# Can Successful Schools Replicate? Scaling Up Boston's Charter School Sector 

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## 1 Data Appendix

We use lottery records, student demographic and enrollment data, state standardized test scores, and school personnel files in this article. Lottery records collected from individual schools contain the list of applicants, offer status, and factors that affect an applicant's lottery odds, including sibling status, disqualifications, late applications, and applying from outside of Boston. The Student Information Management Systems (SIMS) dataset contains enrollment and demographic data for all public school students in Massachusetts. Student standardized test scores come from the state database for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). The Massachusetts Education Personnel Information Management Systems (EPIMS) database provides school staff information. Next we describe these datasets, the matching process, and sample construction.

### 1.1 Lottery records

Massachusetts legally requires charters to admit students via lottery when more students apply to a charter school than the number of available seats for a given grade. Our paper uses records from charter lotteries conducted between spring 2004 to spring 2013 for 14 charter schools accepting students in 5th or 6th grade. Each of the 14 schools contributes oversubscribed lottery data. ${ }^{1}$ Schools vary in the grades they serve and in years of operation. Table A1 lists this information and the years each school contributes to the analysis. We exclude one school that did not provide lottery records (Smith Leadership Academy) and two schools that closed before the charter expansion (Uphams Corner Charter School in 2009 and Frederick Douglass Charter School in 2005). Lottery data typically includes applicants' names, dates of birth, and lottery and waitlist offer status. Offers to attend charter schools either occur on the day of the lottery (referred to as immediate offer) or after the day of the lottery when students receive offers from the randomly sequenced waitlist as seats become available. In three out of the 65 lotteries in the study, the schools gave all applicants offers or did not give waitlist offers to non-siblings. Four lotteries did not distinguish the timing of the offers so we code the immediate offer variable to equal zero for these cohorts.

The Uncommon Schools/Roxbury Preparatory charter network held a single lottery for its three campuses in the Spring 2012 and Spring 2013 lotteries. When the school called a student's lottery number, the student could pick from the campuses that still had open seats. Our lottery records show which campus they picked at the time of the lottery. We find the last lottery number for each campus and code all students with better lottery numbers as having offers from that campus.

Uncommon Schools offered seats from the waitlist as they became available for individual campuses. Parents chose to accept or decline waitlist offers for single schools. If they declined, they were taken off the waitlist and would not be considered for seats at the other campuses.

### 1.2 Enrollment and demographics

The SIMS data contains individual level data for students enrolled in public schools in Massachusetts from 2003-2004 through 2013-2014. The data contains snapshots from October and the end of the school year. Each student has only one observation in each time period, except when

[^0]students switch grades or schools within year. Fields include a unique student identifier, grade level, year, name, date of birth, gender, ethnicity, special education status, limited English proficiency status, free or reduced price lunch status, school attended, suspensions, attendance rates, and days truant.

We code students as charter attendees in a school year if they attended a charter at any point during a year. Students who attend more than one charter school in a year are assigned to the charter they attended the longest. Students who attend more than one traditional public school and no charter schools in a year are assigned to the school they attended the longest. We randomly choose between schools if students have attendance ties between the most attended schools.

### 1.3 Test scores

This paper uses individual student math and English Language Arts (ELA) Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test scores from 2003-2004 through 2013-2014. Massachusetts public school students take the exam each year in grades grades 5 through 8. Data includes the unique student identifier. We standardize the raw scores to to have a mean of zero within subject-grade-year in Boston.

### 1.4 Staff records

The Education Personnel Information Management Systems (EPIMS) contains yearly staff level data for all employees in Massachusetts public schools. We use data collected in October of the 2007-08 through the 2013-14 school years. Data includes job position, school, full time equivalency, date of birth, date of hire for first public school job in Massachusetts, license status, and highly qualified status. We use the full time equivalency of all staff and teachers. If one school has two half time teachers, they are counted as one full time equivalent teacher. A teacher who teaches at multiple schools counts towards the staff statistics at each school.

### 1.5 Matching data

We use applicants' names, date of birth, grade, and year to match their lottery records to the state enrollment data. The applicants who uniquely and exactly match the grade, year, name, and date of birth (if available) in the state records are assigned to the matched unique student id. After this initial match, we strip names in the lottery and enrollment data of spaces, surnames, hyphens, and apostrophes. Unique matches after this cleaning are assigned to the matched unique student id. Then, we use reclink, a fuzzy matching STATA program, to suggest potential matches for the remaining students. This matches students with slight spelling differences and those who appear in one grade older or younger than the charter application grade. We hand check these suggested matches for accuracy. We search for the remaining unmatched students by hand in the data. Typically this last group contains name truncations, name misspellings, or first and last names in the wrong field.

