REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

REPORTING ON OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS

86TH LEGISLATIVE'S SESSION GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE 2020-2021 BIENNIUM (RIDER 58, PG III-21)

TEXAS STUDENT FEES AND LEAVER CODE REPORT 2022

DATA COLLECTION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

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Introduction

In 2019, the 86th Legislature included a provision in the General Appropriations Act that required the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to gather information about the fees collected by charter schools and the number of students classified as "leavers." The information in this report presents data on both fees and leavers during the 2020-2021 school year. The Texas Legislature mandated this collection for the first time during the 84th Legislative Session's General Appropriations Act for the 2016-2017 Biennium (Rider 71, Page III-20). The 85th Legislative Session's General Appropriations Act for the 2018-2019 Biennium (Rider 59, Page III-20) included identical reporting requirement language.

The legislative provision in the General Appropriations Act for the 2020-2021 Biennium, passed in 2019, requires the creation of this report. In the act, on Page III-21, Rider 58 reads as follows:

> *Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Education Agency shall annually collect information from each open-enrollment charter school concerning fees collected from students by the open-enrollment charter school under the authority of Section 12.108 (b), Education Code, and information about students enrolled in an open enrollment charter school who do not complete the school year at the school. The agency shall produce and submit to the legislature by January 1 of each year a report that details the following:*
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> > *1) the amount each open-enrollment charter school collects for each type of fee listed by Section 11.158 (a), Education Code; and*
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> > *2) the number of students enrolled in the charter school who do not complete the school year at the school by leaver code and by the six-week period the student exited.*

The collection of leaver data as required by the act lags by one year due to the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data collection and submission timeline. Snapshot data collected in the fall of a given year represents the final leaver counts and codes from the preceding year. This data requires processing and validation; consequently, it does not become available until the following spring. To parallel the leaver data, the data collected on fees also reflect the 2020-2021 school year.

About Texas Charter Schools

Texas authored its first open-enrollment charter school legislation in the 75th Legislature under Texas Education Code (TEC) Chapter 12. The stated purposes of charter schools are to:

- improve student learning;
- increase the choice of learning opportunities within the public school system;
- create professional opportunities that will attract new teachers to the public school system;
- establish a new form of accountability for public schools; and
- encourage different and innovative learning methods.

Texas Charter School Portfolio

Charter schools are public schools or LEAs operated by eligible entities such as 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, governmental entities, and colleges or universities. At a minimum, charter schools will have one charter school campus associated with the charter LEA, and in many instances, there are multiple charter school campuses associated with a charter LEA. The chart below contains a summary of information for charter schools that participated in the 2022 Student Fees Survey regarding the 2020-2021 school year.

Beyond the state-authorized portfolio, 26 school districts were operating 121 campus charters authorized under TEC Chapter 12, Subchapter C. There have never been any home-rule district charter schools authorized in Texas as provided for in Subchapter B.

Subchapter B	Subchapter C	Subchapter D	Subchapter E	Subchapter G	Human Resources Code
Home Rule School District Charter	Campus Program Charter	Open-Enrollment Charter School	Institutes of Higher Education Charter School	Adult Education Charter School	Authorized under Human Resources Code 221
0 Operators	26 Operators	174 Operators	6 Operators	1 Operator	1 Operator
0 Campuses	121 Campuses	794 Campuses	30 Campuses	5 Campuses	1 Campus

This report focuses on the state-authorized portfolio of open-enrollment charter schools authorized under Subchapter D, E, G and Human Resources Code.

Student Fees

About Student Fees

There are statutory provisions that regulate the fees that public schools may charge, TEC §11.158 and §12.108. Public schools are required to adopt a policy for waiving student fees in case of financial hardship under TEC §11.158(f), which states that:

"A school district shall adopt reasonable procedures for waiving a deposit or fee if a student or the student's parent or guardian is unable to pay it. This policy shall be posted in a central location in each school facility, in the school policy manual, and the student handbook."

