

Information on Enrollment of Students with Disabilities in Charter Schools

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Louisiana Law (R.S. [17:3991.B.\(1\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) per [Act 467 of 2015](#)) requires the percentage of the total number of pupils enrolled in Types 1, 2, 3 & 4 charter schools who are identified with an exceptionality, not including gifted and talented, to be equal to not less than eighty-five percent of the average percentage of pupils enrolled in the local public school districts from which the charter school enrolls its students who have been identified as a student with an exceptionality, not including gifted and talented.

LDOE produced two reports detailing enrollment rates of students with disabilities in charter schools (Types 1, 2, 3, and 4).

- [2015-2016 Report on School Performance According to Requirements Under R.S. 17:3991 and BESE Bulletin 126, Chapter 27, Section 2713ⁱ](#)
- [2017-18 Report on School Performance According to Requirements under R.S. 17:3991 and BESE Bulletin 126, Chapter 27, Section 2713ⁱⁱ](#)

Below are summaries of the results found in the reports linked above:

Charter School Type	Schools Sped Meeting Requirement in 2015-16	Schools Not Meeting Sped Requirement in 2015-16
BESE Authorized Type 2 and 4	42%	58%
District Authorized Type 1 and 3	49%	51%
All Type 1, 2, 3, and 4 Charters	45%	55%

Charter School Type	Schools Meeting SWD Requirement in 2017-18
BESE Authorized Type 2 and 4*	41.5%
District Authorized Type 1 and 3	55.8%
All Type 1, 2, 3, and 4 Charters*	48.8%

In October 2017, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor issued a report on the [Evaluation of Charter School Monitoring by the Louisiana Department of Education](#) with findings, conclusions and recommendations related to LDOE oversight of charter schools related to the rates of children with disabilities.

ⁱ Source: Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary, School Innovation and Turnaround Committee meeting March 7, 2017, Agenda Item 2.3 Consideration of a report on the student enrollment percentages of At-Risk students and students with disabilities for all public schools statewide.

ⁱⁱ Source: Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary, School Innovation and Turnaround Committee meeting January 23, 2018, Agenda Item 2.2 Consideration of status reports regarding Types 2, 4 and 5 Charter Schools.