The matching process assigns 95 percent of applicants to the state administrative records (see Table A3). Students who do not match either enroll in private, parochial, or out-of-state schools, have names and birthdates too common to match, or have spelling errors too extreme to match with confidence. Receiving a charter offer makes students 3.8 more likely to match to the data,
as shown in Table A3. As a result, our findings show causal estimates for the set of students who enroll in Massachusetts Public Schools.

We match the enrollment and demographic data to the student test scores using the unique student identifier. Students who attend out of state, private, or parochial schools do not have test score outcomes for their years outside of Massachusetts public schools.

### 1.6 Sample restrictions

We exclude applicants who receive higher or lower preference in the lottery. Late applicants, those who apply to the wrong grade, out-of-area applicants, and siblings fall into these categories and typically have no variation in offer status. When students have duplicate applications within an individual school's lottery, we keep only one application. If students apply to charter schools in different years, we use only the first application year. We restrict the sample to students with baseline demographics data, excluding students applying from outside of Massachusetts public schools. With these restrictions imposed, the original raw sample of applications narrows from 20,981 to 8,473 .

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2 Additional Tables

Table A1: Charter Middle Schools in Boston

|  | Year Opened <br> (1) | Grades <br> (2) | Outcome Years In Analysis (3) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Proven Providers |  |  |  |
| Roxbury Preparatory: Mission Hill Campus | 1999-2000 | 5-8(12) | 2004-05-2013-14 |
| Brooke Roslindale | 2002-03 | 5-8 | 2006-07-2009-10 |
| Excel East Boston | 2003-04 | 5-9 (12) | 2008-09-2013-14 |
| MATCH Middle School | 2008-09 | 6-8 | 2008-09-2013-14 |
| Expansion Charters |  |  |  |
| Roxbury Preparatory: Lucy Stone Campus | 2011-12 | 5-8 | 2011-12-2013-14 |
| Roxbury Preparatory: Dorchester Campus | 2012-13 | 5-7 (8) | 2012-13-2013-14 |
| Brooke Mattapan | 2011-12 | 5-8 | 2011-12-2013-14 |
| Brooke East Boston | 2012-13 | 5-7(8) | 2012-13-2013-14 |
| Excel Orient Heights | 2012-13 | 5-7 (8) | 2012-13-2013-14 |
| KIPP | 2012-13 | 5-7 (8) | 2012-13-2013-14 |
| UP Academy Boston | 2011-12 | 6-8 | 2011-12-2013-14 |
| Other Charters |  |  |  |
| Academy of the Pacific Rim | 1997-98 | 5-12 | 2005-06-2013-14 |
| Boston Collegiate | 1998-99 | 5-12 | 2004-05-2013-14 |
| Boston Prep | 2004-05 | 6-12 | 2005-06-2013-14 |
| Not Included in Study |  |  |  |
| Helen Davis Leadership Academy | 2003-04 | 6-8 | declined to participate |
| Frederick Douglas Charter | 2000-01 | 6-10 | closed in 2004-05 |
| Uphams Corner Charter | 2002-03 | 5-8 | closed in 2008-09 |

Notes: This table lists Boston middle school charter schools by school type, opening year, grade levels, and outcome years included in the analysis. Grade levels shown in parentheses indicate planned enrollment grades which were not present at the time of analysis.

Table A2: Lottery Records

| Year of application | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total number of records | 341 | 739 | 913 | 1143 | 1422 | 1595 | 1467 | 4283 | 4312 | 4766 | 20981 |
| Excluding disqualifed applications | 341 | 738 | 911 | 1135 | 1404 | 1594 | 1444 | 4273 | 4305 | 4760 | 20905 |
| Excluding late applications | 340 | 738 | 909 | 1135 | 1363 | 1566 | 1397 | 4163 | 4196 | 4583 | 20390 |
| Excluding out of area applications | 340 | 733 | 900 | 1123 | 1353 | 1548 | 1379 | 4094 | 4071 | 4513 | 20054 |
| Excluding siblings | 300 | 677 | 836 | 1021 | 1223 | 1408 | 1249 | 3758 | 3760 | 4320 | 18552 |
| Excluding records not matched to SIMS | 266 | 634 | 801 | 1000 | 1181 | 1378 | 1179 | 3627 | 3573 | 4016 | 17655 |
| Keep only first year of charter application | 266 | 617 | 770 | 962 | 1093 | 1282 | 1038 | 3308 | 2962 | 3469 | 15767 |
| Excluding repeat applications | 266 | 617 | 770 | 962 | 1093 | 1282 | 1038 | 3308 | 2962 | 3458 | 15756 |
| Reshaping to one record per student | 265 | 523 | 586 | 760 | 868 | 963 | 812 | 2055 | 1715 | 1900 | 10447 |
| Has baseline demographics and in Boston at baseline | 176 | 382 | 437 | 571 | 679 | 722 | 623 | 1790 | 1499 | 1594 | 8473 |

