

# THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



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ITEM	Report Page	Text Reference	Correction
2	10	<p><b>Summary of Findings</b>  <b>Summary of Areas in Need of Improvement:</b> The school's four-year graduation rate lags behind that of NYS, and it has overenrolled students in each year of the renewal charter term.</p>	<p>Throughout the charter term, we have communicated and discussed that our per pupil has never been above 450 and that the past admin had failed to remove students not present.</p> <p>When the new Leadership team took over, we communicated with SED about the problem left by the past Admin.</p> <p><a href="#">7/20/22 Email to V. Smith Communicating BEDS Data being off</a></p> <p>The NYCDOE and NYSED had not accepted students to be purged from our ATS rolls over time, and with the pandemic removing students became more difficult. We have removed 41 names from 511 to 470.</p> <p>We continue to remove and purge students who are no longer or never attended school.</p> <p><b>Attached are the actual per pupil report</b> we have for our school and received payment for: (3 years per pupil reconciliation showing FY 21-449; FY22-443, FY23-443).</p> <p><a href="#">Reconciliation 2020</a>  <a href="#">Reconciliation 2021</a>  <a href="#">Reconciliation 2022</a>  <a href="#">Invoice 6 2023</a></p> <p>Using the per pupil #:            2020-2021            Pupil #: 449  <b>89.8% Graduation Rate</b>            SPED: 75, 17%</p> <p>2021-2022            Pupil# 443  <b>86% Graduation Rate</b>            SPED: 77, 17%</p>

