



Charter Schools Report

October 3, 2025

Agenda Item #1: Charter Schools Dashboards

Information

Action

Discussion

Purpose:

The purpose of this information is to provide key statistics related to Charter Schools.

Background:

N/A

Suggested Action/Motion:

None

President's Recommendation:

N/A

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Current Status/Trend	Notes
LSSU Authorized Academies	21	21	19	19	19	↔	26 total sites
LSSU Authorized Academies Enrollment	9,248	9,048	8,828	8,950	---	↑	Estimated Fall Enrollment Counts in Mid October
Academy Compliance Percentages (Epicenter Database On time/Accurate)	89/97	89/97	90/97	96/98	---	↔	Over 2,300 documents submitted
Authorizer Accreditation (Cognia) Assurance and Verifications	Accredited	----	----	----	Valid to 2028	↔	A&V completed by MDE and MCCSA
LSSU 3% Oversight Revenue in 3% Fund	\$2,575,224	\$2,712,556	\$2,986,075	\$3,149,576	---	↑	3% Revenue for FY26
Transfer to General Fund from 3% Fund	\$950,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,600,000	↑	Projected Budget Transfer to GF for FY26
Ending Fund Balance in 3% Funds	\$963,637	\$576,021	\$1,146,616	\$1,619,772	---	↑	Projected Fund Balance
Charter School Office Expenditures	\$1,091,685	\$1,271,357	\$1,126,695	\$1,427,343	\$1,450,000	↑	Projected Budgeted Expenditures with Camps Transfer
Outreach/Camps Participation Numbers	613	701	1,430	1,446	--	↑	Camps, CFRE, Shows, Outreach
Former Charter School Students attending LSSU	26	12	5	11	11	↔	
Dual /Concurrent Enrollment students from Charters taking LSSU classes	81	114	73	76	47 Fall	N/A	3 Academies Charter only class PY155
Professional Development Offerings to Academy Boards on quality Governance and Oversight	12 Webinars	10 Webinars	5 Webinars 5 On Demand 5 Face to Face	9 Webinars 5 On Demand 5 Face to Face	9 Webinars 7 On Demand 3 Face to Face	↔	Partnering with MCCSA on Webinar Series Regional PD
Professional Development Offerings to Academy Staff	25+ Sessions	25+ Sessions	25+ Sessions	25+ Sessions	25+ Sessions	↔	Administration retreat in July PD Catalog
Chartering Laker Scholarship	\$6,500	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8000	\$4000	N/A	Fall Amount

* The Charter Schools Office has no reauthorizations for the 24-25 school year.

Charter Schools Office and Academy Highlights

The mission of the LSSU Charter Schools Office is *to ensure quality oversight and support to our authorized charter academies, resulting in students who are prepared for the next phase of life, whether it be attending college or entering the workforce.* We are proud of our academy's commitment to their students and the broader community. Below is some of the great work happening to help fulfill this mission.

LSSU Charter Schools Office Highlights

Concurrent Enrollment Fall 2025

PSYC 155 Lifespan Development is at capacity, and students are underway with their learning under the instruction of Dr. Russell Searight.

Second Annual July Leadership Summit

Over 100 charter academy administrators convened in Bay City, MI, on July 22–23, 2025, for two days of collaboration and professional learning. Feedback data affirmed both the immediate impact on leadership practices and the ongoing refinement of this annual summit.

GLSW Charter School Exclusive Recruitment Event

We are finalizing registrations for this event and anticipate participation from seven of our eight high school academies. We are optimistic that this event will encourage future university enrollment, strengthen institutional partnerships, and help reduce barriers between our academies and the campus community. We are grateful to our university colleagues for their collaboration and support in this work.

2025-26 Targeted Professional Learning for Academy Leaders and Staff

We are offering twelve professional learning opportunities for all academies and two targeted supports for MDE classified partnership districts. Fifty participants are registered for Fall 2025 offerings.

2025-26 Board Professional Development

Angie Irwin of AirWin Educational Services, LLC will lead a nine-part virtual training series with three in-person sessions during 2025–26, engaging new and experienced board members in charter school history, board responsibilities, and stakeholder relationships. Participants will gain practical resources, enabling legislation, clearer role understanding, and governance best practices.

Charter Guarantee Letter

In partnership with Admissions, we are requesting contact information for graduating seniors from our academies. This will enable a targeted recruitment effort highlighting the Charter Enrollment Guarantee and strengthening outreach to our charter students.