Notes: This table summarizes the sample restrictions imposed for the lottery analysis. Disqualified applications are duplicate records and applications to the wrong grade.

Table A3: Match from Lottery Data to Administrative Data

| Lottery Year | Number of Applications <br> (1) | Proportion <br> Matched <br> (2) | Regression of Match on Offer |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Immediate Offer (3) | Any Offer <br> (4) |
| 2004 | 268 | 0.989 | -0.006 | -0.007 |
|  |  |  | (0.026) | (0.013) |
| 2005 | 616 | 0.987 | - | 0.002 |
|  |  |  | - | (0.013) |
| 2006 | 742 | 0.991 | - | 0.004 |
|  |  |  | - | (0.016) |
| 2007 | 924 | 0.984 | 0.019** | $0.034^{* * *}$ |
|  |  |  | (0.008) | (0.013) |
| 2008 | 1018 | 0.957 | $0.042^{* * *}$ | $0.061 * * *$ |
|  |  |  | (0.013) | (0.019) |
| 2009 | 1106 | 0.977 | 0.004 | 0.011 |
|  |  |  | (0.011) | (0.010) |
| 2010 | 1041 | 0.924 | 0.065*** | $0.071 * * *$ |
|  |  |  | (0.016) | (0.017) |
| 2011 | 2614 | 0.954 | 0.018*** | 0.025*** |
|  |  |  | (0.007) | (0.007) |
| 2012 | 2503 | 0.939 | 0.001 | 0.033*** |
|  |  |  | (0.011) | (0.011) |
| 2013 | 2712 | 0.902 | 0.045*** | 0.078*** |
|  |  |  | (0.012) | (0.015) |
| All Cohorts | 15482 | 0.949 | 0.023*** | $0.038^{* * *}$ |
|  |  |  | (0.003) | (0.004) |

Notes: This table summarizes the match from the lottery records to administrative student data. The sample excludes late applicants, siblings, disqualified applicants, duplicate names, and out-of-area applicants. Columns (3) and (4) report coefficients from regressions on a dummy for a successful match on immediate and any charter offer dummies. All regressions control for school-by-year dummies.
*significant at $10 \%$; **significant at $5 \%$; ***significant at $1 \%$

Table A4: Alternative Definition of Proven Provider \& Replicate


Notes: This table reports the main 2SLS results from Table 6, but using alternative charter school type categorizations. In this robustness check, MATCH Middle School, UP Academy Boston, and KIPP Boston are considered other charters.
*significant at $10 \%$; **significant at $5 \%$; ***significant at $1 \%$

Table A5: Covariate Balance

|  | Before Charter Expansion |  | After Charter Expansion |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Proven Providers <br> (1) | Other Charters (2) | Proven Providers (3) | Expansion Schools <br> (4) | Other Charters <br> (5) |
| Female | 0.000 | -0.004 | -0.005 | 0.011 | 0.020 |
|  | (0.034) | (0.028) | (0.027) | (0.027) | (0.028) |
| Black | -0.026 | 0.007 | -0.027 | -0.025 | -0.015 |
|  | (0.032) | (0.027) | (0.027) | (0.026) | (0.028) |
| Latino/a | 0.027 | 0.000 | -0.001 | 0.005 | -0.010 |
|  | (0.031) | (0.022) | (0.027) | (0.026) | (0.027) |
| Asian | -0.014 | 0.007 | 0.008 | 0.010 | 0.000 |
|  | (0.009) | (0.008) | (0.010) | (0.011) | (0.009) |
| White | 0.016 | -0.003 | 0.007 | 0.001 | 0.018 |
|  | (0.011) | (0.024) | (0.010) | (0.012) | (0.017) |
| Subsidized Lunch | 0.015 | 0.010 | -0.011 | -0.016 | -0.016 |
|  | (0.029) | (0.027) | (0.020) | (0.019) | (0.023) |
| English Language Learners | -0.005 | -0.001 | -0.004 | -0.039 | -0.027 |
|  | (0.023) | (0.014) | (0.027) | (0.026) | (0.025) |
| Special Education | -0.005 | 0.005 | 0.002 | 0.013 | 0.018 |
|  | (0.027) | (0.022) | (0.021) | (0.022) | (0.022) |
| Attended charter before applying | 0.010 | -0.008 | -0.015 | -0.015* | -0.003 |
|  | (0.019) | (0.020) | (0.010) | (0.008) | (0.014) |
| Baseline math score | -0.024 | -0.022 | 0.058 | -0.033 | -0.004 |
|  | (0.071) | (0.053) | (0.050) | (0.051) | (0.055) |
| Baseline English score | -0.036 | 0.000 | 0.048 | 0.037 | 0.011 |
|  | (0.071) | (0.052) | (0.053) | (0.051) | (0.055) |
| N (offered) | 1009 | 1309 | 1466 | 1825 | 1142 |
| P-value | 0.594 | 0.891 | 0.526 | 0.136 | 0.979 |

