

LEAD Public Schools

CMO Expansion during current CSGF investment:

	Investment	Now	Impact
Year	2010-11	2011-12	TBD (CSGF made a "next school" investment in LEAD, which is currently building its long term growth plan)
Schools	2	3	
Students	380	620	
Seats	705	1,205	
Grades	5-9	5-10	

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Operating environment

PPR: \$8.2K | Charter Law: C (CER); 29th in country (NAPCS)*
 *Note: a more favorable law passed in 2011, not yet rated
 Facilities: ■ District ■ Private | ■ Lease □ Own
 Other CMOs in CSGF portfolio: None

Nashville, TN



State environment is highly favorable to charter growth. A reform-minded governor is empowered by new legislation and a department led by veteran reformers Kevin Huffman and Chris Barbic. Nashville has recently become more supportive of charters, incl. experimenting with facilities collaboration, and with the new legislation operators have the option of a state authorization

Performance highlights

- LEAD was one of five charter schools in Tennessee that outperformed the district in both reading and math in 2010, while having a FRL population 23% greater than Nashville Public Schools

Student population: FRL: 92% | Minority 91%

Background

LEAD Academy was founded in 2007 by Jeremy Kane after his experience working in the Nashville education system showed the need for quality educational options for Nashville's economically disadvantaged students. LEAD Academy opened in fall 2007, serving 100 students in grades 5 and 6 with over 90% of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch. LEAD is based off of the YES College Prep middle-high model and its development was overseen by Chris Barbic, who served on the Board until he became Superintendent of the state-run Achievement School District in August 2011. In 2011 LEAD partnered with the district to do a phase-out conversion of Cameron middle school into a charter school, the first conversion or turnaround type effort in Tennessee.