Academy Highlights

Detroit Service Learning School District
Oak Park Campus, Redford Campus, Detroit Campus
Detroit, MI, Wayne County

District Snapshot:

PK-8 District: 1,504 Students
Location Classification: Large City
99.2% Economically Disadvantaged
99.67% Minority Population

MDE Support Classifications:

Oak Park Academy Campus: CSI Comprehensive Support & Improvement
Support Indicator: This school is identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) due to its overall building index in the bottom 5% statewide. It is currently in Year 3 of a 3-year cohort, with an anticipated release in Fall 2025.

Redford Academy Campus: TSI Targeted Support & Improvement
Support Indicator: Black/AA & Econ. Dis. Subgroups bottom 25%.

Detroit Service Learning Academy Campus: ATS Additional Targeted Support
Support Indicator: Students with Disabilities Bottom 5%.

Growth Plan Highlight:

- Administrators meet monthly with Athena Gardner, Partner Liaison from the MDE Office of Partnership Districts and Natalie Turner, Educational Improvement Consultant from Wayne RESA. Detroit Service Learning School District is proud to report they have met their academic growth goal and it is anticipated they will be released from Partnership this coming Fall. The measures implemented to support Oak Park students have been implemented at all sites resulting in student academic gains districtwide.
- As one of LSSU's initial charter academies, Detroit Service Learning District (DSLA) is committed to their partnership with LSSU and is fully committed to the professional learning opportunities and support provided by the LSSU Charter Schools Office. DSLA has had staff representation at all 2024-25 Professional Development provided by LSSU and is registered for 2025-26 Professional Development Offerings focused on enhancing leadership capacity.
- Reflecting the Statewide teacher shortage, 70% of their instructional staff are non-certified instructors functioning in a teacher-of-record capacity. We are offering support by providing instructional professional development aimed at building teacher capacity and strengthening instructional quality. This aligns with AIA's goal set by the Office of Partnership Districts of Administrators focusing on strengthening feedback provided to instructional staff and aligning professional learning with instructional cycles.

Academic Highlights:

- Across all campuses, ELA M-STEP proficiency increased between 2–5 percentage points from 2024 to 2025, with all schools showing gains. Mean PSAT8 composite scores also rose at each site, with increases ranging from 18 to 43 points, reflecting steady academic growth.
- DSLA completed the Summer Discovery Program which provides robust and targeted support for all students with tiered learning opportunities for Honors, Special Needs, and Credit Recovery populations.

Additional Highlights:

- Summer Discovery Program: A five week summer program provided at all three of DSLA sites. This program is funded by United Way of Southeastern Michigan. According to the Summer Discovery Coordinator Mrs. Nwankwo: *This program is more than just summer school—it's a launchpad for success. We're preparing students academically, socially, and emotionally, while giving them experiences that build confidence and curiosity.* The program includes academic support, enrichment activities, Friday field trips, and an option for a paid internship for 8th grade students.
- Oak Park Learning Academy Campus is celebrating the opening of a brand new gym just in time for the 2025-26 school year.
- 2025-26 initiated the Walking School Bus Program. This innovative project was designed in collaboration with local law enforcement to build safe, connected communities. This program gives families peace of mind with parent and volunteer guides leading children along safe walking routes to and from school each day supervised by drone coverage.

American International Academy
Inkster, MI, Wayne County

District Snapshot:

PK-12 District: 566 Students
Location Classification: Large Suburban
98.4% Economically Disadvantaged
100% Minority Population

MDE Support Classifications:

Lower Elementary Campus: CSI Comprehensive Support & Improvement
Support Indicator: This school is identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) due to an overall building index among the bottom 5%.

AIA Upper Elementary Campus: ATS Additional Targeted Support
Support Indicator: Black/AA & Econ. Dis. Subgroups bottom 25%.

AIA Middle/High School Campus: CSI Comprehensive Support & Improvement

Support Indicator: This school is identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) due to an overall building index among the bottom 5%.

