

# Current State | Special Education Infrastructure

**Each NOLA charter school operates as its own local education agency (LEA), and is required to meet the needs of any student with a disability who enrolls.** Currently, every school must maintain access to the full spectrum of support.

The redundancy in our system's current design creates challenges for building the necessary size and scope to sustain special education programs that meet the needs of all students with disabilities.

Some larger CMOs take advantage of scale by sharing service providers and assistive technologies, while others might share specialized programs and services across schools.

Library of Assistive Technologies

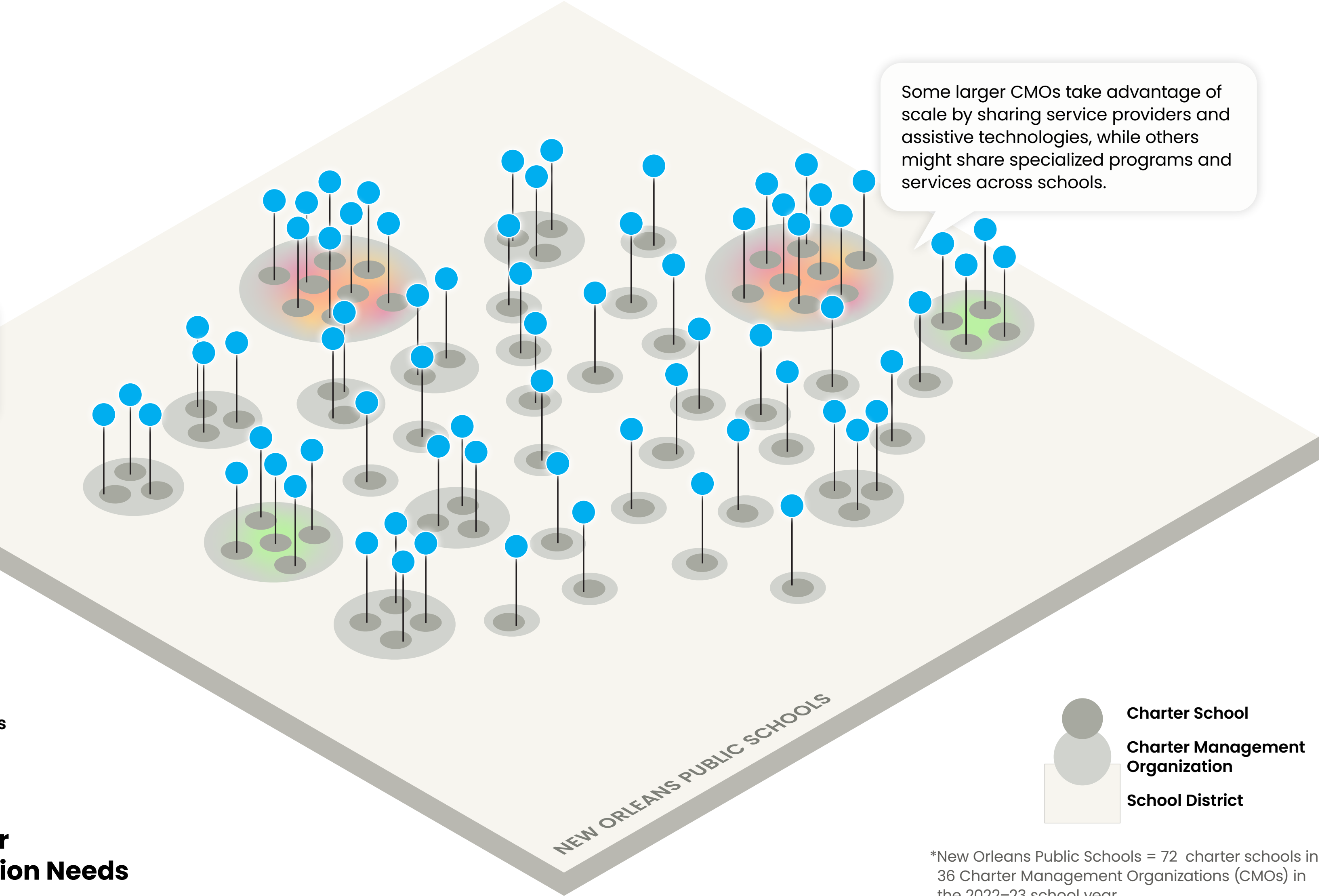
