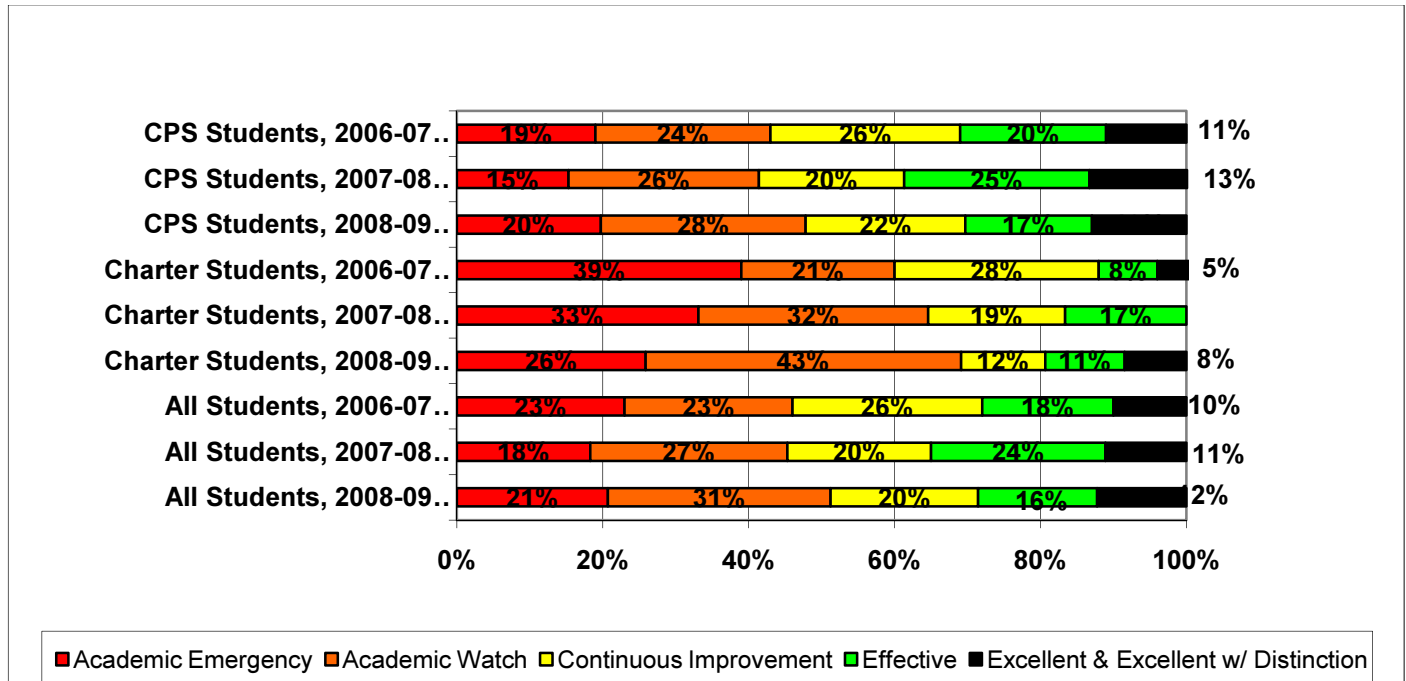


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**Graph I: Percent of Cincinnati Students in Public Schools by State Designation
(2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09)**