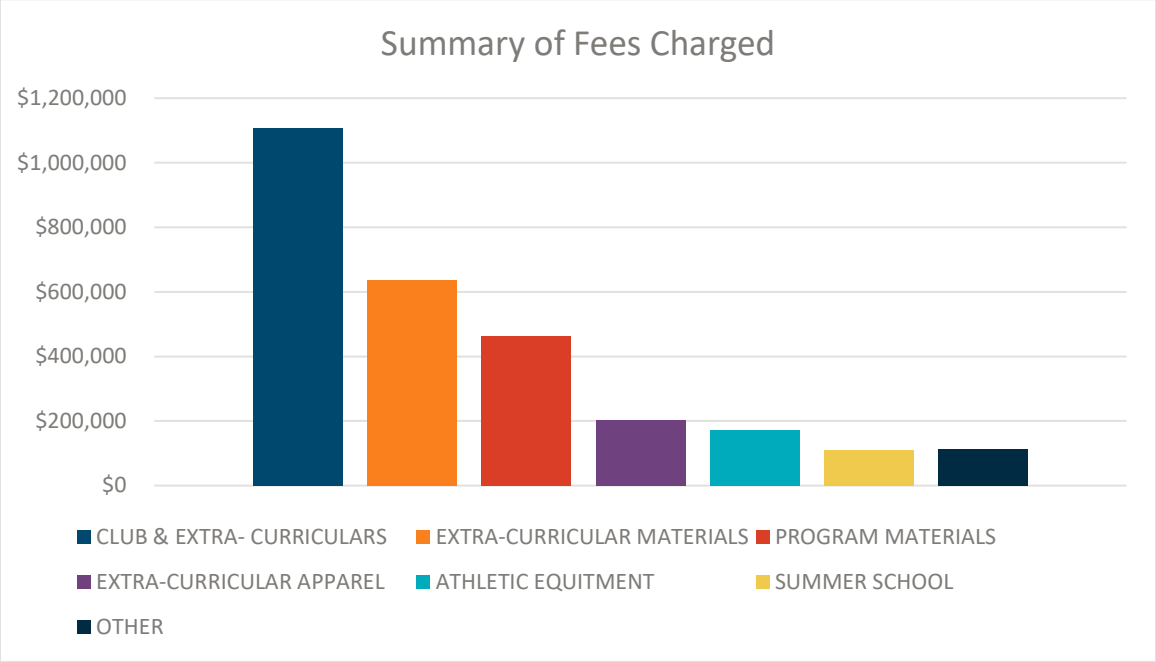
These policies are developed and approved by the charter school's governing board.

Fee Survey

To acquire information on the fees collected by each open-enrollment charter school, the TEA required charter school superintendents to gather the requisite information. The research team for this project created and distributed an online survey to charter school superintendents, asking questions based on the provisions under TEC §11.158(a). All Subchapter D, E, G and Human Resources charter schools active in the school year 2020-2021 in the state-authorized portfolio received the fee survey. Two active charter schools did not complete the fees survey, and one charter school did not complete the survey due to being inactive during the collection. The data below represents responses from 179 currently active charter schools out of the 182 that were operating during the 2020-2021 school year.

Fees Data Summary

FEE CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION OF FEE CATEGORY	AMOUNT CHARGED
CLUB & EXTRA- CURRICULARS	Includes membership dues for voluntary student organizations and admission fees for attending extracurricular activities	$1,107,088
EXTRA-CURRICULAR MATERIALS	Includes items for student organizations or clubs and items such as yearbooks or class rings	$636,316
PROGRAM MATERIALS	Includes fees for items such as art or lab supplies and musical instruments	$463,358
EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPAREL	Includes optional items of personal use for extracurricular activities such as club t-shirts	$204,747
ATHLETIC EQUITMENT	Includes fees for items such as athletic pads or uniforms	$170,373
SUMMER SCHOOL	Includes fees for summer school courses	$109,047
OTHER	Includes fees for items such as security deposits, parking fees, student ID cards, or transportation	$113,889
TOTAL	Includes a total of all fees charged by all charter schools	$2,804,816



