

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Charter Renewal Application – Mohave Accelerated Elementary School, Inc.

Request

Mohave Accelerated Elementary School, Inc. (“Charter Holder”) submitted a charter renewal application on January 11, 2018 to continue operation of Mohave Accelerated Elementary School and Mohave Accelerated Elementary School East.

See Appendix A: Renewal Application

Profile

The Charter Holder was granted a charter in February 2004.

See Appendix B: Renewal Summary Review.

Governance

Corporate Board Members

Vickie Christensen

Valorie Rodgers

School Governing Body Members

Mohave Accelerated Elementary School	Type	Mohave Accelerated Elementary School East	Type
Vickie Christensen	Unknown	Vickie Christensen	Charter Organization
Kori Gilman	Community	Kori Gilman	Charter Organization
Mike Kern	Unknown	Mike Kern	Charter Organization
Debra Korte	Unknown	Debra Korte	Charter Organization
Nick Sessions	Other	Nick Sessions	Charter Organization

Operational Performance

During the Academic Systems Review, specific areas of the charter contract are reviewed to ensure a charter holder is in compliance. If Board staff identifies contractual non-compliance issues at the site visit, each issue is reflected on the charter holder’s Operational Performance Dashboard, with required submissions to come into compliance.

The Charter Holder’s enrollment policies were found to not be in compliance with A.R.S. §15-828 due to requiring a Birth Certificate, as referenced in the enrollment packet provided at the Academic Systems Review Visit. On April 10, 2018, the Charter Holder submitted an updated Enrollment Packet that demonstrates compliance with A.R.S. §15-828.

The Charter Holder currently meets the Board’s Operational Performance Expectations set forth in the Performance Framework adopted by the Board.

Financial Performance

The Charter Holder meets the Board’s Financial Performance Expectations set forth in the Performance Framework adopted by the Board. Therefore, the Charter Holder was not required to submit a Financial Performance Response.

Academic Performance

School Name	Mohave Accelerated Elementary School			Mohave Accelerated Elementary School East		
Date Open	July 2004			August 2009		
Location	Bullhead City			Bullhead City		
Grades Served	K - 5			K - 5		
FY 17 Letter Grade	B			B		
	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17
ELA AzMERIT (39% ⁺)	32%	48%	49%	46%	67%	62%
Math AzMERIT (40% ⁺)	37%	60%	54%	75%	71%	62%
Science AIMS (53% ⁺)	57%	53%	66%	76%	90%	74%

*FY 17 State Average Passing

Additional School Choices Serving Grades K–5 within 5 Miles of Mohave Accelerated Elementary School

Total Schools	FY 14 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 17 State Assessment Data Greater than State Average			Subgroups within (±5%) of Charter Holder's Subgroup Data		
			ELA (>39%)	Math (>40%)	Science (>53%)	FRL (±5%)	ELL (±5%)	SPED (±5%)
1	A	0	1	1	1	1	*	0
2	B	1	1	0	2	2	*	0
1	C	1	0	0	0	1	*	0

*Because the percentage of ELL students is not available for the Charter Holder, comparison to nearby schools is not possible.

Comparison of Nearby Schools to Mohave Accelerated Elementary School

Total Schools	FY 14 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 17 State Assessment Data Greater than Mohave Accelerated Elementary School		
			AzMERIT ELA (>49%)	AzMERIT Math (>54%)	AIMS Science (66%)
1	A	0	0	0	1
2	B	1	0	0	1
1	C	1	0	0	0
Total Number of Schools		Total Number of Schools Performing Better than Mohave Accelerated Elementary School (Percentage of Total)			
4		2 (50%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (50%)

Additional School Choices Serving Grades K–5 within 5 Miles of Mohave Accelerated Elementary School East

Total Schools	FY 14 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 17 State Assessment Data Greater than State Average			Subgroups within (±5%) of Charter Holder's Subgroup Data		
			ELA (>39%)	Math (>40%)	Science (>53%)	FRL (±5%)	ELL (±5%)	SPED (±5%)
2	A	0	2	1	2	0	*	2

*Because the percentage of ELL students is not available for the Charter Holder, comparison to nearby schools is not possible.

