

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Charter Holder Status Change in Legal Status Amendment Request

Request

LEAD Charter Schools dba Leading Edge Academy Queen Creek (“Charter Holder”) has submitted a request to change the legal status of LEAD Charter Schools dba Leading Edge Academy Queen Creek, a Not for Profit corporation to Leading Edge Academy Queen Creek, a Not for Profit corporation. This change will be effective after approval by the Board. The conversion documents include the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Organizational Chart, and filings with IRS.

See Appendix A: Amendment Request Materials and Support Materials.

Profile

The Charter Holder was granted a renewal charter in 2016.

The change from one non-profit corporation to a different non-profit corporation is due to board members of the current charter holder, LEAD Charter Schools, Inc., primarily residing in Gilbert and Mesa. Transferring the charter to a new corporation will allow more localized stakeholder involvement in the Queen Creek community and “greater community and campus specific decisions, focus, and policies better serving the students and community.” The corporation change will also provide “more opportunities to receive grants and funding not available to larger charter systems.” In addition, the new corporation will have a Corporate Board and School Governing Body that will be one and the same and will consist of five members. The school under the new charter holder will continue to operate under the current name Leading Edge Academy Mountain View.

Governance

Current Governance of LEAD Charter Schools dba Leading Edge Academy Queen Creek

Corporate Board Members
Delmer Geesey
Rick Howard
Vicky Schildgen
Daniel Sleezer
Jeremiah Womack

School Governing Body Members	Type
Delmer Geesey	Charter Organization
Rick Howard	Charter Organization
Vicky Schildgen	Charter Organization
Daniel Sleezer	Charter Organization
Jeremiah Womack	Charter Organization

Governance of Leading Edge Academy Queen Creek if Request is Approved

Corporate Board Members
Joey Bilbrey
Steve Butcher
Jessica Darley
Mark Leuning
Daniel Sleezer

School Governing Body Members	Type
Joey Bilbrey	Unknown
Steve Butcher	Unknown
Jessica Darley	Unknown
Mark Leuning	Unknown
Daniel Sleezer	Unknown



School Profile

School Name	Leading Edge Academy Mountain View		
Date Open	September 2005		
Location	Queen Creek		
Grades Served	K-8		
FY 18 Letter Grade	C		
	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
ELA AzMERIT (41% ⁺)	45%	53%	42%
Math AzMERIT (41% ⁺)	45%	49%	31%
Science AIMS (52% ⁺)	71%	59%	68%

⁺FY 18 State Average Passing

Schools Associated with LEAD Charter Schools dba Leading Edge Academy Queen Creek

Schools operated by the same charter holder but under different charter contracts						
Charter Holder Name	LEAD Charter Schools			LEAD Charter Schools		
School Name	Leading Edge Academy Gilbert Elementary			Leading Edge Academy Gilbert Early College		
Date Open	July 2002			August 2005		
Location	Gilbert			Gilbert		
Grades Served	K-6			7-12		
FY 2018 Letter Grade	B			B		
	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
ELA AzMERIT (41% ⁺)	50%	63%	56%	45%	42%	46%
Math AzMERIT (41% ⁺)	46%	60%	58%	47%	64%	54%
Science AIMS (52% ⁺)	81%	75%	62%	52%	65%	74%

Schools operated by the same charter holder but under different charter contracts						
Charter Holder Name	LEAD Charter Schools			LEAD Charter Schools		
School Name	Leading Edge Academy at East Mesa			Leading Edge Academy Online		
Date Open	July 2007			July 2012		
Location	Mesa			Gilbert		
Grades Served	K-8			6-12		
FY 2018 Letter Grade	B			NR		
	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
ELA AzMERIT (41% ⁺)	70%	58%	53%	17%	27%	33%
Math AzMERIT (41% ⁺)	62%	64%	54%	6%	31%	16%
Science AIMS (52% ⁺)	76%	57%	60%	36%	39%	27%

Schools operated by the same charter holder but under different charter contracts			
Charter Holder Name	Leading Edge Academy Maricopa		
School Name	Leading Edge Academy Maricopa		
Date Open	August 2010		
Location	Maricopa		
Grades Served	K-8		
FY 2018 Letter Grade	B		
	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
ELA AzMERIT (41% ⁺)	46%	45%	53%

