

InspireNOLA Charter Schools:

Expanding Exemplary Educational Options within Louisiana

The mission of InspireNOLA Charter Schools is to transform and inspire an educational movement. Of the 2,400 students that InspireNOLA serves at three open-admissions schools in New Orleans, Louisiana, 86% are low-income, 98% are minority, 7% receive special education services, and 5% are English Language Learners. Though the vast majority of InspireNOLA students are educationally disadvantaged, InspireNOLA consistently outperforms their current district, future district, and state when comparing 4th and 8th grade assessment proficiency, high school graduation, and college attendance. InspireNOLA currently the highest performing, open admissions charter management organization (CMO) in New Orleans, as it is the only CMO operating two A-graded schools. In 2014-15, InspireNOLA elementary students achieved an average proficiency of 81% on state assessments, 16% higher than the Louisiana state average. In the same year, InspireNOLA high school students achieved an average proficiency of 73%, 11% higher than state average.

InspireNOLA requests \$4,000,000 of CSP funding over five years to expand the number of high-quality charter schools in the nation by assuming operation of five previously failing or low-performing charter schools over the next five years. This expansion will provide an additional 2,500 high-quality seats to educationally disadvantaged students in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana at an average cost of \$1,600 per student. InspireNOLA will work with the students, families, and communities of future schools to transform the schools into learning communities that achieve high results for all students and subgroups. InspireNOLA will contract with an outside evaluator to measure the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the project aligned with GPRA Performance Measures, and the associated strategies and processes.