Notes: This table reports coefficients from regressions of baseline characteristics on charter offers, controlling for lottery risk set indicators. P-values are from tests of the hypothesis that all coefficients are zero.
*significant at $10 \%$; **significant at $5 \%$; ***significant at $1 \%$

Table A6: Attrition

|  | Before Charter Expansion |  |  | After Charter Expansion |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-offered Followup Rate (1) | Offer Differential |  | Non-offered Followup Rate (4) | Offer Differential |  |  |
|  |  | Proven Providers (2) | Other <br> Charters <br> (3) |  | Proven Providers (5) | Expansion Charters (6) | Other Charters (7) |
| Math | 0.834 | $\begin{gathered} 0.018 \\ (0.018) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.032^{* *} \\ & (0.015) \end{aligned}$ | 0.869 | $\begin{gathered} \hline 0.000 \\ (0.015) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.013 \\ (0.016) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.023 \\ & (0.018) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| N |  |  |  | 20102 |  |  |  |
| English | 0.825 | $\begin{gathered} 0.018 \\ (0.017) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.034^{* *} \\ & (0.015) \end{aligned}$ | 0.869 | $\begin{gathered} 0.001 \\ (0.015) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.011 \\ (0.016) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.025 \\ (0.018) \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 20102 |  |  |  |

Notes: This table investigates attrition for randomized charter school lottery applicants. Columns (1) and (4) report fractions of follow-up test scores in grades five through eight that are observed for students not offered seats. Columns (2)-(3) and (5)-(7) report coefficients from regressions of a follow-up indicator on a lottery offer indicator (immediate or waitlist) and students not offered seats. Regressions control for lottery risk sets, as well as gender, ethnicity, a female-minority interaction, special education, English language learner, subsidized lunch status, and grade and year indicators. Standard errors are clustered by student.
*significant at $10 \%$; ${ }^{* *}$ significant at $5 \%$; ***significant at $1 \%$

## Table A7: Overall Charter Effects

|  | First Stage | Reduced Form | 2SLS |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $(1)$ | $(2)$ | $(3)$ |
| Math |  | $0.978^{* * *}$ | $0.218^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.025)$ | $(0.023)$ | $0.223^{* * *}$ |
|  | N |  | 17395 |
| English |  |  | $(0.023)$ |
|  |  | $0.977^{* * *}$ | $0.120^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.025)$ | $(0.022)$ | $0.123^{* * *}$ |
|  | N |  | 17316 |

Notes: This table reports first stage, reduced form, and 2SLS estimates for the full sample of lotteried charter middle schools across all years and schools. The endogenous variable is years in any charter school and the instrument is any charter offer. The sample stacks post-lottery test scores in grades five through eight. Models control for baseline covariates and lottery risk sets. Standard errors are clustered by student.
*significant at $10 \%$; ${ }^{* *}$ significant at $5 \%$; ***significant at $1 \%$

# Table A8: Reduced Form Charter Effects on Test Scores 

|  | Before Charter Expansion |  | After Charter Expansion |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Proven Providers (1) | Other Charters (2) | Proven Providers (3) | Expansion Charters <br> (4) | Other Charters (5) |
| Math | $\begin{gathered} \hline 0.386^{* * *} \\ (0.047) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.146^{* * *} \\ & (0.039) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 0.157^{* * *} \\ (0.046) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.119^{* *} \\ & (0.046) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.102^{* *} \\ & (0.051) \end{aligned}$ |
| English | $\begin{gathered} 0.157^{* * *} \\ (0.044) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.095^{* *} * \\ (0.036) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.069 \\ (0.043) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.093^{* *} \\ & (0.045) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.056 \\ (0.048) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |

