

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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Ms. Debbie Davenport, Auditor General
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Dear Ms. Davenport:

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools ("Board") is pleased to submit its 2015 Charter Sponsor Annual Report. The Board's submission comprises 11 documents, including this cover letter. Should your office receive any requests for the Board's annual report, we respectfully ask that you include this cover letter with the information your office provides.

The following provides clarification or additional information related to the Board's submission:

- **Academic Performance** – The annual report's "Charter Holders and Schools" tab includes the academic performance information for fiscal year 2014 as this is the most current information available. During fiscal year 2015, the State implemented a new statewide achievement test, and these results are not yet publicly available. The 536 charter schools identified on the annual report's cover page include 485 charter schools that operated in fiscal year 2014, 31 charter schools that began operating in fiscal year 2015, and 20 charter schools that began operating in fiscal year 2016. Of the 485 continuing charter schools reflected in the report, 293 (or 60.4%) met the Board's academic standard. Overall for fiscal year 2014, 303 (or 57.3%) of the 529 charter schools sponsored by the Board met the Board's academic standard. No rating schools are considered as not meeting the Board's academic standard and are included in the totals. No rating schools represent 20 of the 485 continuing schools and 27 of the 529 fiscal year 2014 schools.
- **Application Processes** – The Board has established two distinct application processes for an applicant seeking to establish a charter school – the new application and the replication application. The purpose of the replication application is to streamline the application process for existing charter holders that have consistently demonstrated quality academic and operational performance, as set by the Board's Performance Framework. Copies of both applications have been submitted as part of the annual report. In addition, as required by A.R.S. §15-183(A), this information is accessible on the Board's website at <https://asbcs.az.gov/applicant-resources>.
- **Performance Framework** – Copies of the Board's Performance Framework have been submitted as part of the annual report. In addition, as required by A.R.S. §15-183(R), this information is accessible on the Board's website at <https://asbcs.az.gov/school-resources/academic-performance>.

If your office has any questions regarding the Board's submission, please contact me at (602) 364-3080.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Whitney Chapa".

Whitney Chapa
Executive Director

"To improve public education in Arizona by sponsoring charter schools that provide quality educational choices."



ANNUAL REPORT

As of July 1, 2015

CHARTER SPONSOR: Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

Current number of charters authorized as of July 1	<u>422</u>
Number of schools operated by authorized charter holders as of July 1	<u>536</u>
Number of schools that meet or exceed academic performance measures	<u>293</u>
Number of charter holders that meet operational performance measures	<u>403</u>
Number of new charters approved in prior fiscal year	<u>26</u>
Number of schools closed in prior fiscal year	<u>29</u>

In addition, the following files have been provided to comply with the annual reporting requirements for Charter Sponsors as required by A.R.S. §15-183(HH):

Application, Amendment, Renewal and Revocation Process Templates and Policies

ASBCS 2015 New Charter Application; ASBCS 2015 Replication Application; ASBCS 2015 Amendments and Notifications; ASBCS 2015 Renewal; ASBCS 2015 Revocation Process
 File name(s) _____

1/13/2015; 5/13/2013;
12/2014 and 4/2015;
2/2015; 9/2015
 Process updated as of _____

Charter Contract Template

ASBCS 2015 Charter Contract Templates
 File name(s) _____

5/24/2014 and 3/13/2015
 Template updated as of _____

Current Performance Framework

ASBCS 2015 Academic Performance Framework; ASBCS 2015 Operational Performance Framework; ASBCS 2015 Financial Performance Framework
 File name(s) _____

10/14/2014
 Framework updated as of _____

The Annual Report for Arizona State Board for Charter Schools was completed and submitted by:

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