Source: Ohio Department of Education interactive Local Report Card

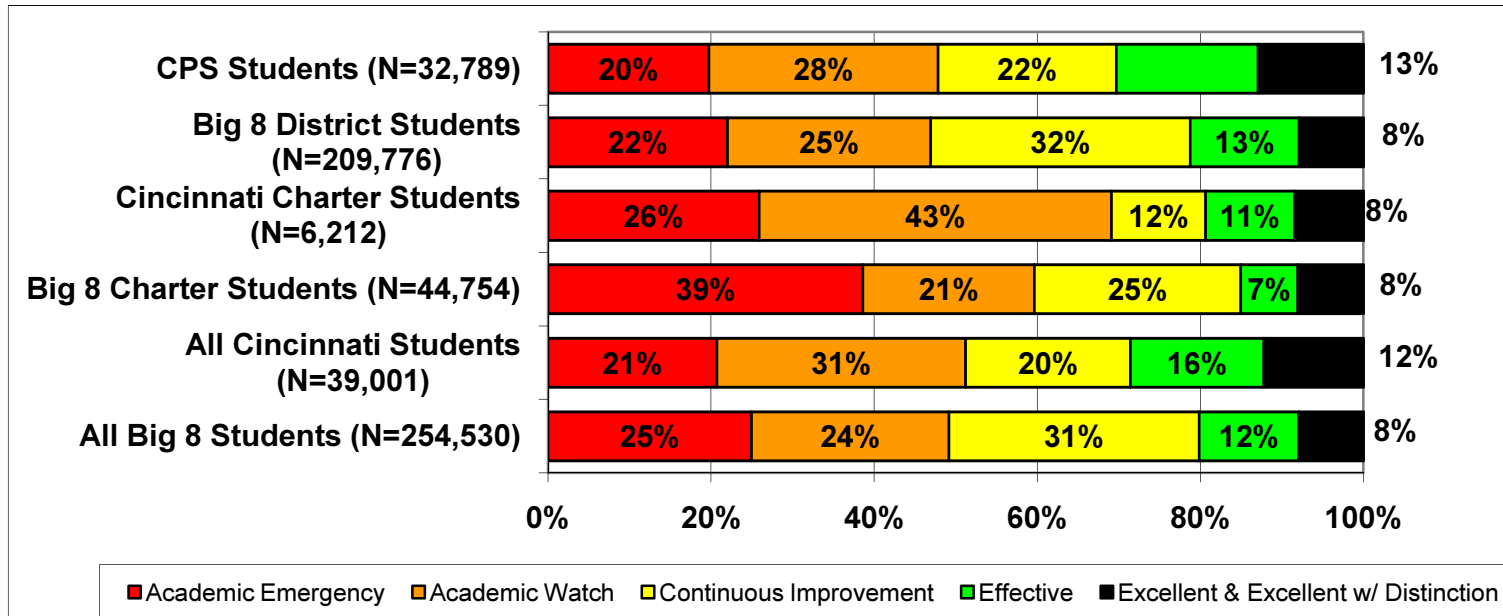
Note: This chart does not include students in schools that are unrated and students attending charter e-schools.

Percent of Cincinnati Students in Public Schools (District and Charter) by State Designation.

Graph I shows the percent of Cincinnati students in district and charter schools by state designation for the 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09 school years.

In 2008-09, 21 percent of students (district and charter) were attending schools the state rated academic emergency while 31 percent were attending schools graded academic watch (for a total of 52 percent of students in “D” or “F” schools). The number of students (district and charter) attending schools rated Excellent (including Excellent with Distinction) and Effective fell from 35 percent in 2007-08 to 28 percent in 2008-09. In 2008-09, the percent of charter students attending schools rated Excellent (including Excellent with Distinction) grew to 8 percent, up from zero percent in 2007-08.

Graph II: Percent of Cincinnati Students in Public Schools by State Designation versus the Big 8 Average*



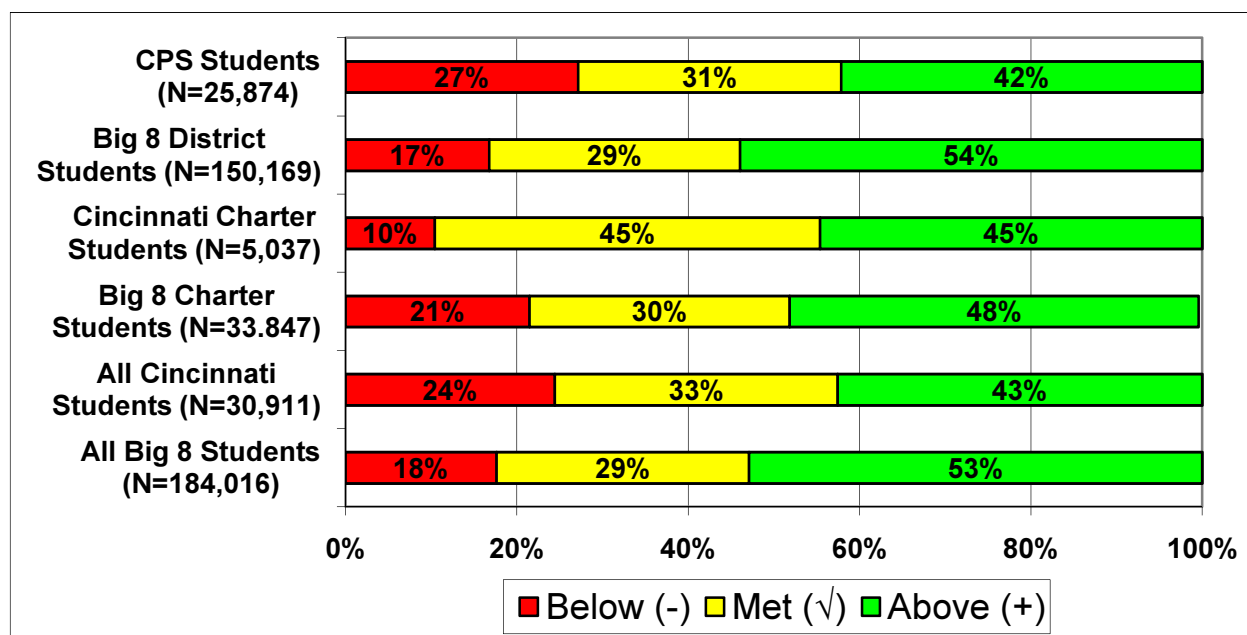
Percent of Cincinnati Students in Public Schools by State Designation versus the Big 8