Growth Plan Highlight:

- Administrators meet monthly with Dr. Traci Teazley, Partner Liaison from the MDE Office of Partnership Districts and Kevin Siefker, Educational Improvement Consultant from Wayne RESA.
- Reflecting the Statewide teacher shortage, 70% of their instructional staff are non-certified instructors functioning in a teacher-of-record capacity. We are offering support by providing instructional professional development aimed at building teacher capacity and strengthening instructional quality. This aligns with AIA's goal set by the Office of Partnership Districts of Administrators focusing on strengthening feedback provided to instructional staff and aligning professional learning with instructional cycles.
- AIA is striving to ensure the implementation and use of a detailed curriculum to improve student outcomes. To support this, LSSU CSO is providing targeted coaching from an NWEA data coach.
- Student math skill gaps are of significant concern, and AIA is committed to working with Wayne RESA content area consultants to review student data and create an instructional plan for the 2025-2026 school year.

Academic Highlights:

- AIA has a Graduation Rate Index of 82%.
- PSAT mean composite increased 8%.
- PSAT median scores for cohort students (3+ year students) is 730, while the median for non-cohort students is 715.

Additional Highlights:

- AIA High School has a thriving cosmetology program.
- AIA is proud of their amazing robotics team which attended the LSSU Robotics Competition.
- AIA Esports team was new for the 2024-25 school year and proudly reports they made the playoffs!

Student Highlight:

Inkster Student Excels in Biomedical Research Program at Wayne State University



Congratulations goes out to Lyric Travis, a senior at American International Academy in the City of Inkster, Michigan, and a life science researcher in Ecotek Lab. Lyric recently completed her second year of hands-on research in cell biology at Wayne State University. This summer she worked with researchers in the Mott Center Human Growth and Development-Perinatology Research facility to examine the impact of stress on human embryo development. Lyric presented her work at the 2025 BCAP Research Symposium on August 18. She is the only student in the City of Inkster to secure a paid biomedical research position in the BCAP Program this summer. As a result of her commitment, Lyric has qualified to participate in the 2026 Michigan Regional Junior Science Symposium and the 2026 M2P2 Program. She also has an opportunity to work as a co-op student during the current school year at Gennex, a genetics startup research company.

Advanced Technology Academy
Dearborn, MI, Wayne County

Academy Snapshot:

PK-12 District: 1,207 Students
Location Classification: Mid-Size City
92% Economically Disadvantaged
98% Minority Population

MDE Support Classifications:

CSI Comprehensive Support & Improvement
Support Indicator: Students with disabilities bottom 5%

Growth Plan Highlight:

- PSAT for students with disabilities showed a modest 1.4% increase in proficient

Academic Highlights:

- Four-Year Graduation Rate: Increased from 78.85% to 86.41%.
- Dropout Rate: Decreased from 7.69% to <5%. Cohort students outperformed non-cohort peers on PSAT 8, PSAT 9, PSAT 10, and SAT median scores, demonstrating ATA's positive impact.
- MSTEP gains:
 - Social Studies: 8% → 21% (5th, 8th, 11th grades)
 - Science: 13% → 16% (5th, 8th, 11th grades)
 - Math: 6% → 9% (3rd–7th grades)

- Mean scaled scores on PSAT 8, PSAT 9, and SAT all increased year-over-year.
- Third Grade ELA Proficiency: Increased from 7.3% to 8.0%.
- SAT College & Career Readiness Benchmarks improved from ≤ 5% to 7.6%.

Additional Highlights:

- ATA hosted a 25th Anniversary Celebration August 21-22, 2025!
- ATA has a thriving Workforce Development Program which includes multiple opportunities in Career and Technical Education and Early Middle College. Certified Career and Technological programs include programs in business, engineering, computer science, and healthcare. In partnership with Southwest Detroit Apprenticeships and Trades, programming in HVAC, CNC, Electrical, Plumbing, and Cosmetology are available to students. Early middle college opportunities include, Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Tech, and Cyber Security.
- ATA Athletics offers many opportunities for student athletes including football, volleyball, basketball, cross country, and soccer.
- The LSSU CSO has recently employed an ATA graduate as a student worker for the 2025-26 school year.



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Agenda Item #2: 2024-2025 Annual Report (See Appendix I)

Information

Action

Discussion

Purpose:

The purpose of this information is to provide key statistics related to Charter Schools.

Background:

N/A

Suggested Action/Motion:

None

President's Recommendation:

N/A



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Agenda Item #3: Charter Schools Board Member Appointments

Information

Action

Discussion

Purpose:

The purpose of this action is to appoint or reappoint members of the Board of Directors of public school academies.

