

Renewal Executive Summary

I. Performance Summary

Area	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Academic Framework	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Framework	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operational Framework	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

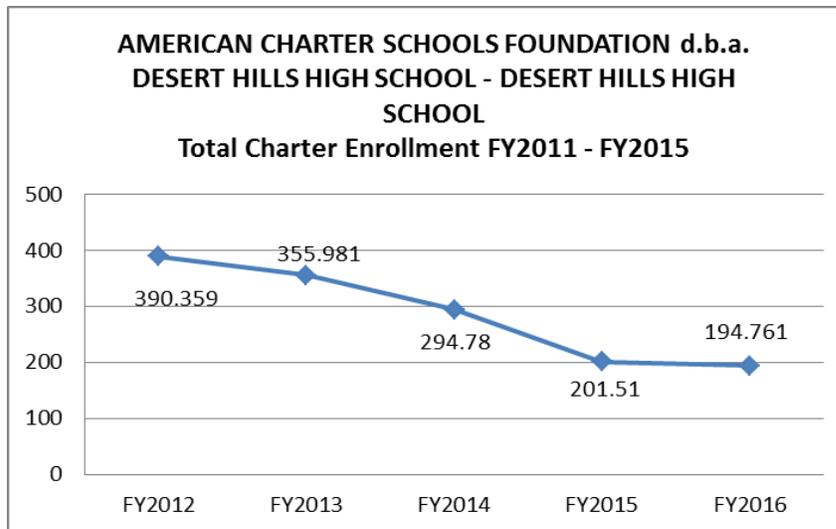
American Charter Schools Foundation d.b.a. Desert Hills High School met the Board’s Academic Performance Expectations as set forth in the Performance Framework adopted by the Board and was waived from submitting the Academic Performance Section of the renewal application.

The Charter Holder meets the Board’s Financial Performance Expectations.

For fiscal year 2015, the Charter Holder meets the Board’s Operational Performance Standard and, to date, has no measures rated as “Falls Far Below Standard” for the current fiscal year.

II. Profile

American Charter Schools Foundation d.b.a. Desert Hills High School operates 1 school serving grades 9-12. Desert Hills High School is designated as an alternative school. The graph below shows the Charter Holder’s actual 100th day average daily membership (ADM) for fiscal years 2012-2015 and 40th day ADM for 2016.

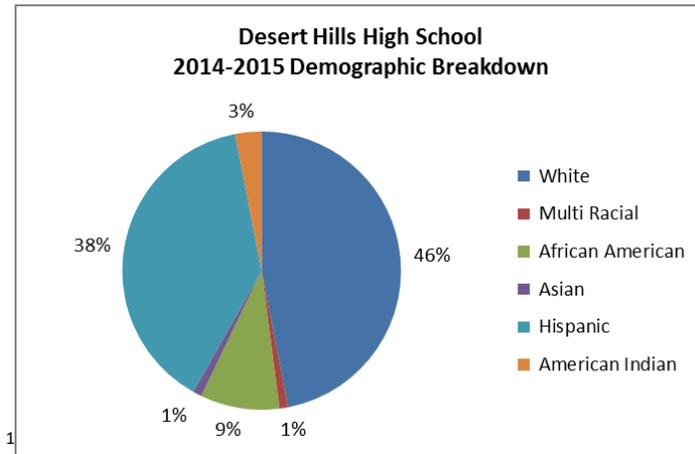


The academic performance of Desert Hills High School is represented in the table below. The Academic Dashboard for the school can be seen in appendix B. Academic Dashboard

School Name	Opened	Current Grades Served	2012 Overall Rating	2013 Overall Rating	2014 Overall Rating
Desert Hills High School	10/20/1997	9-12	63.13/C	73.12/B-ALT	76.88/B-ALT



The demographic data for Desert Hills High School from the 2014-2015 school year is represented in the charts below.



The percentage of students who were eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch, classified as English Language Learners, and classified as students with disabilities in the 2014-2015 school year is represented in the table below.²

Category	Desert Hills High School
Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL)	45%
English Language Learners (ELLs)	*
Special Education	17%

American Charter Schools Foundation d.b.a. Desert Hills High School has not been brought before the Board for any items or actions in the past 12 months.

III. Success of the Academic Program

The academic performance of the school operated by the Charter Holder meets the Board’s Academic Performance Expectations set forth in the Performance Framework adopted by the Board. Therefore, the Charter Holder was not required to submit a Demonstration of Sufficient Progress.

IV. Viability of the Organization

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.

¹ Information provided by the Research and Evaluation Division of the ADE.

² Information provided by the Research and Evaluation Division of the ADE. If the percentage of students in a non-ethnicity-based demographic group is not reported or is 0% or 100%, the percentage for that demographic group was redacted.



V. Adherence to the Terms of the Charter

For fiscal year 2015, the Charter Holder meets the Board's Operational Performance Standard set forth in the Performance Framework adopted by the Board and, to date, has no measures rated as "Falls Far Below Standard" for the current fiscal year (appendix: A. Renewal Summary Review).

VI. Staff Recommendation

Based upon the Charter Holder meeting the Academic Performance Expectations set forth in the Board's Performance Framework, completing the obligations of the contract, complying with applicable statutory requirements, and the information in the renewal application package, I move to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to American Charter Schools Foundation d.b.a. Desert Hills High School.