Record Keeping & Compliance

Specialized Programs & Services

Roster of Service Providers

Point of Entry for Health & Social Services

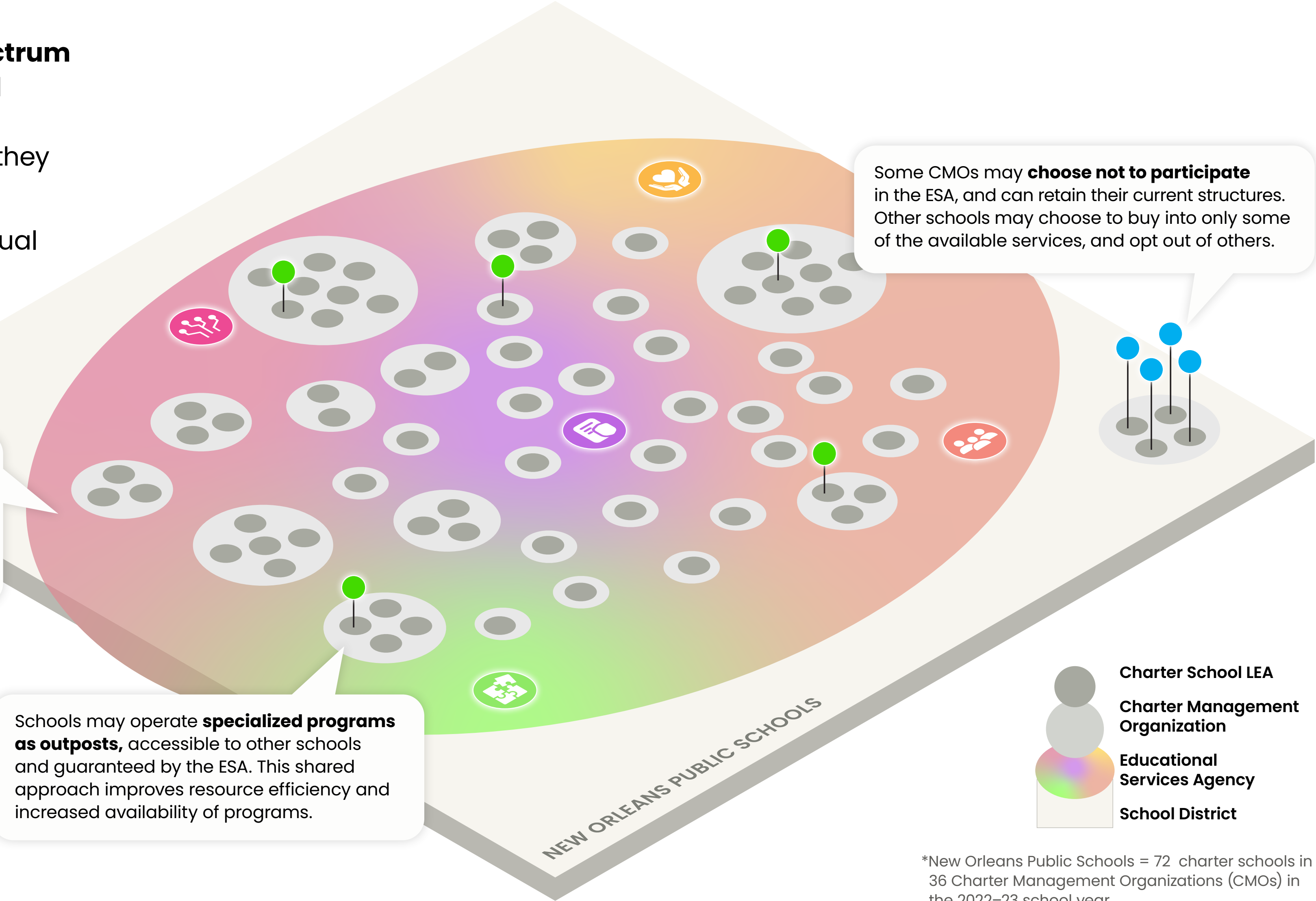
**1 LEA = Full Spectrum of Support for Every Student with Special Education Needs**



# Proposed Future State | Educational Services Agency

With an ESA, schools can coordinate the spectrum of special education programs, services, and related infrastructure—most of which can be jointly shared, with each school deciding how they want to participate.

Each charter retains LEA status, fulfilling individual responsibilities through the collective ESA.



\*New Orleans Public Schools = 72 charter schools in 36 Charter Management Organizations (CMOs) in the 2022–23 school year