

Michigan Charters

Two hundred and fifty-seven Michigan charter schools were awarded grants through the U.S. Department of Education's (U.S. DOE) Charter Schools Program (CSP) from money that the U.S. DOE gave to the states between 2006-2014. At this time, at least 112 (44%) of those charter schools were closed or never opened at all.

To determine that number, we compared the U.S. DOE CSP award dataset which you can find [here](#) to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) list of closed charter schools which you can find [here](#).

Next, we reviewed all schools that the CSP data set reported as having no NCES number and compared those school names with the MDE's list of charter schools using the [quick search](#) function. From that comparison, we determined that 72 schools never opened at all. Yet nearly all of those charter schools received an award of \$100,000.00 or more.

Of the CSP data set schools that closed in Michigan, 26 of the 40 were run by CMOs including big out of state for-profits. It is no surprise that the most frequently given reason for those schools closing was financial difficulties.

In total, \$21,013,678.00 was awarded to Michigan charter schools during those years that *either never opened or shut down*. And yet, in 2018 the U.S. DOE awarded the State of Michigan an additional \$47,222,222.00.

The chart below shows the names of all of the closed Michigan charter schools that received CSP grants between 2006 - 2014. Those highlighted in maroon are charters that opened and closed. The rest are grant recipient schools that never opened. The federal grant amount is to the right of the school's name.



Name of Charter School	Grant Amount
Academic Excellence Sports Academy	\$110,000
Academic Futures/Pioneer Academy	\$100,000
Academic Transitional Academy	\$183,347
Academy for Transforming America	\$108,920
Academy of International Studies	\$410,000
Academy of Waterford	\$71,871
Admiral J. Paul Reason Academy	\$60,000
Alternative Path Academy/The Last Chance	\$260,000
American Classical Academy Coalition/Warren Classical Academy	\$100,000
Americare Services Inc./Taylor Academy of Aviation and Aerospace	\$110,000
Ann Arbor Leadership Academy	\$63,958
Barry County Student Foundation/Barry Early College and Career High School	\$100,000
Benjamin E. Mays Male Academy	\$110,000
Bingham Academy	\$382,442
Blended Learning Laboratories-Lansing Campus Team/Blended Learning Laboratories-Lansing Campus	\$110,000
Blue Water Middle College Academy	\$610,000
Business, Entrepreneurship, Science & Technology	\$526,937
Chakra IMA	\$51,421
Cheikh Anta Diop College Preparatory Academy	\$110,000
Children's Garden Academy	\$102,506
College Bound Kids Learning Center	\$110,000
Cornelious Jones Sr. Academy	\$73,346
Cornerstone-Jefferson Douglas	\$100,000
Covenant House Life Skills Central	\$461,977
Creative Community Concepts/New Dimensions Global Academy	\$110,000
Creative Educational Services/New Dimensions Global Preparatory Academy	\$110,000
Creative Path Academy	\$121,000
Creative Path of Detroit	\$109,998
Cultivating Growth Academy Project Team/Cultivating Growth Academy	\$100,000
Deer Trail Academy/Crossroads for Youth SDA	\$285,000
Detroit Academy of Fashion Design	\$110,000
Detroit Academy of Naval Science & Technology	\$110,000
Detroit Cares Alternative Academy	\$110,000
Detroit Charter Academy	\$84,335
Detroit Coalition for Educational Excellence/Glenhurst Academy	\$110,000
Detroit College Preparatory Academy Foundation/Detroit College Preparatory Academy	\$110,000
Detroit Delta Preparatory Academy for Social Justice/Minerva Education and Development Foundation	\$235,000
Detroit Preparatory Academy	\$97,125