Fees Data by Charter School

CHARTER DISTRICT	CDN	CLUBS	EXTRA-CURRICULAR MATERIALS	PROGRAM MATERIALS	EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPAREL	PHYSICAL EDUCATION EQUITMENT	SUMMER SCHOOL	OTHER	TOTAL
A. W. BROWN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	057816	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
A+ ACADEMY	057829	0	0	$560	0	0	0	$0	$560
A+ UNLIMITED POTENTIAL	101871	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
ACADEMY FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE	057814	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING, INC	101810	0	0	$75	0	0	0	$0	$75
ACADEMY OF DALLAS	057810	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
ACCELERATED INTERMEDIATE ACADEMY	101849	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
ADVANTAGE ACADEMY	057806	0	$3,692	$5,874	$2,980	0	0	$80	$12,626
ALIEF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL	101815	0	0	$135	$10	0	0	$0	$145
AMBASSADORS PREPARATORY ACADEMY	084804	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
AMIGOS POR VIDA-FRIENDS FOR LIFE PUBLIC CHARTER SC	101819	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
ARISTOI CLASSICAL ACADEMY	101803	$1,078	0	$14,524	0	$41,785	0	$1,150	$58,536
ARLINGTON CLASSICS ACADEMY	220802	$30,262	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$30,262
ARROW ACADEMY	021805	0	$1,002	$0	$3,581	0	0	$0	$4,583
AUSTIN ACHIEVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	227825	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
AUSTIN DISCOVERY SCHOOL	227821	0	$5,679	$0	0	0	0	$0	$5,679
BAKERRIPLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	101853	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
BASIS TEXAS	015834	$354,188	$7,989	$0	$2,528	0	0	$390	$365,095
BEATRICE MAYES INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL	101847	$1,858	$3,200	$0	$17,500	0	0	$0	$22,558
BETA ACADEMY	101870	$240	0	$3,775	0	0	0	$0	$4,015

BETTY M. CONDRA SCHOOL FOR EDUCATION INNOVATION	152806	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
BEXAR COUNTY ACADEMY	015809	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
BIG SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL	193801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
BLOOM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	101875	0	0	$0	$750	0	0	$0	$750
BOB HOPE SCHOOL	123807	0	$6,363	$11,845	0	0	0	$0	$18,208
BRAZOS RIVER CHARTER SCHOOL	213801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
BRAZOS SCHOOL FOR INQUIRY & CREATIVITY	021803	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
BRIDGEWAY PREPARATORY ACADEMY	057851	$1,588	0	$10,950	0	0	0	$0	$12,538
BROOKS ACADEMIES OF TEXAS	015830	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT	071801	0	0	$0	$340	0	0	$0	$340
CALVIN NELMS CHARTER SCHOOLS	101837	$1,355	$2,080	$0	0	0	0	$0	$3,435
CEDARS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	227817	0	$3,760	$0	0	0	0	$0	$3,760
CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY	227814	0	$3,000	$0	0	0	0	$3,000	$6,000
CHAPEL HILL ACADEMY	220815	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
CITYSCAPE SCHOOLS	057841	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
COMPASS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	068802	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
COMPASS ROSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	015838	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
COMQUEST ACADEMY	101842	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
CORPUS CHRISTI MONTESSORI SCHOOL	178807	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$20	$20
CROSSTIMBERS ACADEMY	184801	0	0	$6,925	0	0	0	$3,240	$10,165
CUMBERLAND ACADEMY	212801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
DR. M.L. GARZA-GONZALEZ CHARTER SCHOOL	178801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
DRAW ACADEMY	101856	$500	0	$2,000	0	0	0	$0	$2,500
EAST FORT WORTH MONTESSORI ACADEMY	220811	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
EAST TEXAS CHARTER SCHOOLS	092801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0

EDUCATION CENTER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	057833	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
EHRHART SCHOOL	123805	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
EL PASO ACADEMY	071804	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
EL PASO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	071810	$110	0	$0	$12,037	0	0	$0	$12,147
ELEANOR KOLITZ HEBREW LANGUAGE ACADEMY	015836	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
ELEVATE COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL	101877	0	$450	$0	0	0	$2,600	$0	$3,050
ERATH EXCELS ACADEMY INC	072802	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
ETOILE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	101872	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
EVOLUTION ACADEMY	057834	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
EXCEL ACADEMY	101811	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	108809	$12,538	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$12,538
FORT WORTH ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS	220809	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
GATEWAY CHARTER ACADEMY	057831	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
GEORGE GERVIN ACADEMY	015802	$4,416	$2,778	$0	$1,212	0	0	$0	$8,406
GOLDEN RULE CHARTER SCHOOL	057835	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
GOODWATER MONTESSORI SCHOOL	246802	0	$3,375	$370,500	0	0	0	$0	$373,875
GREAT HEARTS TEXAS	015835	$1,745	$43,474	$0	$2,041	0	0	$42	$47,302
HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - CENTRAL TEXAS	227816	$11,097	$84,606	$0	$2,330	0	$200	$360	$98,593
HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - HOUSTON NORTH	101858	$1,130	$34,727	$0	$8,330	0	0	$1,238	$45,425
HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - HOUSTON WEST	101862	$1,600	$140,285	$0	$8,317	0	0	$550	$150,752
HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - NORTH TEXAS	161807	$2,565	$57,312	$0	$1,727	0	0	$65	$61,669
HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - SOUTH TEXAS	015828	$2,940	$53,846	$0	0	0	0	$0	$56,786
HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - WEST TEXAS	071806	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
HENRY FORD ACADEMY ALAMEDA SCHOOL FOR ART + DESIGN	015833	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
HERITAGE ACADEMY	015815	0	0	$0	$17,651	0	0	$2,667	$20,318