Notes: This table shows reduced form estimates of the effects of charter offers on math and English scores. Charter offer equals one if the student receives an immediate or a waitlist offer. See Table 5 for detailed regression specification notes.
*significant at $10 \%$; ${ }^{* *}$ significant at $5 \%$; ***significant at $1 \%$

Table A9: Ordinary Least Squares Estimates of Charter Effects

|  | Before Charter Expansion |  |  | After Charter Expansion |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Charter Mean <br> (1) | OLS |  | Non-Charter Mean (4) | OLS |  |  |
|  |  | Proven Providers (2) | Other <br> Charters <br> (3) |  | Proven Providers (5) | Expansion Charters (6) | Other <br> Charters <br> (7) |
| Math | 0.004 | $\begin{gathered} 0.355^{* * *} \\ (0.010) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.228^{* * *} \\ (0.010) \end{gathered}$ | -0.059 | $\begin{gathered} 0.299^{* * *} \\ (0.011) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.322^{* * *} \\ (0.014) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 0.212^{* * *} \\ (0.010) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} \text { (students) } \\ & \mathrm{N} \text { (scores) } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 31218 \\ & 84246 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| English | 0.009 | $\begin{gathered} 0.268^{* * *} \\ (0.010) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.088^{* * *} \\ (0.011) \end{gathered}$ | -0.032 | $\begin{gathered} 0.185 * * * \\ (0.012) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.161^{* * *} \\ (0.013) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.181^{* * *} \\ (0.010) \end{gathered}$ |
| N (students) |  |  |  | 31242 |  |  |  |
| N (scores) |  |  |  | 84290 |  |  |  |

Notes: This table reports ordinary least squares (OLS) estimates of the effects of time spent in charter schools on math and English scores for students who attend a school in Boston in the fourth grade. The sample stacks scores in grades five through eight for all Boston students. All regressions control for fourth grade math and English scores, as well as gender, ethnicity, a female-minority interaction, special education, English language learner, subsidized lunch status and grade and year indicators.
*significant at $10 \%$; ${ }^{* *}$ significant at $5 \%$; ${ }^{* * *}$ significant at $1 \%$

Table A10: Charter Effects on Test Scores One Year After the Lottery

|  | Before Charter Expansion |  |  | After Charter Expansion |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Charter <br> Mean <br> (1) | Estimates |  | Non-Charter <br> Mean <br> (4) | Estimates |  |  |
|  |  | Proven <br> Providers <br> (2) | Other <br> Charters <br> (3) |  | Proven <br> Providers (5) | Expansion Charters (6) | Other <br> Charters <br> (7) |
| Panel A: First Stage Estimates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Immediate Offer |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.748^{* * *} \\ (0.031) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.768^{* * *} \\ & (0.021) \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.572 * * * \\ & (0.031) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.431^{* * *} \\ (0.028) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.620^{* * *} \\ (0.031) \end{gathered}$ |
| Waitlist Offer |  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.585^{* * *} \\ & (0.025) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.471^{* * *} \\ & (0.029) \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.274^{* * *} \\ (0.026) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.258^{* * *} \\ (0.026) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.491^{* * *} \\ (0.039) \end{gathered}$ |
| Panel B: 2SLS Estimates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Math | 0.112 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.482^{* * *} \\ & (0.075) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.201 * * * \\ & (0.063) \end{aligned}$ | -0.054 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.521^{* * *} \\ & (0.106) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.305^{* *} \\ & (0.121) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.076 \\ (0.086) \end{gathered}$ |
| $P$-value: Equals proven provider <br> $P$-value: Equals other charters |  |  | 0.001 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.081 \\ & 0.058 \end{aligned}$ | 0.000 |
| N (Applicants) <br> N (Total scores) | 1172 | 1245 | 1769 | 2694 | 2281 | 2387 | 2375 |
| English | 0.221 | $\begin{gathered} 0.095 \\ (0.078) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.045 \\ (0.061) \end{gathered}$ | -0.051 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.231^{* *} \\ & (0.112) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.284^{* *} \\ & (0.129) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.034 \\ (0.089) \end{gathered}$ |
| $P$-value: Equals proven provider $P$-value: Equals other charters |  |  | 0.112 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 0.698 \\ & 0.045 \end{aligned}$ | 0.121 |
| N (Applicants) | 1138 | 1159 | 1762 | 2697 | 2286 | 2395 | 2382 |
| N (Total scores) | 7006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Notes: Panel A reports the first stage effects of charter lottery offers on enrollment in a charter school in the first year after the lottery. Panel B displays the 2SLS estimates of the effects of charter school enrollment in the first year after the lottery on test scores. The endogenous variables are indicators of charter enrollment for the different charter types (pre-expansion proven providers, pre-expansion other charters, post-expansion proven providers, expansion schools, and post-expansion other charters). The instruments are immediate and waitlist lottery offer dummies for each school type. Immediate offer equals one for applicants offered seats on the day of the lottery. Waitlist offer equals one for applicants offered seats from the waitlist. Controls include lottery risk sets, as well as gender, race, ethnicity, a female-minority interaction, special education, English language learner, subsidized lunch status, and grade and year indicators.
${ }^{*}$ significant at $10 \%$; ${ }^{* *}$ significant at $5 \%$; ${ }^{* * *}$ significant at $1 \%$

