

National For-Profit Companies Operating Charter Schools 1997-1998¹
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Organization	Charter Schools	States	Expansion Plans
Advantage Schools Inc.	2	AZ, NC	5 schools in '98, 10 in '99; across the country, NJ, DC, IL, MA, MI
Beacon Education Management	3 full service (2 limited service)	PA, MA, NC, IL	As conditions allow
Education Development Corp.	8 elementary 1 middle	MI	6 elementary schools and 2 middle schools
Ombudsman Alternative	1	AZ	
SABIS International	4	MA, IL	AZ, DE in 98, and as conditions allow
The Edison Project	11	MA, MI, MN CO, CA	Expand into DE, DC, NJ, PA, CO, MN, CA Edison will triple to 75 schools overall
The Leona Group	17	MI, AZ	
The Tesseract® Group	Negotiating contracts	AZ	12 schools over the next 3 years
Total	49		

CER estimate of private firms on contract with charters by the fall of 1998: over 70 (based on forecast of new laws taking effect, companies growing and expanding their contracting. The forecast also includes state for-profit operations not included above).

¹ Other small for-profit schools exist in charter schools states. For example, Excel Education Centers operates 6 charter schools in Michigan, The ATOP Academy in Arizona, run by Ray Jackson, is incorporated as a tax-paying firm. Many schools also contract with non-profit firms such as the Virginia based Core Knowledge Foundation (www.coreknowledge.org) and the California based Options for Youth. For more information contact The Center for Education Reform at 202-822-9000 or visit www.edreform.com

Schools

Advantage, www.advantage-schools.com, 617-523-2220:
Rocky Mount Charter School, NC
Phoenix Advantage Charter School, Phoenix, AZ

Beacon Education Management, 615- 356-6975:
Chelmsford Public Charter School, Chelmsford, MA
Sallie B. Howard School of Education and Arts, Wilson, NC
Engelmann School of Arts and Science, Hickory, NC

Educational Development Corporation, 616-222-1700:
Cross Creek Charter Academy, Kalamazoo, MI
Eagle Crest Charter Academy, Holland, MI
Excel Charter Academy (Elementary), Grand Rapids, MI
Excel Charter Academy (Middle), Byron Center, MI
Knapp Charter Academy, Grand Rapids, MI
Vanderbilt Charter Academy, Grand Rapids, MI
Vanguard Charter Academy, Wyoming, MI
Vista Charter Academy, Grand Rapids, MI
Walker Charter Academy, Walker, MI

Ombudsman Alternative, 847-367-6383:²
Ombudsman Learning Center, Phoenix, AZ

SABIS, www.sabis.com, 612-941-3500:
SABIS International Charter School, Springfield, MA
Somerville International Charter School, Somerville, MA
SABIS International Charter School, Chicago, IL
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The Edison Project, www.edisonproject.com, 212-309-1600:
Boston Renaissance Charter School, Boston, MA
Boston Renaissance Junior Academy, Boston, MA
Edison Central Junior Academy, Duluth, MN
Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences, Detroit, MI
Emerson Edison Partnership School, Colorado Springs, CO
Feaster-Edison Charter School, Chula Vista, CA
Kenwood-Edison Charter School, Duluth, MN
Mid-Michigan Junior Academy, Lansing, MI
Mid Michigan Public School Academy, Lansing, MI
Roosevelt-Edison Charter School, Colorado Springs, CO
Seven Hills Charter School, Worcester, MA

² Ombudsman runs non-charter schools in districts in 6 states. Several companies have joined efforts in Texas to allow private companies to operate schools specifically designed for adjudicated youth.

The Leona Group, 517-333-9030:

*A.B.I.S, Dearborn Heights, MI
Apache Trail Heights, Apache Junction, AZ
Cesar Chavez Academy, Detroit, MI
C.C. Academy Middle School, Detroit, MI
Genesis High School, Tucson, AZ
Gratta Academy, Belding, MI
New Directions Institute, Pontiac, MI
New School for Creative Learning, Grand Rapids, MI
Northridge Academy, Flint, MI
Sun Valley High School, Mesa, AZ
Tempe Accelerated High School, Tempe, AZ
Thomas-Gist Academy (North), Inkster, MI
Thomas-Gist Academy (South), Westland, MI
Tri-Valley Academy, Muskegon, MI
Walter French Academy, Lansing, MI
West Michigan Academy, Walker, MI
West Phoenix High School, Phoenix, AZ*

Note:

The Tesseract T® Group, 602-948-9707: Arizona charter contracts are pending.