Background:

The process for appointment and reappointment of members of the Board of Directors of public school academies includes the following steps:

1. The applications of individuals for appointment to the Board of Directors are considered by the Board of Directors who nominate individuals by Board vote for open positions;
2. Background checks are conducted by the Charter Schools Office (CSO);
3. Interviews by CSO staff members are conducted with applicants for appointment; applicants for reappointment are not interviewed; and
4. Applicants are recommended to the Board of Trustees for appointment by the CSO and University President.

The following individuals have been nominated by the Board of Directors, background checks have been completed, and the candidates for appointment have been interviewed or will be interviewed before they are sworn in and U.S. citizenship has been verified.

Those individuals with an * received an approved exigent appointment from the LSSU Board of Trustees President.

Concord Academy Petoskey:

Kayla Coston* nominated for an appointment with a term expiring on June 30, 2027.

Grand Traverse Academy:

Jonathan Ardan* nominated for an appointment with a term expiring on June 30, 2028.

iCademy:

David Tebo* nominated for an appointment with a term expiring on June 30, 2028.

Suggested Action/Motion:

Approval of the appointment of the nominees to the respective Board of Directors for the terms listed.

President's Recommendation:

Approval of the motion, as presented.



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Agenda Item #4: Concord Academy Petoskey Contract Amendment Adding Pre-K Program

Information

Action

Discussion

Purpose:

The Board of Directors of Concord Academy Petoskey has requested an amendment to the charter contract to add grade Pre-K. The Charter Schools Office staff has reviewed its amendment application and has prepared a resolution to add grade Pre-K with an effective date of October 3, 2025.

Background:

The Concord Academy Petoskey opened in 1999 in Petoskey, MI. The addition of the Pre-K program will allow district accommodation for enrollment expansion. The Board of Directors of Concord Academy Petoskey has requested the addition of a Pre-K program. The Academy will serve students in Pre-K-12.

Suggested Action/Motion:

The Charter Schools Office recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment to Article VI Section 6.8 and Schedule 7-h of the Concord Academy Petoskey charter contract to authorize the Academy to offer grades Pre-K through 12.

President's Recommendation:

Approval of presented motion.



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Agenda Item #5: Ridge Park Charter Contract Amendment Adding Pre-K Program

Information

Action

Discussion

Purpose:

The Board of Directors of Ridge Park Charter Academy has requested an amendment to the charter contract to add grade Pre-K. The Charter Schools Office staff has reviewed its amendment application and has prepared a resolution to add grade Pre-K with an effective date of October 3, 2025.

Background:

The Ridge Park Charter Academy opened in 1998 in Kentwood, MI. The addition of the Pre-K program will allow district accommodation for enrollment expansion. The Board of Directors of Ridge Park Charter Academy has requested the addition of a Pre-K program. The Academy will serve students in Pre-K-8.

Suggested Action/Motion:

The Charter Schools Office recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment to Article VI Section 6.8 and Schedule 7-h of the Regent Park Charter Academy charter contract to authorize the Academy to offer grades Pre-K through 8.

President's Recommendation:

Approval of presented motion.



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Appendix I: Charter Schools Annual Report

Information

Action

Discussion

Purpose:

The purpose of this information is to provide the Charter Schools Annual Report.

Background:

N/A

Suggested Action/Motion:

None

President's Recommendation:

N/A

A photograph of a young girl with blonde hair, wearing a dark blue polo shirt, smiling at the camera. She is in a school setting, with a person in a blue shirt and a blue wall visible in the background.

2024-25

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**Lake Superior State University Authorized Charter Schools
2024-2025**

Advanced Technology Academy

Authorized: 1999 Contract Expiration: 2029
Location: 4800 Oakman Boulevard, Dearborn
Grade Levels: Pre K-12 Enrollment: 1205
Director: Kaye LaGreca Board President: Steven Borich
Management Company: Technical Academy Group
3% Monies: \$426,009

American International Academy

Authorized: 2011 Contract Expiration: 2028
Location: 300 Henry Ruff Road, Westland
27100 Avondale, Inkster
28955 Rosewood, Inkster
Grade Levels Pre K-12 Enrollment: 660
Director: Thomas White Board President: Peter Stockmann
Management Company: Midwest Management
3% Monies: \$234,002

Bay City Academy

Authorized: 2011 Contract Expiration: 2028
Location: 301 N. Farragut St, Bay City
5055 Corey Rd, Mancelona
Grade Levels: Pre K-12 Enrollment: 558
Director: Brian Lynch Board President: Lena Jankowiak
Management Company: Mitten Educational Management
3% Monies: \$196,856