Table A11: Charter Effects on Test Scores with Immediate Offer Instruments Only

|  | Before Charter Expansion |  |  | After Charter Expansion |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Charter <br> Mean <br> (1) | Estimates |  | Non-Charter <br> Mean <br> (4) | Estimates |  |  |
|  |  | Proven <br> Providers <br> (2) | Other <br> Charters <br> (3) |  | Proven <br> Providers <br> (5) | Expansion Charters (6) | Other Charters (7) |
| Panel A: First Stage Estimates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Immediate Offer |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.855^{* * *} \\ (0.070) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.185^{* * *} \\ & (0.048) \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 0.710^{* * *} \\ (0.054) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.484^{* * *} \\ (0.045) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.854^{* * *} \\ (0.054) \end{gathered}$ |
| Panel B: 2SLS Estimates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Math | 0.117 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.294^{* * *} \\ & (0.061) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.201^{* * *} \\ & (0.031) \end{aligned}$ | -0.074 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.412^{* * *} \\ & (0.082) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.408^{* * *} \\ (0.085) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.218^{* * *} \\ (0.068) \end{gathered}$ |
| $P$-value: Equals proven provider |  |  | 0.108 |  |  | 0.960 | 0.041 |
| $P$-value: Equals other charters |  |  |  |  |  | 0.036 |  |
| N (Applicants) | 1093 | 1279 | 1909 | 2443 | 2303 | 2416 | 2405 |
| N (Total scores) | $17395$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| English | 0.201 | $\begin{gathered} 0.165^{* * *} \\ (0.061) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.083^{* * *} \\ & (0.030) \end{aligned}$ | -0.032 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.222^{* *} \\ & (0.090) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.267^{* * *} \\ (0.086) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.151^{* *} \\ & (0.067) \end{aligned}$ |
| $P$-value: Equals proven provider |  |  | 0.153 |  |  | 0.638 | 0.479 |
| $P$-value: Equals other charters |  |  |  |  |  | 0.197 |  |
| N (Applicants) | 1087 | 1277 | 1911 | 2441 | 2307 | 2420 | 2412 |
| N (Total scores) | 17316 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Notes: Panel A reports the first stage effects of charter lottery offers on years of enrollment in charter schools. Panel B displays the 2SLS
estimates of the effects of charter school attendance on test scores. The sample stacks post-lottery test scores in grades five through eight. The endogenous variables are counts of years spent in the different charter types (pre-expansion proven providers, pre-expansion other charters, post-expansion proven providers, expansion schools, and post-expansion other charters). The instruments are immediate offer dummies for each school type. Immediate offer equals one for applicants offered seats on the day of the lottery. Controls include lottery risk sets, as well as gender, race, ethnicity, a female-minority interaction, special education, English language learner, subsidized lunch status, and grade and year indicators. Standard errors are clustered by student.
*significant at $10 \%$; ${ }^{* *}$ significant at $5 \%$; ${ }^{* * *}$ significant at $1 \%$