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11	Benchmark 1: Student Performance	<p><b>Our graduation rates, SWD, and ELL % would be dramatically higher if our Beds numbers were accurate.</b></p> <p>Throughout the charter term, we have communicated and discussed that our per pupil has never been above 450 and that the past admin had failed to remove students not present. When the new Leadership team took over, we communicated with SED about the problem, and with the pandemic removing students became more difficult.</p> <p>Even with certified letters and attempts to track down students, our removal was not always approved and took much longer than we anticipated.</p> <p><a href="#">7/20/22 Email to V. Smith Communicating BEDS Data being off</a></p> <p><b>Attached are the actual per pupil report we have for our school and received payment for: (3 years per pupil reconciliation showing FY 21-449; FY22-443, FY23-443).</b> Using Per pupil numbers, we meet the NYSED graduation rate.</p> <p>We have emails and notes from calls with V. Smith and J. Kline.</p> <p><a href="#">Reconciliation 2020</a>  <a href="#">Reconciliation 2021</a>  <a href="#">Reconciliation 2022</a>  <a href="#">Invoice 6 2023</a></p> <p><b>Using the per pupil #:</b>                  2020-2021                  Pupil #: 449  <b>89.8% Graduation Rate</b>                  SPED: 75, 17%</p> <p>2021-2022                  Pupil# 443  <b>86% Graduation Rate</b>                  SPED: 77, 17%</p>
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37	<p><b>Benchmark 9: Enrollment, Recruitment, and Retention</b></p> <p><b>Element 2: not met-slightly smaller numbers of SWD and ELL.</b></p>	<p><b>Our SWD and ELL % would be dramatically higher if our Beds numbers were accurate.</b></p> <p>Throughout the charter term, we have communicated and discussed that our per pupil has never been above 450 and that the past admin had failed to remove students not present. When the new Leadership team took over, we communicated with SED about the problem. Even with certified letters and attempts to track down students, our removal was not always approved and took much longer than we anticipated. The pandemic made it much more difficult.</p> <p><a href="#">7/20/22 Email to V. Smith Communicating BEDS Data being off</a></p> <p>We removed 41 names from 511 to 470 we enrolled earlier this year.</p> <p>We continue to remove and purge students who are no longer or never attended school.</p> <p><b>Attached are the actual per pupil report we have for our school and received payment for: (3 years per pupil reconciliation showing FY 21-449; FY22-443, FY23-443).</b> Using Per pupil numbers, we meet the NYSED graduation rate.</p> <p>We have emails and notes from calls with V. Smith and J. Kline.</p> <p><a href="#">Reconciliation 2020</a>  <a href="#">Reconciliation 2021</a>  <a href="#">Reconciliation 2022</a>  <a href="#">Invoice 6 2023</a></p>
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3	39/40	<p><b>Summative Evidence for Benchmark 10:</b></p> <p>1. Element: <b>Legal Compliance:</b></p> <p>“<b>Indicator a:</b> The school has generally compiled a record of compliance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations and the provisions of its charter. On February 3, 2021, a CSO email informed the school that some of the school’s policies required revision. For example, the complaint policy did not include guidance/contact on appealing to the Board of Regents; the discipline policy did not reference DASA; the mission in bylaws did not match the approved mission; a fire inspection was outdated, etc. Review of documents demonstrate the school addressed only some of the issues; for example, the school’s code of conduct (that is posted on the school’s website) states the school will abide by the NYS DASA and includes a link to NYSED DASA, but does not cite the DASA policy; the complaint policy (included in the code of conduct posted on the school’s website) mentions directing a compliant to the New York City Department of Education. Although not factored into the rating for this benchmark, the school has regularly enrolled students in excess of its maximum authorized enrollment. According to the school, the board and school leadership team work with legal counsel in an effort to maintain compliance with all legal requirements. Finally, in regard to February 2020 complaint, the Department determined that there was not enough evidence to find that any member of CHSLSJ’s staff violated FERPA or Education Law §2-d by taking student PII. However, such actions, if proven, would constitute a violation of both FERPA and Education Law §2-d. Both the complainant and CHSLSJ were encouraged to ensure that they are compliant with the legal and regulatory requirements to train their officers and employees with access to PII regarding data privacy and security that includes FERPA and Education Law §2-d; to maintain vigilance regarding PII, and especially to refrain from using PII obtained from improper sources.”</p>	<p><b>The school responded and corrected all the items on the letter from February 3, 2021.</b></p> <p>These corrections were accepted by V. Smith See the email from V. Smith. <a href="#">02/22/21 Email to V. Smith correcting items on the letter from 2/3/21, with attachments.</a></p> <p>The Fire Inspection depends on the Archdiocese (our Landlord-Church + School is one building), and we obtained a full one by <a href="#">08/22/22 Email to V. Smith showing TCO and Latest Fire Inspection</a> <a href="#">01/05/23 Email from V. Smith approving us to include Archdiocese Fire Inspection</a> reporting in our renewal documentation.</p> <p>In addition, all the documents on the CHSLSJ website are correct. The DASA policy is included in full in the Student Code of Conduct Policy, and there is no reference to NYCDOE. <a href="#">Student Code of Conduct Policy from Website</a></p>
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4	40	<p><b>Summative Evidence for Benchmark 10:</b>  <b>Indicator c:</b> According to Teacher Certification Summary Reports, the school has not fully met statutory requirements for teacher certification. The school reported uncategorized, uncertified teachers in 2021-2022, a violation of the Education Law.</p> <p>A check of the school’s staff in 2020-2021 revealed that school officials violate fingerprinting and clearance requirements for staff, a serious safety violation.</p>	<p>Attached is the NYCCharter Center review of our staff, We have been in compliance every year with the exception of December 2021 where we had teachers who were in the process of getting certifie, 2 non teachers were on the list by mistake and were almost completed.          By April 2022 We were back in compliance.  <a href="#">November 2020</a> - In Compliance  <a href="#">April 2021</a> - In Compliance  <a href="#">December 2021</a> - 2 non teachers were used in this report and removed after NYCCharter Center was informed of the error.          Not In Compliance - one teacher received her certification in April 22 and then we were by compliance.  <a href="#">April 2022</a> - In Compliance  <a href="#">December 2022</a> - In Compliance  <a href="#">March 2023</a> - In Compliance</p> <p>In July 1, 2019, the school underwent a change in Leadership. <b>After which no unfingerprinted employee has entered the school building or interacted with students.</b>          Because we have a Union, the employment date is in August, but their in-building date is the end of August/September.</p> <p>All Fingerprinting was received before they entered the building.          In 20-21, the same thing happened, but all staff had just worked at a school the present school leaders worked at and had been fingerprinted there, but they did not enter the building until the new fingerprints were received.</p>
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5	40	<p><b>Summative Evidence for Benchmark 10:</b>  <b>Indicator e:</b> According to 2021 and 2022 NYSED Charter School Information Dashboard, the school has exceeded its contracted enrollment for each year of the renewal term, enrolling 511 students, or 106 percent of their contracted enrollment (450) in the 2021-2022 school year.</p>	<p>Throughout the charter term, we have communicated and discussed that our per pupil has never been above 450. When the new Leadership team took over, we communicated with SED about the problem. Even with certified letters and attempts to track down students, our removal was not always approved and took much longer than we anticipated. The pandemic made it much more difficult.</p> <p><a href="#">7/20/22 Email to V. Smith Communicating BEDS Data being off</a></p> <p>The NYCDOE and NYSED had not accepted students to be purged from our ATS rolls, but <b>we have removed 41 names from 511 to 470 we show enrolled earlier this year.</b></p> <p>We continue to remove and purge students who are no longer or never attended school. <b>Attached are the actual per pupil report</b> we have for our school and received payment for: (3 years per pupil reconciliation showing FY 21-449; FY22-443, FY23-443). Using Per pupil numbers, we meet the NYSED graduation rate.</p> <p><a href="#">Reconciliation 2020</a>  <a href="#">Reconciliation 2021</a>  <a href="#">Reconciliation 2022</a>  <a href="#">Invoice 6 2023</a></p>
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