Charlton Heston Academy

Authorized: 2012 Contract Expiration: 2027
Location: 1350 N. St. Helen Rd., St Helen
Grade Levels: Pre K-12 Enrollment: 719
Director: David Patterson Board President: Veronica Bridson
Management Company: Midwest Management Group
3% Monies: \$266,987

Concord Academy-Boyne

Authorized: 2000 Contract Expiration: 2029
Location: 401 East Dietz Road, Boyne City
Grade Levels: Pre K-12 Enrollment: 127
Director: Rebecca Leist Board President: Jeffrey Derenzy
Management Company: Midwest Management Group
3% Monies: \$42,465

Concord Academy-Petoskey

Authorized: 2000 Contract Expiration: 2028
Location: 2468 Atkins Rd., Petoskey
Grade Levels: K-12 Enrollment: 102
Director: Kali McNamara Board President: Shawna Messing
Management Company: Lakeshore Educational Management
3% Monies: \$44,274

DeTour Arts & Technology Academy

Authorized: 2013 Contract Expiration: 2030
Location: 202 S. Division St, DeTour Village
Grade Levels: K-12 Enrollment: 151
Director: Robert Vaught Board President: Susan Rhinard
Management Company: DeTour Public Schools
3% Monies: \$28,326

Detroit Service Learning Academy

Authorized: 1999 Contract Expiration: 2026
Location: 21605 W. Seven Mile Rd., Detroit
25940 Grand River Ave, Redford
27100 Marlow St., Oak Park
Grade Levels: K-8 Enrollment: 1543
Director: DeAngelo Alexander Board President: Orlando Woods
Management Company: Elite School Management
3% Monies: \$549,856

Grand Traverse Academy

Authorized: 1999 Contract Expiration: 2028
Location: 1245 Hammond Rd., Traverse City
Grade Levels: Pre K-12 Enrollment: 824
Director: Michelle Floering Board President: Lorien Hansen
Management Company: Access Point/Rehman Group
3% Monies: \$261,788

iCademy (Cyber School)

Authorized: 2013 Contract Expiration: 2028
Location: 8485 Homestead Dr., Zeeland
Grade Levels: K-12 Enrollment: 209
Director: Reid Nichols Board President: Deb Veenstra
Management Company: IES- Innovative Education Services
3% Monies: \$68,568

Innocademy

Authorized: 2012 Contract Expiration: 2027
Location: 8485 Homestead Dr., Zeeland
Grade Levels: Pre K-8 Enrollment: 268
Director: Jessenia Olmeda Board President: Jessica Parker
Management Company: IES- Innovative Education Services
3% Monies: \$92,726

Innocademy-Allegan

Authorized: 2014 Contract Expiration: 2029
Location: 2611 56th Street, Fennville
Grade Levels: K-8 Enrollment: 102
Director: Erin Wyma Board President: Jody Vogelzang
Management Company: IES- Innovative Education Services
3% Monies: \$35,056

Macomb Montessori Academy

Authorized: 2012 Contract Expiration: 2028
Location: 14057 E. 9 Mile Rd., Warren
Grade Levels: Pre K-6 Enrollment: 253
Director: Shanina Draughn Board President: Jennifer Johnson
Management Company: Choice Schools
3% Monies: \$98,417

Momentum Academy

Authorized: 2013 Contract Expiration: 2028
Location: 60 S Lyon St, Waterford
Grade Levels: Pre K-6 Enrollment: 220
Director: Katie Alexander Board President: Robert Terwilliger
Management Company: Romine Group
3% Monies: \$78,775

Regent Park Scholars Academy

Authorized: 2011 Contract Expiration: 2026
Location: 15865 E. Seven Mile Rd., Detroit
Grade Levels: K-8 Enrollment: 709
Director: Crystal Byse Board President: Barbara Bates
Management Company: National Heritage Academies
3% Monies: \$247,674

Ridge Park Charter Academy

Authorized: 1998 Contract Expiration: 2028
Location: 4120 Camelot Ridge Dr., Grand Rapids
Grade Levels: K-8 Enrollment: 507
Director: Hector Ulloa Board President: Lateefah Gofoe
Management Company: National Heritage Academies
3% Monies: \$179,174

