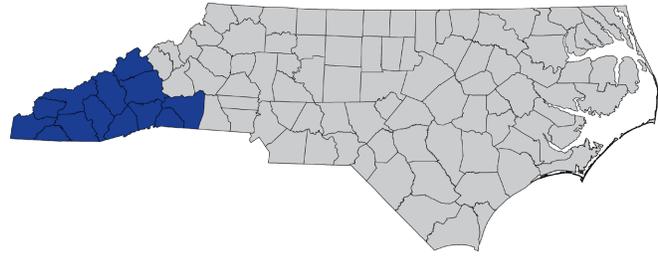


# Western Charter

Charter School Profiles  
myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles

**Counties in Western:**  
Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, and Transylvania Counties

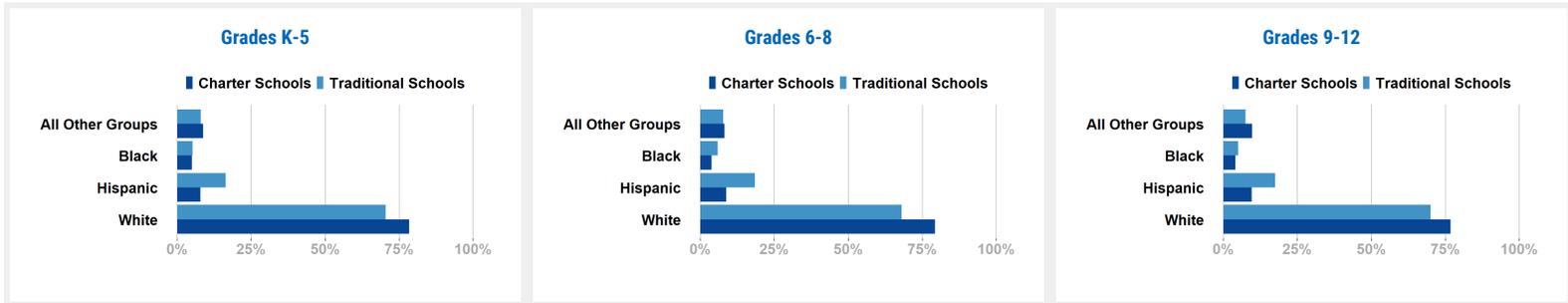
Charter schools are public schools that must be authorized by the NC State Board of Education to operate. Like traditional public schools, charter schools are primarily funded through state and local tax dollars and are prohibited from discriminating in admissions, having religious affiliations, or charging tuition. Charter schools are held accountable through the State assessment and accountability system.<sup>1</sup> 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 Western there are 15 charter schools and 14 traditional public school districts operating 179 schools.



<sup>1</sup>Charter Schools. 2023. NC Dept of Public Instruction.

	Total Schools	Total Students	Total High Schools	Total High School Students	Economically Disadvantaged Students
Charter Schools	15	7,358	6	1,289	41.8%
Traditional Schools	179	73,782	54	23,253	50.5%

## Race/Ethnic Composition of Grades K-12 in Western 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

**90.1%** of students who enroll **persist to their second year**.  
State: 86.3%, 2023

**74.5%** of students who enroll **earn a degree or certificate** within 6 years. State: 70.5%, 2023

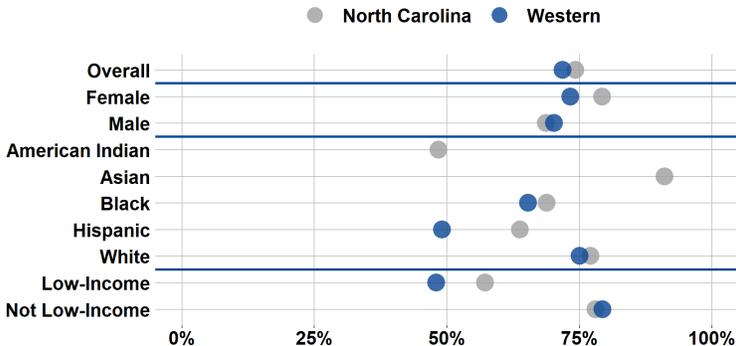
## COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

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

**57.8%** of 2024 high school class **completed the FAFSA** as of Sept. 27, 2024. 52 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of **80%**. State: 58.8%

**70.1%** of graduates **enrolled in a postsecondary institution** within 12 months. State: 72.5% 2023

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



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

## ACADEMIC READINESS

### Western Charter School students:

**40.1%** of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading** in 2024. 1,308 more needed to meet state goal of **73%**. State: 36.6%

**36.8%** of 3-8 graders **earned college-and-career-ready scores in math** in 2024. 1,953 more needed to meet state goal of **86%**. State: 38.5%

**19.2%** of students were **chronically absent from school** in 2024. 625 fewer needed to meet state goal of **11.0%**. State: 19.3%



**0.9%** of students **drop out of high school** (7 total students), compared to **1.0%** statewide. 2023

### Pathways to College and Career

Students in charter schools completed **<10 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and <10 concentrations**. **<10 (<5%) of credentials were industry-valued** in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Information Technology, Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications; and NA.



**294** (24.6%) high school students took at least one **AP, IB, or CIE exam**. State: 21.3% (2023).



**114** (49.8%) high school graduates participated in **Career & College Promise programs**. State: 42.7% (2024).