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Discovery Arts & Technology Academy	\$522,917
Diversified Assets Consortium/Arbor Knolls Academy	\$110,000
Dr. Charles Drew Academy	\$589,176
Dream Academy	\$624,478
Early Career Academy	\$150,000
Early Childhood Initiatives/Discover Academy	\$100,000
Excellence for Sustainability Education Inc./Washtenaw Academy	\$110,000
Experiencia Preparatory Academy/Experiencia Academy Project Team	\$470,000
Explorers School of Science & Technology Project Team/Explorers School of Science & Technology	\$110,000
Friends of Bertha B. Williams Corp/The Bertha B. Williams Academy	\$110,000
Galileo Preparatory High School	\$35,000
Gateway Academy Project Team/Gateway Charter Academy	\$110,000
GEE Edmonson Academy	\$435,000
GEE White Academy	\$460,000
Grand Rapids Ellington Academy of Art & Technology	\$485,000
Great Lakes Anchor Academy/Great Lakes Military Academy Development Team	\$110,000
Greater Detroit Community Development Foundation Inc/Warren International Academy	\$110,000
High Place Community Outreach & Nonprofit Housing Corp/Mid-Michigan University School	\$110,000
Highland Park Leadership and Sports Academy	\$110,000
Hustle & TECHKNOW Preparatory High School	\$110,000
Infinity Institute	\$200,000
Innocademy	\$430,000
International Academy of Detroit/International Academy of Detroit	\$210,000
International School of Muskegon	\$87,405
Jackson Arts & Technology Academy	\$191,629
Jackson Learning Lab	\$93,340
Keep It Moving Inc./Robert F. Shannon Education Center	\$110,000
Kellogg Middle College	\$54,847
Kids 1st an Educational Journey/Alliance Academy	\$100,000
Lapis Learning Corp/Spectrum Preparatory Learning Community	\$110,000
Larry Mitchell Trice, Sr. Community Outreach Services Inc./Larry Mitchell Trice, Sr. Academy	\$110,000
Learn, Live Lead Academy/Grace Foundation	\$235,000
Life Skills Center of Metro Detroit	\$456,288
Magna Charter Planning Group/Magna Charter	\$100,000
Make It Count/Brightspire Center for Education and Leadership	\$110,000
Mary Herring Wright Academy	\$150,000
Metro Community Development/Metro YouthBuild Academy	\$110,000
Metro Detroit International Academy for Leadership	\$108,353

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Metropolitan Bicultural Achievement Academy	\$110,000
Michigan Public Health Institute/Michigan Health and Wellness Academy	\$110,000
Middle Years Preparatory Academy	\$10,000
New Paradigm Glazer Academy /Focus Hope	\$335,000
Northpointe Academy	\$526,434
Oakland Macomb Montessori Academy /Oakland Macomb Montessori Academy Project Team	\$100,000
Operation Get Down/Global Leadership Academy of Detroit	\$110,000
Pre-College Career Academy	\$97,465
Pride and Promise Academy Project Team/Pride and Promise Academy	\$110,000
Public Safety Academy of St. Clair	\$158,000
Rainbow Education Academy Development, Inc/READ School	\$110,000
Reagan Arts Academy	\$110,000
Romeo Montessori School	\$65,895
Rosewood Academy of Math, Science & Technology	\$109,613
Schools for the Future/Schools for the Future Detroit Development	\$235,000
Shining Star Consulting/Shining Star Foreign Language Academy	\$110,000
Shumake Academy	\$109,898
Southwest Detroit Lighthouse Charter Academy/Lighthouse Academy, Inc.	\$250,000
St. Clair Academy of Style	\$152,941
Star Academy of Detroit	\$110,000
Starr Detroit Academy	\$460,000
Strongtower Entrepreneur Career & Technical High School	\$108,191
Student Advocacy Academy	\$106,724
Success Mile Academy/ Southeast Michigan Student Foundation	\$250,000
Superior Programs of Michigan/Superior Academy	\$110,000
Taylor International Academy	\$389,130
The Al-Nafi Foundation/BOSE-Stem Academy	\$110,000
The Education Foundation of Hamburg/IXL Academy	\$110,000
The Potter's House Prevention Center/Harris Academy	\$110,000
Traverse City College Preparatory Academy	\$205,721
University Preparatory Science and Math	\$848,350
University Yes Academy East	\$110,000
Victory Charter Academy	\$300,000
Village Initiative Phoenix Academy	\$47,700
Wavecrest Career Academy	\$450,000
West Michigan Educational Leadership Group/Gateway to Success	\$100,000
Total	\$21,013,678