Tipton Academy

Authorized: 2012 Contract Expiration: 2030
Location: 1615 Belton, Garden City
29205 Florence, Garden City
Grade Levels: Pre K-8 Enrollment: 556
Director: Kyle Lackey Board President: Scott Winiger
Management Company: Romine Group
3% Monies: \$192,074

WAY Academy Detroit

Authorized: 2012 Contract Expiration: 2027
Location: 8701 West Vernor, Detroit
19321 West Chicago, Detroit
Grade Levels: 7-12 Enrollment: 211
Director: Isaiah Pettway Board President: Michael Murray
Management Company: WAY-Widening Advancement for Youth
3% Monies: \$73,446

WAY- Flint

Authorized: 2013 Contract Expiration: 2028
Location: 817 E. Kearsley, Flint
Grade Levels: 7-12 Enrollment: 95
Director: Isaiah Pettway Board President: Sanford Edwards
Management Company: WAY-Widening Advancement for Youth
3% Monies: \$33,075

Total Enrollment for 2024-25 (Fall Count): 9018

Total High School Students (Grades 9-12): 1649

Total Seniors: 383

Academy Portfolio Demographics:

Ethnicity:

54% African American or Black
32% White
9% Hispanic or Latino
4% Multi Racial
1% Native American or Alaska Native

9% Special Education
11% Limited English Proficiency
75%- Free or Reduced Lunch

3% Monies: \$3,149,576
General Fund Transfer: \$1,300,000

Authorizer Board Member Video (Collaboration between the National Charter School Institute, the Michigan Department of Education, and the Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers (Click on or copy link below)

[Introductory Video for Authorizer Board Members](https://vimeo.com/466734732/b814d2d451)
<https://vimeo.com/466734732/b814d2d451>

Concurrent/Dual Enrollment Figures for LSSU Charters

Term	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
# of Academies Participating	3	3
# of Students Participating	39	37

Charter School Summer Camps/Fine Arts Shows/CFRE/Outreach

Academic Year	2024-2025
Charter School Camps	10
# of Students Participating	350
Fine Arts Shows	169
CFRE Presentations	585
Athletics	102
Faculty Activities	240
Total Interactions	1,446

Charter School Graduates Admitted with Charter School Guarantee

Academic Year	2024-2025	2025-2026
Charter School Graduates Admitted to LSSU	11	11

Charter School Report Summary

July, 2024 - June, 2025

Center for Freshwater Research and Education Student and School Support

Interactions Overview

Description	Data	Notes/Comments
Total Schools Involved	7	Bay City Academy students had three interactions with CFRE and one presentation for approximately five board members during a LSSU campus visit. Five additional schools participated in CFRE programs during LSSU campus visits. In July 2024, five programs were done at Regent Park Scholars for summer school students (grades K-8).
Number of Academy Contact Days	11	Bay City Academy experienced four types of interactions (a LSSU campus visit for 10 th grade students, a 10 th -grade field trip at Bay City State Park, in-school classroom programs for 10 grades, and a presentation for the BCA board of directors at LSSU). Regent Park Scholars summer school had two contact days. All other schools had one contact day each
Number of school programs	22	Within a school day or multi-day visit, multiple

		groups/programs might run based on age/topic
Total Student Interactions*	~565	Includes all interactions or points of contact with students including multiple programs such as with Bay City Academy (BCA) during separate times: in-school, field trip, and LSSU campus visits.
Educator Support	1	Partnered with Ms Liz Shea (Bay City Academy) to develop a custom field experience for her 10 th grade students at Bay City State Park to study wetland, beach, and woodland ecology.
Adult interactions	60	5 Bay City Academy board members visited CFRE for a custom tour. Additional adults included parents, chaperones, administrators, and other teachers during school visits and at LSSU.

*Approximately 60% of student interactions were with secondary students

Interaction Details

Student interactions: Total ~565 (includes student count for multiple visits)

- July 2024, Regent Park Scholars Summer School: **65 students**; ~12 adults; 5 programs
- Academic year 2024-25:
 - Bay City Academy school visit and field trip (10th grade to Bay City State Park): **290 student interactions**, ~7 adults, 11 programs for grades K, 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
 - LSSU Campus visits: **~211 students**; 36 adults; 6 schools; 6 programs

Notes:

- Two new school programs were developed to take on the road to Bay City Academy (Spring 2025).
 - A custom field trip experience for 10th grade students allowed them to connect with their place in the Great Lakes watershed by studying wetland, beach, and woodland ecology at Bay City State Park.
 - A new program to map physical properties of local river systems was developed to use with Bay City Academy seniors. This program will be modified for use with schools in other locations.
- One new program was developed for LSSU spring campus visits.
 - A new “cultural connections” program was developed to introduce Ridge Park students to indigenous history and culture as communicated through displays and information in the CFRE Great Lakes Discovery Center (GLDC). This program will be used for other school visits to the GLDC.

