

CSP Abstract for Gestalt Community Schools

Gestalt Community Schools (GCS) is a K-12 charter management organization serving students in Memphis, Tennessee. GCS currently operates four schools with a total enrollment of 1,820. As of early 2014, Gestalt Community Schools does not yet have a decade of results; it is still a relatively new organization. However, what it does have is excellent student performance data for the students it has had since opening in 2008. It also continues to show an upward trend in student performance. In fact, Power Center Academy Middle School, GCS's first school, has been honored by former U.S. senate majority leader Bill Frist's State Collaborative on Reforming Education as the highest performing public middle school in the state of Tennessee.

The leadership team of GCS, along with a seasoned charter school consultant, spent 18 months developing a management/business plan to scale the work that began in 2008 with GCS's first school. Through the support of the CSP grant, GCS will grow from four high performing charter schools to 10 high performing charter schools and establish the capacity to serve 5,090 students by 2019. This application meets the purpose of CSP (CFDA 84.282) by demonstrating GCS's capacity to replicate or expand high-quality charter schools with demonstrated records of success, including success in increasing student academic achievement. For additional information, please see contact information below.

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