HIGH POINT ACADEMY	220819	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
HORIZON MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOLS	108802	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
HOUSTON CLASSICAL CHARTER SCHOOL	101878	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
HOUSTON GATEWAY ACADEMY, INC.	101828	0	$6,000	$560	$3,720	0	$1,818	$0	$12,098
HOUSTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL	101821	$27,639	$16,942	$192	$78,821	0	0	$1,277	$124,871
IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	108807	0	$4,240	$0	0	0	$16,527	$7,456	$28,223
IMAGINE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF NORTH TEXAS	043801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
INSPIRE ACADEMIES	015808	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
INSPIRED VISION ACADEMY	057830	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF TEXAS (ILTEXAS)	057848	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
JEAN MASSIEU ACADEMY	057819	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
JUBILEE ACADEMIES	015822	0	$30	$0	0	0	0	$0	$30
KATHERINE ANNE PORTER SCHOOL	105801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
KI CHARTER ACADEMY	105803	$9,022	$1,395	$5,170	$492	0	0	$0	$16,079
KIPP TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	227820	0	$1,873	$0	0	0	0	$1,361	$3,234
LA ACADEMIA DE ESTRELLAS	057839	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
LA FE PREPARATORY SCHOOL	071807	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
LAKE GRANBURY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	111801	$1,010	$6,413	$5,900	0	$10,607	$4,303	$6,828	$35,062
LEADERSHIP PREP SCHOOL	061804	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
LEGACY PREPARATORY	057846	$100	0	$50	0	0	0	$7,025	$7,175
LEGACY SCHOOL OF SPORT SCIENCES	101874	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
LEGACY TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS - TEXAS	015806	$72,185	$2,612	$1,696	$4,866	$84,364	$35,866	$6,283	$207,873
LIFE SCHOOL	057807	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
LIGHTHOUSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	015825	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
LONE STAR LANGUAGE ACADEMY	043802	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0

LUMIN EDUCATION	057805	0	$1,612	$0	0	0	0	$250	$1,862
MANARA ACADEMY	057844	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
MEADOWLAND CHARTER DISTRICT	130801	0	$8,783	$0	0	0	0	$2,555	$11,338
MERIDIAN WORLD SCHOOL	246801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
MEYERPARK CHARTER	101855	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
MIDLAND ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	165802	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
MONTESSORI FOR ALL	227826	0	$349	$0	0	0	0	$10	$359
NEW FRONTIERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INC.	015805	$37,054	$7,700	$0	0	0	0	$425	$45,179
NEWMAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF ARLINGTON	220817	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
NORTH TEXAS COLLEGIATE ACADEMY	061802	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
NOVA ACADEMY (OAK CLIFF)	057809	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
NOVA ACADEMY (SOUTHEAST)	057827	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
NYOS CHARTER SCHOOL	227804	0	$1,657	$0	0	0	0	$0	$1,657
ODYSSEY ACADEMY, THE	084802	$138,165	$11,416	$0	$1,192	$21,307	$24,825	$6,145	$203,050
ORENDA CHARTER SCHOOL	014804	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
PANOLA CHARTER SCHOOL	183801	$0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
PEGASUS SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES	057802	$910	0	$0	0	0	0	$1,136	$2,046
PINEYWOODS COMMUNITY ACADEMY	003801	$5,400	$9,500	$0	0	0	0	$700	$15,600
PIONEER TECHNOLOGY & ARTS ACADEMY	057850	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
POR VIDA ACADEMY	015801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
POSITIVE SOLUTIONS CHARTER SCHOOL	015814	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
PREMIER HIGH SCHOOLS	072801	0	0	$0	$2,344	0	$1,100	$0	$3,444
PRIORITY CHARTER SCHOOLS	014803	$70	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$70
PROMESA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	015839	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
RANCH ACADEMY	234801	0	$979	$0	$5,697	0	0	$0	$6,676