Teacher planning and school support:

- Beth Christiansen and Tammy Bell collaborated on a professional development curriculum plan for charter school teachers to connect to their place in the Great Lakes system through field experiences and expert interactions. During and after PD, participating teachers would prepare and facilitate similar learning opportunities for their students with coaching and teaching support from Beth throughout the academic year. The PD was not implemented in summer 2025 but is intended to be pursued in summer 2026.
- Liz Shea (BCA secondary science teacher) worked in partnership with Beth Christiansen to design a field trip to Bay City State Park to support tenth grade ecology studies in 2025 and into the future.

- Beth Christiansen presented to five members of Bay City Academy's board of directors during their planning meeting at LSSU.

LSSU Recruitment Efforts:

- Beth Christiansen has interacted with approximately 355 secondary students during school visits and LSSU campus visits, to provide information about LSSU opportunities in addition to programming focused on freshwater stewardship.
- CFRE is participating in developing a recruitment event for charter school students scheduled for October 23-24, 2025. CFRE's education and outreach team will lead an afternoon of natural resources-based field experiences for visiting students during Great Lakes State weekend.

LSSU undergraduate student support:

Seven different LSSU CFRE undergraduate employees supported the October, May and June campus visits. They built skills to share knowledge gained through LSSU courses to facilitate experiential learning for elementary through high school students. These student employees are true ambassadors for LSSU and represent what it means to be a Laker.

CFRE staff support:

In addition to Beth Christiansen, support for developing and facilitating programs was provided by Michelle Visser (Great Lakes Outreach and Education specialist) and schedule coordination by Sandy Taylor (Executive Assistant & Outreach Coordinator).

FY 2024-25 Charter School student and adult points of contact

- 4 visits to schools
- 6 LSSU campus visits
- 1 visit with BCA Board of Directors

Approximately ~565 student contacts (~355 secondary students, ~60% of points of contact)

July 2024

Regent Park Scholars, 2 days (K-7th grades, 5 programs, **65 students**, ~12 adults)

- The annual summer school programs at Regent Park Scholars Academy were updated to provide two unique experiences for 1st and 2nd grades allowing students to participate in a different learning topic each year. The new programs were well-received by students.

October, 2024

iCademy Charter Academy LSSU campus visit (11th & 12th grades, **26 students**, 5 adults)

- Students completed an Atlantic salmon dissection and tours through the hatchery, Barch building, and Great Lakes Discovery Center.
- Abbigail Schrader (senior, fisheries and wildlife) provided the hatchery tour while Michelle Visser and Beth Christiansen (both GLEOS) provided other tours and dissection.

Bay City Academy LSSU campus visit (High School, **30 students**, ~4 adults)

- Students completed an Atlantic salmon dissection and an overview of Atlantic salmon broodstock collection plus a Barch building tour with time in the Great Lakes Discovery Center.

- Kennedi Johnson (junior, conservation biology) provided the broodstock overview while Michelle Visser and Beth Christiansen (both GLEOS) provided other tours and dissection.

January, 2025

- BCA Board of Directors presentation (~5 board members)

March, 2025

- (03/26 and 3/27) BCA grades K, 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 (**290 students interactions**, ~7 adults)
- Field trip with 10th grade 3/26 + K, 1, 3, 4 (25 + 110 = 135)
- Class visits with Liz Shea's students 3/27: 7th (30), 8th (30), 9th (25), 10th (25), 11th (25), 12th (20) = 155

April, 2025

- Grand Traverse Academy LSSU campus visit (9th grade, **42 students**, 2 adults)

May, 2025

- Ridge Park LSSU campus visit (7th & 8th grades, **65 students**, 8 adults)
- Tipton Academy, "Mighty Mac" trip (5th grade, **29 students**, 6 adults)

June, 2025

Innocademy Zeeland LSSU campus visit (5th grade, **19 students**, 11 adults)