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ASBCS, December 10, 2018

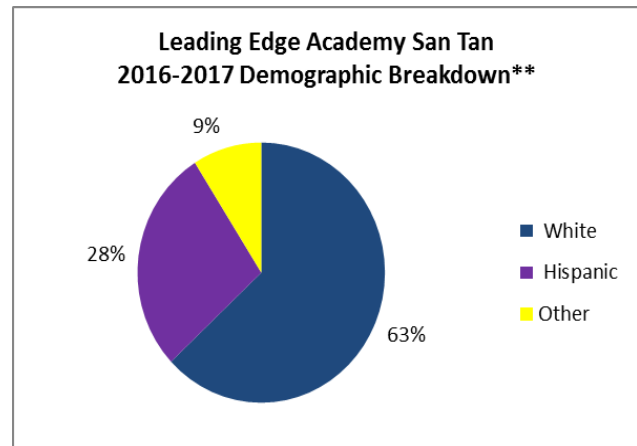
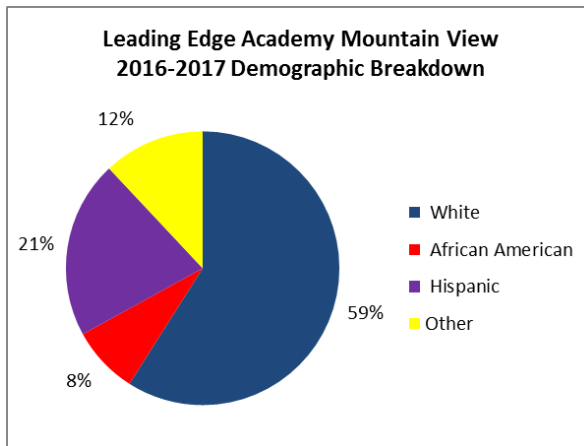
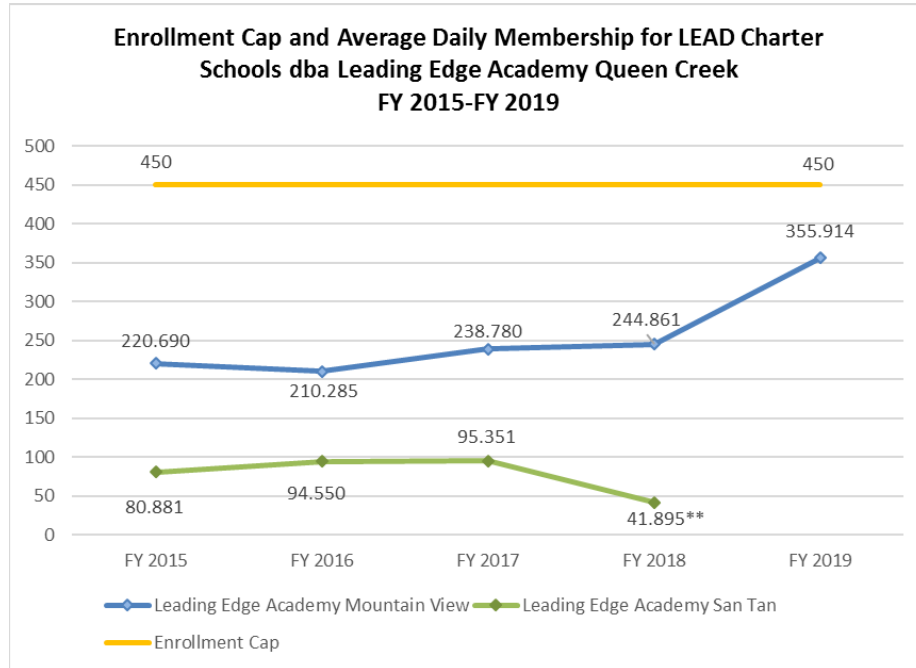


Math AzMERIT (41% ⁺)	49%	50%	49%
Science AIMS (52% ⁺)	67%	52%	53%

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Enrollment and Demographic Data

100th Day Average Daily Membership for FY 2015–FY 2018, and FY 2019 ADM as of November 28, 2018.



**Effective FY2018 Leading Edge Academy San Tan (6-8) closed and consolidated with Leading Edge Academy Mountain View (K-5) creating one school, Leading Edge Academy Mountain View (K-8).

2016-2017 Subgroup Data-Leading Edge Academy Mountain View	
Free and Reduced Lunch	52%
English Language Learners	*
Special Education	16%

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

2016-2017 Subgroup Data-Leading Edge Academy San Tan	
Free and Reduced Lunch	*
English Language Learners	*
Special Education	*

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