## A12: Lottery Estimates of Effects on Peer Quality and School Switching

|  | Before Charter Expansion |  |  | After Charter Expansion |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Charter | 2SLS |  | Non-Charter <br> Mean | 2SLS |  |  |
|  | Mean <br> (1) | Proven <br> Providers <br> (2) | Other <br> Charters (3) |  | Proven Providers (5) | Expansion Charters (6) | Other <br> Charters <br> (7) |
| Panel A: Peer Quality: Peer Baseline Sum of Math and English |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Post-lotto Year | -0.979 | $\begin{gathered} 0.234^{* * *} \\ (0.059) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 0.405^{* * *} \\ (0.042) \end{gathered}$ | -1.016 | $\begin{gathered} 0.212^{* * *} \\ (0.070) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.174^{*} \\ (0.090) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.334^{* * *} \\ (0.059) \end{gathered}$ |
| N (applicants) <br> N (total) | 1163 | 1102 | 1728 | 2803 | 2360 | 2474 | 2456 |
| Second Post-lotto Year | -0.824 | $\begin{gathered} 0.168^{* * *} \\ (0.059) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.148^{* * *} \\ (0.039) \end{gathered}$ | -0.989 | $\begin{gathered} 0.221^{* * *} \\ (0.064) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.102 \\ (0.084) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.197^{* * *} \\ (0.057) \end{gathered}$ |
| N (applicants) <br> N (total) | 960 | 1050 | 1648 | 2295 | 2223 | 2327 | 2311 |
| Third Post-lotto Year | -0.699 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.078^{*} \\ & (0.044) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.054^{*} \\ & (0.031) \end{aligned}$ | -0.944 | $\begin{gathered} 0.031 \\ (0.059) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.023 \\ (0.079) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.060 \\ (0.052) \end{gathered}$ |
| N (applicants) <br> N (total) | 926 | 1043 | 1644 | 1486 | 1375 | 1560 | 1355 |
| Panel B: School Switching After One Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Any Switch | 0.499 | $\begin{gathered} -0.257^{* * *} \\ (0.047) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.521^{* * *} \\ (0.043) \end{gathered}$ | 0.500 | $\begin{gathered} -0.337^{* * *} \\ (0.077) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.263^{* * *} \\ (0.096) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.489^{* * *} \\ (0.072) \end{gathered}$ |
| Switch Excluding Transition Grades | 0.176 | $\begin{aligned} & -0.064^{*} \\ & (0.035) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.140^{* * *} \\ (0.031) \end{gathered}$ | 0.178 | $\begin{aligned} & -0.057 \\ & (0.056) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.072 \\ & (0.070) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.088^{*} \\ & (0.053) \end{aligned}$ |
| Ever Attend Exam School | 0.082 | $\begin{gathered} -0.053^{* *} \\ (0.021) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.033^{*} \\ & (0.019) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 0.053 | $\begin{aligned} & -0.021 \\ & (0.034) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -0.014 \\ (0.043) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.013 \\ (0.032) \end{gathered}$ |

Notes: This table displays 2SLS effects of charter enrollment in different types of charter schools on peer quality and switching schools on year after the lottery. Peer quality is defined as the average baseline test score math and English total for the other students in the student's school and grade. Students who do not appear in Massachusetts public schools in October following the charter application are not counted as school switchers. The switch excluding transitional grades equals one for students who switch schools in grades other than the exit grade of their first school. It does not equal one if the school closed the year the student switched. See Table 5 for detailed regression specification notes.
*significant at $10 \%$; **significant at $5 \%$; ${ }^{* * *}$ significant at $1 \%$

Table A13: Charter School Effects for Subgroups

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{} \& \multicolumn{5}{|c|}{Math scores} \& \multicolumn{5}{|c|}{English scores} \\
\hline \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Before expansion} \& \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{After expansion} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Before expansion} \& \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{After expansion} \\
\hline \& Proven Providers
(1) \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Other \\
Charters \\
(2)
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Proven \\
Providers \\
(3)
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Expansion Charters \\
(4)
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Other \\
Charters \\
(5)
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Proven \\
Providers \\
(6)
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Other \\
Charters \\
(7)
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Proven \\
Providers \\
(8)
\end{tabular} \& Expansion Charters (9) \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Other Charters \\
(10)
\end{tabular} \\
\hline English Language \& \(0.288^{* * *}\) \& -0.194 \& \(0.505^{* * *}\) \& 0.284* \& \(0.329^{* * *}\) \& 0.165 \& -0.254* \& \(0.334^{* * *}\) \& 0.220 \& 0.233* \\
\hline Learner

N (scores) \& $$
\begin{gathered}
(0.088) \\
468
\end{gathered}
$$ \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.157) \\
455
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.101) \\
1729
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.148) \\
1804
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.118) \\
1275
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.101) \\
468
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.138) \\
454
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.108) \\
1733
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.146) \\
1807
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.120) \\
1279
\end{gathered}
$$
\] <br>