Average. Graph II shows how Cincinnati district and charter school students performed against the Big 8 averages for district and charter performance. This helps to put the performance of students in Cincinnati into a larger context (e.g., how do they perform against other urban students in Ohio?)

Cincinnati Public School District students are more likely than their Big 8 District peers to attend schools rated “A” or “B” by the state. Nearly one-third (30 percent) of Cincinnati Public School District students are in a school rated Effective or Excellent (including Excellent with Distinction), versus 21 percent of students in the Big 8 districts. Cincinnati charter school students are less likely than Big 8 charter school students to attend an “F” rated school – 26 percent of Cincinnati charter schools attend such a school, in contrast with 39 percent of students in Big 8 charter schools.

* The Big 8 districts are defined as Ohio’s largest urban districts: Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown.

Graph III: Percent of Cincinnati Students in Public Schools by Value-added Composite Score versus the Big 8 Average (2008-09)



Source: Ohio Department of Education interactive Local Report Card

Note: This chart does not include students in schools that did not receive a value-added composite score or students attending charter e-schools.

Percent of Cincinnati Students in Public Schools by Value-added Composite Score versus the Big 8 Average. Ohio's local report cards include each school's "value-added"—how much progress students in grades four through eight made in reading and math over the course of one year compared to how much the state expected them to gain (for a detailed explanation go to: http://www.edexcellence.net/detail/news.cfm?news_id=735&id=130). Using this information Ohio determines if each school made "Above Expected Growth," "Expected Growth," or "Below Expected Growth."

Cincinnati mirrored the Big 8 trend, with the majority (76 percent) of students (district and charter) attending a school that achieved at least one year's worth of growth in 2008-09; 82 percent of Big 8 students attended such a school. Cincinnati charter schools outperformed their district and Big 8 charter peers in value-added: just 10 percent of Cincinnati charter students attended a school that failed to meet state growth expectations, compared with 21 percent of Big 8 charter schools and 27 percent of Cincinnati Public School District students.

Table I: Cincinnati Public Schools (District and Charter) Ranked by Performance Index Score

The following pages list Cincinnati's public charter and district schools ranked by Performance Index (PI) score[†] for the 2008-09 school year. Numerous other performance indicators are also included, but the Performance Index score was selected for ranking the schools because it provides an overall indication of how well students perform on all tested subjects in grades 3 through 8 and the Ohio Graduation Test.

We strongly encourage readers to look closely at the number of standards met and the number of standards possible. A school with a large number of possible standards and possible standards met has gotten a large percentage of students to the state proficiency goals.

We also encourage readers to consider schools' value-added results. Where the Performance Index reflects student achievement at one point in time, value-added tells us how a school is doing at helping its students make progress from year to year. For more on value-added, see Fordham's value-added primer on our website:

http://www.edexcellence.net/detail/news.cfm?news_id=735&id=130.

[†] The Performance Index score is calculated by multiplying the percentage of students that are untested, below basic/limited, basic, proficient, accelerated, or advanced by weights ranging from 0 for untested to 1.2 for advanced students. The totals are then summed up to obtain the school or district's PI score. PI scores range from 0 to 120, and the state has set the goal for all schools to achieve a PI score of 100 or better. For a complete description of how the Ohio Department of Education calculates the PI score see their website here: <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/DocumentManagement/DocumentDownload.aspx?DocumentID=29878>.