Comparison of Nearby Schools to Mohave Accelerated Elementary School East

Total Schools	FY 14 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 17 State Assessment Data Greater than School Name		
			AzMERIT ELA (>53%)	AzMERIT Math (>65%)	AIMS Science (>74%)
2	A	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Schools		Total Number of Schools Performing Better than Mohave Accelerated Elementary School East (Percentage of Total)			
2		0 (%)	0 (%)	0 (%)	0 (%)

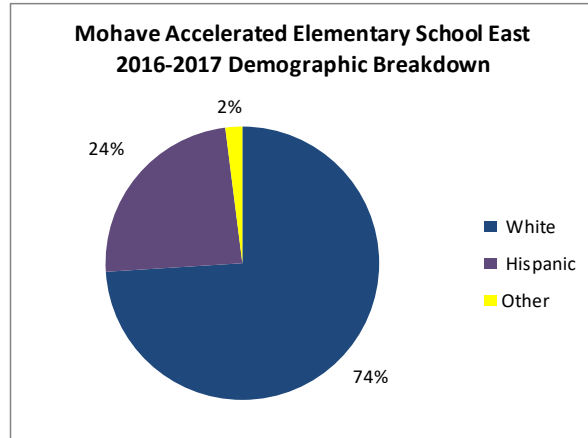
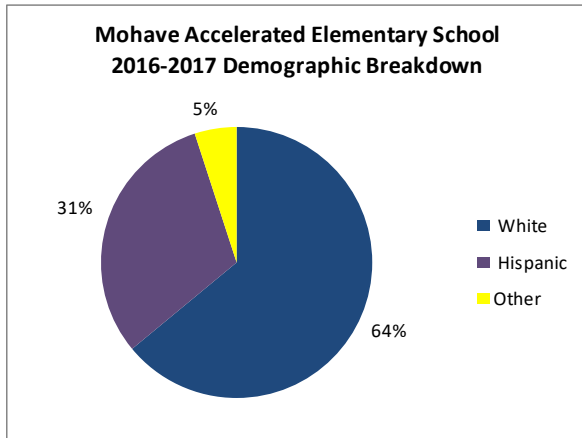
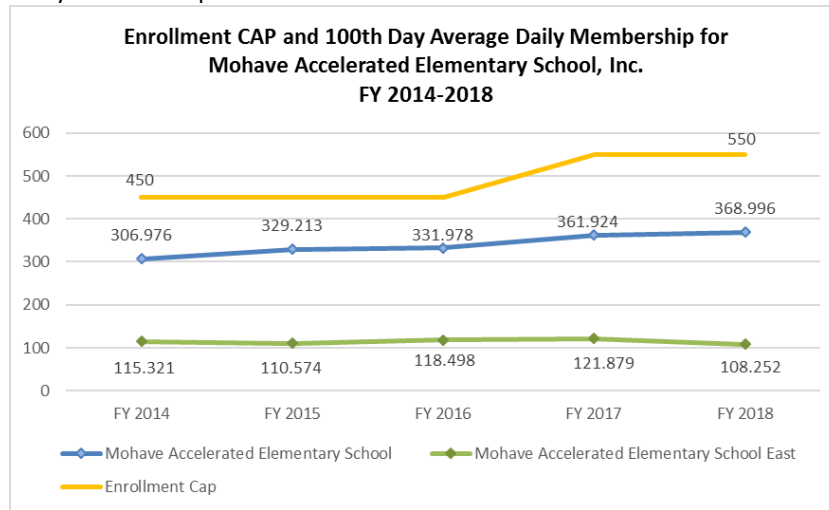
Schools Associated with Mohave Accelerated Elementary School, Inc.

School operated by a charter holder with at least fifty (50) percent of corporate board officers, directors, members, or partners in common.			
Charter Holder Name	Mohave Accelerated Learning Center		
School Name	Mohave Accelerated Learning Center		
FY 2017 Letter Grade	B		
	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17
ELA AzMERIT (39%+)	30%	29%	45%
Math AzMERIT (40%+)	28%	28%	45%
Science AIMS (53%+)	43%	40%	56%

+FY 17 State Average Passing

Enrollment and Demographic Data

100th Day Average Daily Membership for FY 2014–FY 2018.



2016-2017 Subgroup Data	
Free and Reduced Lunch	72%
English Language Learners	*
Special Education	14%

*If the percentage of students is 0% or 100%, or the group includes less than 10 students, the percentage for that group is redacted.



Academic Systems Review

Board staff conducted an Academic Systems Review (“ASR”) at each of the schools operated by the Charter Holder to gather evidence that demonstrates that the school implements a comprehensive program of instruction and measures pupil progress toward pupil outcomes, as required in its charter contract. The Board has established criteria comprised of questions that guides the staffs’ visit. This report includes information regarding how the school develops and implements:

- a curriculum that improves student achievement.
- a system for monitoring the integration of the State academic standards.
- a system for monitoring and documenting student proficiency.
- a professional development plan that supports effective implementation of the curriculum.

The ASR site visits were conducted by Judy Thompson, Education Program Manager and Elisa Koler, Education Program Manager on March 5, 2018 and March 6, 2018.

Detailed information regarding the Academic Systems Review is provided in *Appendix C: Academic Systems Review Report*.