RAPOPORT ACADEMY PUBLIC SCHOOL	161802	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS	101806	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
RAVEN SCHOOL	236801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
REVE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL	101876	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
RICHARD MILBURN ALTER HIGH SCHOOL (KILLEEN)	014801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
RICHLAND COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL	057840	0	0	$5,347	$564	0	0	$0	$5,911
RISE ACADEMY	152802	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL	236802	0	0	$0	$1,000	0	0	$0	$1,000
SAN ANTONIO PREPARATORY SCHOOLS	015840	0	$30	$0	$15	$75	0	$0	$120
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	015827	0	$30	$0	$20	$75	0	$0	$125
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DISCOVERY	015831	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
SEASHORE CHARTER SCHOOLS	178808	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
SER-NINOS CHARTER SCHOOL	101802	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
SOUTHWEST PREPARATORY SCHOOL	015807	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
SOUTHWEST SCHOOL	101838	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
ST ANTHONY SCHOOL	057836	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
ST MARYS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	013801	0	$2,500	$0	0	0	0	$0	$2,500
STEP CHARTER SCHOOL	101859	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
STEPHEN F AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL	174801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
TEKOA ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED STUDIES S.T.E.M. SCH.		0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
TEXANS CAN ACADEMIES	057804	$30,114	$48,006	$1,620	$5,373	0	0	$1,950	$87,062
TEXAS COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMIES	221801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
TEXAS EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY	227805	$2,020	$17,273	$1,250	$6,723	0	$6,090	$1,345	$34,701
TEXAS LEADERSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS	226801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$25,020	$25,020

TEXAS PREPARATORY SCHOOL	105802	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
TEXAS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS	220814	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
TEXAS SERENITY ACADEMY	170801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$19	$19
THE EXCEL CENTER (FOR ADULTS)	227827	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
THE GATHERING PLACE	015841	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
THE LAWSON ACADEMY	101864	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
THE PRO-VISION ACADEMY	101868	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
THE RHODES SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS	101861	0	$5,300	$0	$1,129	0	0	$0	$6,429
TREETOPS SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL	220801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
TRINITY BASIN PREPARATORY	057813	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
TRINITY CHARTER SCHOOL	046802	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
TRIUMPH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS-EL PASO	071803	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
TRIUMPH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS-LAREDO	240801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
TRIUMPH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS-LUBBOCK	152803	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
TRIUMPH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS-RIO GRANDE VALLEY	108804	0	$700	$0	$795	$5,150	0	$0	$6,645
TRIVIUM ACADEMY	061805	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
TWO DIMENSIONS PREPARATORY ACADEMY	101840	$23,447	0	$0	0	0	0	$275	$23,722
UME PREPARATORY ACADEMY	057845	0	$3,386	$0	0	0	0	$0	$3,386
UNIVERSAL ACADEMY	057808	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL	227819	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL	227806	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
UPLIFT EDUCATION	057803	$78,235	$174	$0	$2,580	0	$2,750	$4,980	$88,719
UT TYLER UNIVERSITY ACADEMY	212804	0	$0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
VALERE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INC.	227824	$225,189	$3,288	$0	$6,470	0	0	$0	$234,947

VALOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	227829	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
VANGUARD ACADEMY	108808	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
VARNETT PUBLIC SCHOOL, THE	101814	$1,492	0	$0	$1,063	0	$12,968	$1,555	$17,077
VILLAGE TECH SCHOOLS	057847	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
VISTA DEL FUTURO CHARTER SCHOOL	071809	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
WACO CHARTER SCHOOL		0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
WAXAHACHIE FAITH FAMILY ACADEMY	070801	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
WAYSIDE SCHOOLS	227803	$4,403	$9,387	$0	0	$2,315	0	$24,325	$40,429
WESTLAKE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	220810	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
WINFREE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS	057828	0	0	$0	0	0	0	$0	$0
YELLOWSTONE COLLEGE PREPARATORY	101873	$21,423	$7,124	$0	$550	$4,694	0	$167	$33,958
YES PREP PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INC.	101845	$0	$0	$14,409	$0	$0	$0	$0	$14,409