\hline Not English \& $0.330^{* * *}$ \& $0.192^{* * *}$ \& $0.252^{* * *}$ \& $0.334^{* * *}$ \& $0.145^{* *}$ \& $0.127^{* * *}$ \& $0.097^{* * *}$ \& 0.090 \& $0.242^{* * *}$ \& 0.092 <br>

\hline | Language Learner |
| :--- |
| N (scores) | \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.040) \\
3368
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.027) \\
5640
\end{gathered}
$$
\] \& $(0.093)$

2567 \& $$
\begin{gathered}
(0.082) \\
2955
\end{gathered}
$$ \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.067) \\
3077
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.038) \\
3286
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.025) \\
5630
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.097) \\
2565
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.084) \\
2962
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.064) \\
3084
\end{gathered}
$$
\] <br>

\hline Special Education

$$
N \text { (scores) }
$$ \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
0.217^{* *} \\
(0.103) \\
693
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
0.156^{* *} \\
(0.064) \\
1178
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
0.242 \\
(0.189) \\
823
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
0.628^{* * *} \\
(0.177) \\
930
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
0.180 \\
(0.212) \\
758
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
0.039 \\
(0.117) \\
683
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
0.119^{*} \\
(0.062) \\
1171
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
0.130 \\
(0.204) \\
818
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
0.301 \\
(0.202) \\
936
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
0.165 \\
(0.227) \\
763
\end{gathered}
$$
\] <br>

\hline Not Special \& $0.346^{* * *}$ \& $0.184^{* * *}$ \& 0.407*** \& 0.270*** \& $0.190^{* * *}$ \& $0.158^{* * *}$ \& $0.091^{* * *}$ \& $0.232^{* * *}$ \& $0.221^{* * *}$ \& 0.109* <br>

\hline Education \& $$
\begin{gathered}
(0.039) \\
3143
\end{gathered}
$$ \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.029) \\
4917
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.073) \\
3473
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.082) \\
3829
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.060) \\
3594
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.036) \\
3071
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.027) \\
4913
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.076) \\
3480
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.080) \\
3833
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.058) \\
3600
\end{gathered}
$$
\] <br>

\hline Below-mean \& $0.356^{* * *}$ \& $0.239^{* * *}$ \& $0.484^{* * *}$ \& $0.481^{* * *}$ \& 0.181** \& $0.148^{* *}$ \& 0.112** \& $0.324^{* * *}$ \& $0.321^{* * *}$ \& 0.165* <br>

\hline | baseline score |
| :--- |
| N (scores) | \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.057) \\
1488
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.043) \\
2072
\end{gathered}
$$
\] \& $(0.094)$

2150 \& $$
\begin{gathered}
(0.104) \\
2265
\end{gathered}
$$ \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.073) \\
1901
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.068) \\
1320
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.050) \\
1865
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.108) \\
1964
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.098) \\
2211
\end{gathered}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{gathered}
(0.087) \\
1727
\end{gathered}
$$
\] <br>

\hline Above-mean \& $0.343^{* * *}$ \& $0.161^{* * *}$ \& 0.207*** \& 0.280*** \& $0.240^{* * *}$ \& $0.181^{* * *}$ \& $0.080^{* * *}$ \& 0.017 \& $0.180^{* *}$ \& 0.132** <br>
\hline baseline score \& (0.035) \& (0.026) \& (0.079) \& (0.072) \& (0.057) \& (0.032) \& (0.023) \& (0.083) \& (0.077) \& (0.060) <br>
\hline N (scores) \& 2348 \& 4023 \& 2146 \& 2494 \& 2451 \& 2434 \& 4219 \& 2334 \& 2558 \& 2636 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

Notes: This table reports 2SLS estimates of the effects of charter school attendance on test scores for subgroups of students. The sample stacks post-lottery test scores in grades five through eight. The endogenous variables are counts of years spent in the different charter types. The instruments are immediate and waitlist lottery offer dummies for each school type. Controls include lottery risk sets, as well as gender, ethnicity, a female-minority interaction, special education, English language learner, subsidized lunch status, and grade and year indicators.
*significant at $10 \%$; **significant at $5 \%$; ***significant at $1 \%$


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ We do not have Spring 2004 lottery records for Brooke Roslindale, Boston Prep, and Academy of the Pacific Rim or Spring 2005 records for Brooke Roslindale. Brooke Roslindale does not have lotteries in after charter expansion because their elementary school students filled the middle school seat. All other schools and years have oversubscribed lottery data.