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Rank	Building Name	Type	PI Score 08-09	PI Score 07-08	Designation 08-09	Overall AYP 08-09	# of standards met 08-09	# of standards possible 08-09	Value-added Composite 08-09	Enrollment	Grade Span
1	Walnut Hills High School	District	109.5	111.1	Excellent	Met	19	19	Met	2097	7-12
2	Schiel Prim Schi Arts Enrichmnt Elementary School	District	107.2	100.2	Excellent	Met	3	3	--	443	K-3
3	Kilgour Elementary School	District	106.5	103.7	Excellent w/ Dist.	Met	12	12	Above	582	K-6
4	T.C.P. World Academy	Charter	104.8	97.4	Excellent	Met	11	12	Above	396	K-6
5	Fairview -Clifton German Language School	District	100.9	101.6	Excellent	Met	11	12	Met	629	K-6,P
6	Cincinnati College Preparatory Academy	Charter	99.6	91	Effective	Met	22	24	Above	677	K-12
7	Covedale Elementary School	District	98.1	100.3	Effective	Met	10	12	Met	516	K-6
8	Robert A. Taft Information Technology High School	District	97.5	96	Effective	Met	11	12	--	506	9-12
9	Sands Montessori Elementary School	District	97.3	96.7	Effective	Not Met	9	12	Above	622	K-6,P
10	Clark Montessori High School	District	95.3	96.9	Effective	Met	16	19	Below	684	7-12
11	Withrow University High School	District	95	95.3	Effective	Not Met	10	12	--	750	9-12
12	Dater Montessori Elementary School	District	94.7	93.4	Effective	Not Met	7	12	Above	605	K-6,P
13	North Avondale Montessori Elementary School	District	93.5	94.5	Effective	Not Met	7	12	Above	530	K-6,P
14	School For Creat & Perf Arts High School	District	93.4	95.7	Effective	Met	20	28	Below	977	4-12
15	King Academy Community School	Charter	93.3	88.1	Excellent	Met	10	11	Above	130	K-8
16	College Hill Elementary School	District	90.3	90	Excellent	Not Met	4	12	Above	487	K-6,P
17	Mt. Washington Elementary School	District	89.8	90.3	Cont. Improvement	Not Met	8	19	Above	447	P,K-8
18	Western Hills University High School	District	89.1	96.1	Cont. Improvement	Not Met	5	12	--	685	9-12
19	Hartwell Elementary School	District	88.7	87.3	Cont. Improvement	Not Met	9	19	Above	381	P,K-8
20	Aiken College and Career High School	District	87.9	92.8	Cont. Improvement	Not Met	8	12	--	478	9-12
21	Dater High School	District	87.8	88.4	Academic Watch	Not Met	10	19	Below	820	7-12
22	West Side Montessori High School	District	87.7	81.8	Cont. Improvement	Not Met	5	13	Met	211	7-10
23	Woodford Paideia Elementary School	District	85.3	82.8	Effective	Met	5	12	Above	506	K-6,P
24	Withrow International High School	District	84.6	76.4	Cont. Improvement	Not Met	2	12	--	577	9-12
25	Saylor Park Elementary School	District	83.8	80.2	Cont. Improvement	Met	8	19	Above	282	P,K-8
26	Hamilton Cnty Math & Science	Charter	82.9	78.6	Cont. Improvement	Not Met	8	15	Above	416	K-5
27	Shroder Paideia High School	District	82.6	82.1	Cont. Improvement	Not Met	8	19	Below	679	7-12
28	Hughes Center High School	District	82.3	90.1	Cont. Improvement	Not Met	4	12	--	1071	9-12
29	Winton Montessori Elementary School	District	80.9	76.5	Cont. Improvement	Met	2	12	Above	365	K-6,P
30	Horizon Science Academy-Cincinnati	Charter	78.7	88.6	Cont. Improvement	Met	8	29	Met	300	K-12
31	Winton Hills Academy Elementary School	District	78.6	80.1	Academic Watch	Not Met	4	19	Above	497	P,K-8
32	Silverton Paideia Elementary School	District	78.5	76	Cont. Improvement	Not Met	1	12	Above	395	K-6,P
33	Riverside Academy	Charter	78	76.1	Academic Watch	Not Met	7	24	Met	574	K-12
34	Academy for Multilingual Immersion Studies	District	77.9	77	Cont. Improvement	Met	2	19	Above	526	P,K-8
*35	Western Hills Design Tech High School	District	77.8	83.2	Academic Watch	Not Met	2	12	--	641	9-12
*35	Hoffman-Parham Elementary School	District	77.8	80.5	Cont. Improvement	Not Met	2	19	Above	435	P,K-8
37	Cincinnati Preparatory and Fitness Academy	Charter	77.5	72.7	Academic Watch	Not Met	2	15	Met	224	8,SN
38	Cincinnati Leadership Academy	Charter	77.3	68.1	Academic Watch	Not Met	1	10	--	145	K-8
39	Roselawn Condon Elementary School	District	77.1	80.3	Academic Watch	Not Met	2	19	Met	412	P,K-8