Leaver Data

Overview

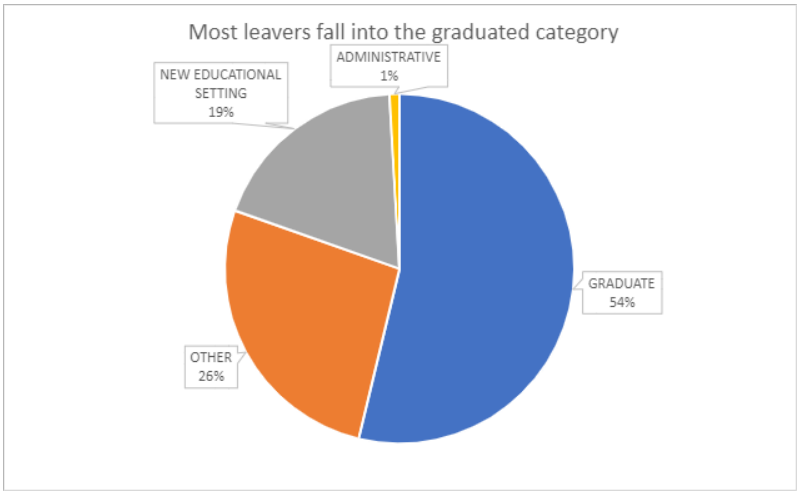
Texas Education Data Standards defines a leaver as someone who was a prior year student but not a current year student. TEA collects information when a student transitions from one educational environment to another, or when the student leaves the educational setting altogether. This ensures proper allocation of resources and provides information regarding a student's exit from the public school system.

Leaver data is collected for students in grades 6 to 12, through the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS), and validated in the fall per the annual Leaver Data Records Data Validation Manual. Four main leaver categories are used:

1. Graduated: These codes denote students who left a school due to their education ending and the student receiving a high school diploma or a Certificate of High School Equivalency, such as a general education diploma.
2. Moved to Another Educational Setting: The student moved from one school to receive education in another setting (i.e., transitioning to homeschooling or private school).
3. Withdrawn by District: The student no longer attends the school due to expulsion, ineligibility for enrollment, or Child Protective Services requirement.
4. Other: Any other reasons for leaving the school.

Leaver Data

The graphic below illustrates how charter school student leavers are disaggregated by leaver category. Of the total reported student leavers, the majority are coded as 'graduated'.



The table below displays the number of students enrolled in charter schools by school year (as reported by PEIMS), as well as the number of charter school leavers in grades 6 through 12 (as reported by TSDS).

SCHOOL YEAR	ENROLLMENT	CHARTER SCHOOL LEAVERS
2020-2021	365,318	30,017
2019-2020	336,771	27,076
2018-2019	316,775	28,296

Leavers by Category

Below is a table that outlines all charter school leavers in grades 6 through 12 disaggregated by leaver code. More information regarding leaver codes may be found in the attached appendix.

LEAVER REASON	COUNT	% OF GRADE 6-12 ENROLLMENT
GRADUATED	**16,137**	**9.20%**
01 GRADUATED	16,127	9.20%
85 GRADUATED OUT OF TEXAS	10	0.01%
OTHER REASONS	**7,998**	**4.56%**
16 RETURN TO HOME COUNTRY	521	0.30%
03 DIED	230	0.13%
24 COLLEGE PURSUE DEGREE	61	0.03%
86 HIGHSCHOOL EQUIVENT CERTIFICATION OUT OF TX	10	0.01%
98 OTHER	7,176	4.09%
MOVED TO OTHER EDUCATIONAL SETTING	**5,611**	**3.20%**
60 HOMESCHOOLED	3,733	2.13%
82 ENROLL IN SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF TEXAS	1,282	0.73%
81 PRIVATE SCHOOL IN TX	565	0.32%
87 ENROLLED IN UNIVERSITY HS DIPLOMA PROGRAM	31	0.02%
WITHDRAWN BY SCHOOL DISTRICT	**271**	**0.15%**
78 EXPELLED CANNOT RETURN	38	0.02%
66 REMOVED CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES	103	0.06%
83 INELIGIBLE TO ENROLL	130	0.07%

