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## Charters run solid to dismal

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The academic performances of Hudson County's 13 charter schools continue to be all over the map, according to the DOE report card.

Elysian Charter School in Hoboken and Learning Community Charter School in Jersey City continued to notch stellar passing rates across the board.

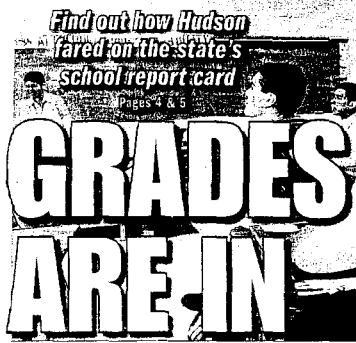
But other schools, most notably Liberty Academy Charter School and the now closed Gateway Charter School — both in Jersey City — struggled.

Liberty Academy notched the single lowest passing percentage in the state when it came to the Grade 8 math test — a stunning 3 percent. Only 12 percent of the school's eighth-graders passed the language arts literacy test. School officials didn't return phone calls last night for comment.

The academic performance of eighth-graders at Gateway Charter School was equally grim. Only 6.5, 13 and 30.5 percent of eighth-graders passed the language arts, math, and science tests respectively. After six years of futility, state officials yanked the school's charter last June.

Brian Stiles, chief academic officer at Golden Door Charter School in Jersey City, took hope from his school's middle-of-the-road performance, pointing out that every student subgroup looked at by the federal No Child Left Behind Law made the required "adequate yearly progress."

There's also been marked improvement in some subjects, he said. For example, when the school opened in 1999, a minuscule 6.9 percent of fourth-graders passed the math test. Last year, nearly 50 percent of the class passed.



### SOME MAKE THE GRADE, SOME DON'T

A look at how Hudson County fourth-, eighth and 11th-graders fared on state tests last year, with the percentage of students that passed the language, math and science exams:

School districts	ASK-4			GEPA-8			HSPA-11	
	Language	Math	Science	Language	Math	Science	Language	Math
Bayonne	80.7	85.6	78	75	65.9	79.4	81.1	67.5
East Newark	77.8	56.7	66.7	57.1	56.6	56.7		
Guttenberg	67.9	71.2	68.7	74.7	79.3	87.9		
Harrison	70.8	82.5	77.5	64.6	35.3	67.2	77.4	68.3
Hoboken	65.5	72.6	76.7	85.9	75.9	64.1	82.7	69
High Tech/Vo-Tech							91.1	85.4
Jersey City	63.5	63.9	64.5	53	42.6	58.3	63.6	49.5
Kearny	78.5	83.3	84.2	71.8	63.8	78.9	85.3	75.9
North Bergen	81.1	90.9	79.8	77.7	72.9	79.1	86.9	79.4
Secaucus	88	94.8	94	79.4	57.4	83	88.1	82.2
Union City	73	83.8	72.1	76.6	70.9	69.9	68.1	61.1
Weehawken	83.9	75.4	72.7	81.6	69	87.4	89	81.3
West New York	75.8	84.1	67.6	66.8	64.1	68.2	77.2	69.9
<b>Charter schools</b>								
	Language	Math	Science	Language	Math	Science	Language	Math
C.R.E.A.T.E. (Jersey City)							n/a	n/a
Elysian Charter (Hoboken)	90.3	93.6	93.8	88.9	63	85.2		
Gateway Charter (JC)				6.5	13	30.4		
Hoboken Charter	63.6	72.7	86.4	59	22.7	54.5	76.9	38.5
Jersey City Community	80.4	82.6	84.8	59.3	22.2	64.8		
Jersey City Golden Door	66	48.9	65.9	61.2	40.3	65.7		
→ Learning Community Charter School (JC)	91.5	97.1	94.3	75.7	67.5	81		
Liberty Academy (JC)	33.3	31.6	44.7	12.1	3	39.4		
Schomburg (JC)	38.3	33.3	34.8					
Soaring Heights (JC)	76.2	61.9	76.1	83.3	55.5	94.4		
University Academy (JC)							66.4	39

## HUDSON SCHOOLS PUT TO THE TESTS

correction **Hudson's Best**

Learning Community Charter School (J.C.)	Secaucus	Soaring Heights (J.C.)
ASK-4 Math	ASK-4 Math	GEPA-8 Science
<b>97.1</b>	<b>94.8</b>	<b>94.4</b>
High Tech/Vo-Tech	Weehawken	Hoboken
HSPA-11 Language	HSPA-11 Language	GEPA-8 Language
<b>91.1</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>85.9</b>

**Hudson's Worst**

Liberty Academy (J.C.)	Schomburg (J.C.)	Harrison
GEPA-8 Math	ASK-4 Math	GEPA-8 Math
<b>3</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>35.3</b>
East Newark	Jersey City	Union City
ASK-4 Math	HSPA-11 Math	HSPA-11 Math
<b>56.7</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>61.1</b>