APPENDIX A
RENEWAL SUMMARY REVIEW

Five-Year Interval Report

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ARIZONA STATE BOARD FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

Renewal Summary Review

Interval Report Details

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Report Date:	03/04/2016	Report Type:	Renewal
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Charter Contract Information

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Charter Corporate Name:	American Charter Schools Foundation d.b.a. Desert Hills High School		
Charter CTDS:	07-89-47-000	Charter Entity ID:	79872
Charter Status:	Open	Contract Effective Date:	04/10/2002
Number of Schools:	1	Contractual Days:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desert Hills High School: 144
Charter Grade Configuration:	9-12	Contract Expiration Date:	04/09/2017
FY Charter Opened:	2003	Charter Signed:	04/10/2002
Charter Granted:	03/18/2002	Charter Enrollment Cap	650
Corp. Type	Non Profit		

Charter Contact Information

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Mailing Address:	7878 N. 16th St. Suite 150 Phoenix, AZ 85020	Website:	—
Phone:	602-953-2933	Fax:	602-277-4900
Mission Statement:	The mission of Desert Hills High School is to help all students develop basic skills, understanding and attitudes necessary to become productive citizens. We accomplish this through an integrated approach using curriculum aligned to the Arizona State Standards and relevant instruction. The school serves young people for whom traditional schools have not been effective and predictably will not be in the future. As such, essentially all students meet one or more of Arizona's definitions for an alternative school. That is, they have behavioral issues, have dropped out or are likely to drop out, are pregnant or parenting, have a history of academic failure or have been adjudicated. It is the specific mission of the school to serve such students.		
Charter Representatives:	Name:	Email:	FCC Expiration Date:
	1.) Mr. Theodore Frederick	ted.frederick@kaizenfoundation.org	—
	2.) Michele Kaye	michele.kaye@leonagroup.com	—

Academic Performance - Desert Hills High School

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School Name:	Desert Hills High School	School CTDS:	07-89-47-001
School Entity ID:	78901	Charter Entity ID:	79872
School Status:	Open	School Open Date:	10/20/1997
Physical Address:	1515 South Val Vista Drive Gilbert, AZ 85296	Website:	—
Phone:	480-813-1151	Fax:	480-813-1161
Grade Levels Served:	9-12	FY 2014 100th Day ADM:	294.78

Academic Performance Per Fiscal Year

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Desert Hills High School

		2012 Traditional High School (9 to 12)			2013 Alternative High School (9 to 12)			2014 Alternative High School (9 to 12)		
1. Growth		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
1a. SGP	Math	53	75	15	35.5	75	2.5	22.5	25	2.5
	Reading	56.5	75	15	38	50	2.5	54	75	2.5
1b. SGP Bottom 25%	Math	NR	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Reading	NR	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1b. Improvement	Math	N/A	N/A	N/A	42.1	100	12.5	41.4	100	12.5
	Reading	N/A	N/A	N/A	37.6	50	12.5	45.9	75	12.5
2. Proficiency		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
2a. Percent Passing	Math	38 / 48.9	50	10	33.5 / 19.6	75	10	34.2 / 20.7	75	10
	Reading	76 / 71.2	75	10	60.2 / 54.9	75	10	66.7 / 57.1	75	10
2b. Composite School Comparison	Math	-11.7	50	7.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Reading	3.3	75	7.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2c. Subgroup ELL	Math	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
	Reading	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
2c. Subgroup FRL	Math	32 / 42	50	5	32.5 / 18.6	75	2.5	28.8 / 20.5	75	2.5
	Reading	72 / 62.6	75	5	53.6 / 52.9	75	2.5	59.2 / 55.6	75	2.5
2c. Subgroup SPED	Math	0 / 11.9	50	5	3.6 / 5.8	50	2.5	5.6 / 5.4	75	2.5
	Reading	NR	0	0	17.9 / 23.4	50	2.5	46.7 / 28	75	2.5
3. State Accountability		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
3a. State Accountability		C	50	5	B-ALT	75	5	B-ALT	75	5
4. Graduation		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
4a. Graduation		67	50	15	Met	75	15	Met	75	15
4b. Academic Persistence		N/A	N/A	N/A	88	75	20	79	75	20
Overall Rating		Overall Rating			Overall Rating			Overall Rating		
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American Charter Schools Foundation d.b.a. Desert Hills High School

Near-Term Measures	Fiscal Year 2014		Fiscal Year 2015	
	Going Concern	No	Meets	No
Unrestricted Days Liquidity	27.74	Does Not Meet	42.63	Meets
Default	No	Meets	No	Meets

Sustainability Measures (Negative numbers indicated by parentheses)

Net Income	\$1,384,448	Meets	\$723,712	Meets
Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio	1.36	Meets	1.27	Meets
Cash Flow (3-Year Cumulative)	(\$410,440)	Does Not Meet	\$1,196,272	Meets

Cash Flow Detail by Fiscal Year

FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2013
\$655,576	(\$564,338)	(\$501,678)	\$1,105,034	\$655,576	(\$564,338)

Meets Board's Financial Performance Expectations

Operational Performance

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Click on any of the measures below to see more information.

Measure	2015	2016
1.a. Does the delivery of the education program and operation reflect the essential terms of the educational program as described in the charter contract?	Meets	--
1.b. Does the charter holder adhere with applicable education requirements defined in state and federal law?	Meets	--
2.a. Do the charter holder's annual audit reporting packages reflect sound operations?	Meets	--
2.b. Is the charter holder administering student admission and attendance appropriately?	Meets	--
2.c. Is the charter holder maintaining a safe environment consistent with state and local requirements?	Meets	--
2.d. Is the charter holder transparent in its operations?	Meets	--
2.e. Is the charter holder complying with its obligations to the Board?	Meets	--
2.f. Is the charter holder complying with reporting requirements of other entities to which the charter holder is accountable?	Meets	--
3. Is the charter holder complying with all other obligations?	Meets	--
OVERALL RATING	Meets Operational Standard	--

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APPENDIX B

ACADEMIC DASHBOARD

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RENEWAL SUBMISSION