Appendix

Data Variances in Fee Survey

As discussed earlier, despite all efforts to create a rigorous survey and collect the most accurate data possible, there are always potential discrepancies, especially when looking at data from year to year. Some inconsistencies in the data may be related to responder differences from year to year. Although the methodology and questions were like those previously used, the schools may have assigned different individuals to respond to each survey from year to year, leading to varying interpretations of their fee structures and which categories in which they fall. The TEA continues to improve methodologies and will develop additional guidance to achieve more accurate results on future surveys.

Data Variances in Leaver Data

Minor inconsistencies in the leaver data may arise from the timing of the data collections. The attendance data that was used is based on a "snapshot" of the school's enrollment taken on the last Friday in October of the school year; leaver data is submitted in the fall of each year but is based on all students who left during the previous year, meaning that some students may have embarked before the snapshot being taken. Similarly, students may have enrolled after the snapshot was taken, and then left again in the following year. Also, leaver data does not account for students advancing into a grade no longer served by the charter school or charter campus.

List of Leaver Codes

The list of leaver codes, taken from the annual Leaver Data Records Data Validation Manual.

CODE	NAME	DESCRIPTION
01	Graduated From a Campus In This District Or Charter	Student graduated from a campus in this district or charter
03	Died	Student died while enrolled in school or during the summer break after completing the prior school year
08	Pregnancy	Student (female or male) withdrew from/left school because of pregnancy
16	Return To Home Country	Student withdrew from/left school to return to family's home country
20	Medical Injury	Student has suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care and leaves the student unable to attend school and assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility
24	College, Pursue Associate's or Bachelor's Degree	Student withdrew from/left school to enter college and is working towards an Associate's or Bachelor's degree
60	Home Schooling	Student withdrew from/left school for home schooling
66	Removed-Child Protective Services	Student was removed by Child Protective Services (CPS) and the district has not been informed of the student's current status or enrollment
78	Expelled, For Offense Under TEC 37.007, Cannot Return	Student was expelled under the provisions of TEC 37.007 and cannot return to school
81	Enroll In Texas Private School	Student withdrew from/left school to enroll in a private school in Texas

82	Enroll In School Outside Texas	Student withdrew from/left school to enroll in a public or private school outside Texas
83	Ineligible to Enroll	Student was attending and was withdrawn from school by the district when the district discovered that the student was not entitled to enrollment in the district because a) the student was not a resident of the district, b) was not entitled under other provisions of TEC §25.001 or as a transfer student, or c) was not entitled to public school enrollment under TEC §38.001 or a corresponding rule of the Texas Department of State Health Services because the student was not immunized.
85	Graduated Outside Texas Before Entering A Texas Public School-Entered A Texas Public School-Left Again	Student graduated outside Texas before entering a Texas public school, entered a Texas public school and left again
86	High School Equivalency Certificate Outside Texas	Student received a high school equivalency certificate outside Texas, returned to school to work toward the completion of a high school diploma, and then left; or student earned high school equivalency certificate outside Texas after leaving Texas public schools
87	Enroll In University High School Diploma Program	Student withdrew/left school to enroll in the Texas Tech University ISD High School Diploma Program or University of Texas at Austin High School Diploma Program
88	Court-Ordered to A High School Equivalency Program, Has Not Earned A Texas Certificate Of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE)	Student was ordered by a court to attend a high school equivalency program and has not earned a TxCHSE
89	Incarcerated in state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult	Student is incarcerated in a state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult or as a person certified to stand trial as an adult
90	Graduated from another state under provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children	Per TEC 162.002, student lives in the household of an active-duty military serviceperson, transferred into Texas public schools at the beginning of or during his or her senior year, did not meet requirements to graduate from Texas public schools, did meet requirements to graduate from a school in the sending state, and, under provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, graduated from a school or district in the sending state
98	Other	Student was not enrolled within the school-start window for a reason not listed, student dropped out, or reason for leaving is unknown