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40	Riverview East Academy	District	76.3	80.1	Academic Watch	Not Met	4	29	Met	429	K-12,P
41	Cheviot Elementary School	District	76.2	78.4	Academic Watch	Not Met	2	19	Below	598	P,K-8
*42	Orion Academy	Charter	75	75.7	Academic Watch	Not Met	1	19	Below	526	K-8
*42	Westwood Elementary School	District	75	70.9	Academic Watch	Not Met	1	19	Above	374	P,K-8
44	Woodward Career Technical High School	District	73.6	78.6	Academic Watch	Not Met	2	12	--	1155	9-12
45	Bond Hill Academy Elementary School	District	73.5	73.9	Academic Watch	Not Met	2	19	Met	423	P,K-8
46	Virtual High School	District	73.4	79.2	Academic Watch	Not Met	2	12	--	219	7-12
47	Midway Elementary School	District	73.1	73.8	Academic Watch	Not Met	1	19	Met	590	P,K-8
48	Carson Elementary School	District	73	68.7	Cont. Improvement	Met	1	19	Above	639	P,K-8
49	Oyler Elementary School	District	72.7	70.6	Academic Watch	Not Met	2	30	Above	653	K-12,P
50	Roberts Academy: A Paideia Learning Community	District	72.6	70.4	Academic Watch	Not Met	1	19	Above	629	P,K-8
51	Academy Of World Languages Elementary School	District	72.2	76	Academic Watch	Not Met	1	19	Met	550	P,K-8
52	Phoenix Community Learning Ctr	Charter	71.8	80.4	Academic Watch	Not Met	4	19	Met	377	K-8
53	Aiken University High School	District	71.7	85.5	Academic Watch	Not Met	3	12	--	390	9-12
54	John P Parker Elementary School	District	70.3	71.4	Academic Watch	Not Met	2	19	Below	425	P,K-8
55	Pleasant Hill Elementary School	District	69	70.1	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Met	706	P,K-8
56	Alliance Academy of Cincinnati	Charter	67.6	66.7	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Met	419	K-8
57	Life Skills Center Of Hamilton County	Charter	67.2	58.3	Academic Watch	Not Met	0	3	--	271	9-12
58	Rees E. Price Elementary School	District	66.2	73.9	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Met	718	P,K-8
59	Roll Hill School	District	66	65.6	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Above	590	P,K-8
60	Pleasant Ridge Montessori School	District	65.8	70.7	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Above	533	P,K-8
61	Mt. Airy Elementary School	District	63.3	67.8	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Below	709	P,K-8
62	Frederick Douglass Elementary School	District	62.7	65.2	Academic Watch	Not Met	1	19	Above	405	P,K-8
*63	Rockdale Academy Elementary School	District	62.6	59.5	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Above	419	P,K-8
*63	Quebec Heights Elementary School	District	62.6	74.5	Academic Emergency	Not Met	0	19	Below	322	P,K-8
65	Summit Academy Transition High School- Cincinnati	Charter	62.5	66.7	Academic Emergency	Not Met	0	5	--	35	12,UNG
66	V L T Academy	Charter	61.8	60	Academic Watch	Not Met	2	29	Above	588	K-12
67	Ethel M. Taylor Academy	District	61.2	61.1	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Met	444	K-8
68	Life Skills Ctr Of Cincinnati	Charter	60.7	39	Academic Emergency	Not Met	0	7	--	274	9-12
69	Chase Elementary School	District	58.2	63	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Below	391	P,K-8
70	Summit Academy Cincinnati	Charter	55.9	60.6	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	5	Above	60	8,UNG
71	NIA University Community School	Charter	54.6	50.5	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	10	Met	166	K-12
72	George Hays - Jennie Porter	District	54.4	57.5	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Below	414	P,K-8
73	South Avondale Elementary School	District	54	60	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Below	681	P,K-8
74	William H Taft Elementary School	District	53.4	56.5	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Met	223	P,K-8
75	W.E.B. Dubois	Charter	52.6	64.2	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Met	204	4-8
76	Rothenberg Preparatory Academy	District	50	58.6	Academic Emergency	Not Met	1	19	Below	324	P,K-8
77	Dohn Community	Charter	49.7	47.1	Academic Emergency	Not Met	0	12	--	109	9-12
78	P.A.C.E. High School	Charter	46.4	58.3	Academic Emergency	Not Met	0	12	--	341	9-12
79	East End Comm Heritage School	Charter	42.8	53.9	Not Rated	Not Met	0	2	--	57	K-12
80	Lighthouse Community Sch Inc	Charter	27.5	55.7	Not Rated	Not Met	0	1	--	60	6-12

Source: Ohio Department of Education

Notes: 1) Rankings are based on Performance Index score for the 2008-09 school year. 2) Schools without a Performance Index score were removed.

* These schools were tied for the same ranking number.