

Central Michigan University

LETTER GRADE¹

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Overall Score: **72.9**

- Number of Schools: **72**
- Total Enrollment: **30,383**
- Michigan Charter Market Share: **21.05%**

Demographic Breakdown:
48.8% African American Students
5.8% Latino Students
0.3% American Indian Students
65.7% Low-Income Students

Is the authorizer approving high-performing charter operator openings?²

90.0

Is the authorizer overseeing a portfolio of schools that is as good as, or better than, other school options available to parents?³

68.8

Is the authorizer improving its chronically failing schools?⁴

60.0

Enrolling about 30,000 students or roughly one out of every five charter Michigan student, **Central Michigan University's** decision making is of immense significance for students. CMU is unique in that it has authorized some of Michigan's top public schools— and some of the very worst.

Among their top performing schools:

- Morey Montessori Public School Academy in Shepherd, Michigan, just south of Mt. Pleasant, has a large low-income population, yet ranked well above the state average in both 2013 and 2014, including significantly higher reading improvement than the state in 2014.
- At Canton Charter Academy located in Canton, Michigan, approximately 90 percent of students are proficient in math, according to the 2013-14 state accountability scorecard.
- South Arbor Charter Academy of Ypsilanti is ranked among the top schools statewide, in the 97th percentile, in 2013-14.

CMU also has several schools that are severely underperforming:

- Michigan Technical Academy Elementary of Detroit, has been open since 2002. The school ranked in the third percentile in 2013 and the first percentile in 2014, with improvement well below the state in both years.
- The Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy of Lansing ranked in the bottom five percent of all schools over multiple years.
- At Eaton Academy of Eastpointe, opened in 1996, just two percent of low-income students were proficient in science and the school ranked in the sixth percentile of all Michigan students in 2014.
- Woodland Park Academy in Grand Blanc draws heavily on students from Flint. This school had just seven percent of its African American students proficient in science on the state's 2013-14 accountability scorecard.

CMU did see slight improvement in its score due to the decision to close Plymouth Educational Center Preparatory High School of Detroit and Academy of Southfield – both ranked among the worst schools in the state in 2013-14.



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Note: Number of schools as of fall 2015. Enrollment and demographic information as of 2014-15.

1 Letter grades are as follows: A: 90-100, B: 80-89, C: 70-79, D: 50-69, F: 0-49.

2 This score represents the percentage of schools the authorizer opened from fall 2011 to fall 2015 that were managed by operators that met a statewide minimum quality standard over three years (between 2011-12 and 2013-14). An operator did not meet our statewide minimum quality standard if more than half of its schools failed a statewide minimum quality standard for three consecutive academic years, 2011-12 through 2013-14. Authorizers that did not open new school between fall 2011 and 2015 were not scored for this category.

3 This score represents the percentage of an authorizer's current schools that met a statewide minimum quality standard over three consecutive academic years, 2011-12 through 2013-14.

4 This score represents the percentage of an authorizer's schools that were among the state's bottom five percent of lowest-performing schools for two consecutive academic years (any two consecutive years between 2011-12 and 2013-14), remain open, and did not demonstrate above state average improvement in the second year, out of the authorizer's schools that were among the bottom five percent for the first time between 2010-11 and 2012-13.