Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy - Entity ID 79049

Sonoran Science Academy – Tucson

Renewal Executive Summary

I. Performance Summary

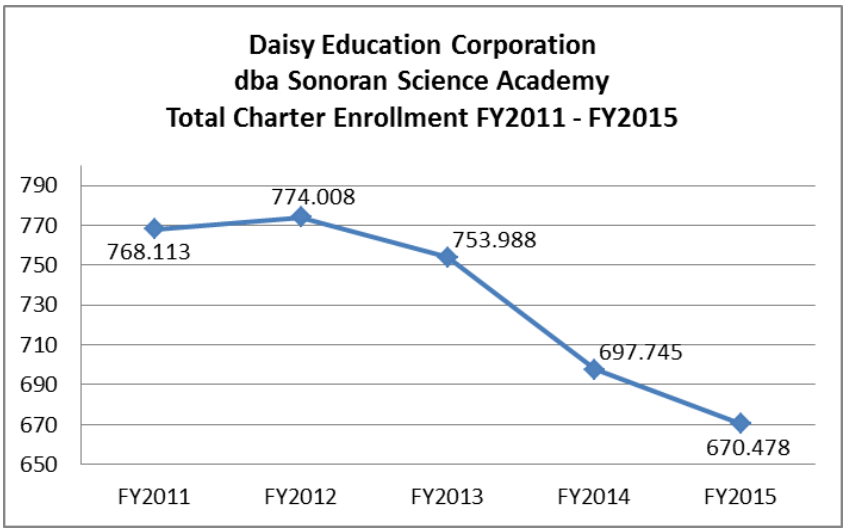
Area	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Academic Framework	☒	☐
Financial Framework	☒	☐
Operational Framework	Not Yet Rated See Section V	Not Yet Rated See Section V

Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy met both the Board's Academic Performance Expectations and the Financial Performance Expectations as set forth in the Performance Framework adopted by the Board. Therefore, the Charter Holder was waived from submitting the Academic Performance Section of the renewal application and the Financial Sustainability portion of the Detailed Business Plan Section of the renewal application.

The Charter Holder does have compliance matters, which are described in the "Adherence to the Terms of the Charter" section of this report.

II. Profile

Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy operates one school serving grades K-12. The graph below shows the Charter Holder's actual 100th day average daily membership (ADM) for fiscal years 2011-2015.

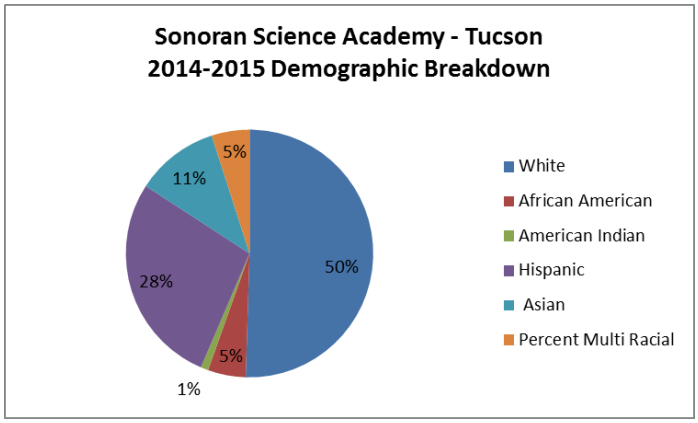


The academic performance of Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson is represented in the table below. The Academic Dashboard for each school can be seen in the portfolio: c. Academic Dashboard.

School Name	Opened	Current Grades Served	2012 Overall Rating	2013 Overall Rating	2014 Overall Rating
Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson	08/19/2002	K – 12	81.25 / A	81.25 / A	83.25 / A

The website for Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson states that, "the mission of Sonoran Schools is to provide a rigorous, college prep, STEM-focused education through a challenging, comprehensive curriculum, continuous assessment, and dedicated teachers, inspiring students to become the leaders of tomorrow."

The demographic data for Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson from the 2014-2015 school year is represented in the charts below.[1]



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	Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson
Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL)	33%
English Language Learners (ELLs)	2%
Special Education	5%

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 to ADE, or is 0% or 100%, the percentage for that demographic group was redacted.

V. Adherence to the Terms of the Charter

Does the delivery of the education program and operation reflect the essential terms of the educational program as described in the charter contract?
Yes. Based on the available information in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder's education program, in operation, reflects the essential terms as described in the charter contract.

Does the Charter Holder adhere with applicable education requirements defined in state and federal law?
Yes. Based on the available information in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder adheres with applicable education requirements defined in state and federal law.

Do the Charter Holder's annual audit reporting packages reflect sound operations?
Yes. As reported in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to the fiscal years 2012, 2013 and 2014 annual audit reporting packages, respectively.

Is the Charter Holder administering student admission and attendance appropriately?
Yes. Based on the available information and as reported in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to administering student admission and attendance.

Is the Charter Holder maintaining a safe environment consistent with state and local requirements?
Yes. Based on the available information in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to maintaining a safe environment.

Is the Charter Holder transparent in its operations?
Based on the available information in fiscal year 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to transparency of operations.

Based on the available information in fiscal year 2013, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to transparency of operations except that the Charter Holder's officers and directors as identified in information publicly available through the Arizona Corporation Commission did not align with its officers and directors as identified in the charter contract. Charter Holder Governance Notifications that resulted in alignment of the Charter Holder's officers and directors as identified in information publicly available through the Arizona Corporation Commission with those identified in the charter contract have been approved.

Is the Charter Holder complying with its obligations to the Board?
Based on the available information in fiscal year 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to its obligations to the Board.

Based on the available information in fiscal year 2013, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to its obligations to the Board except that the Charter Holder failed to timely submit the required notification request prior to making changes to its corporate board. Charter Holder Governance Notifications that resulted in alignment of the Charter Holder's officers and directors as identified in information publicly available through the Arizona Corporation Commission with those identified in the charter contract have been approved.

Is the Charter Holder complying with reporting requirements of other entities to which the Charter Holder is accountable?
Yes. Based on the available information in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to operational requirements monitored by other entities to which the Charter Holder is accountable.

Is the Charter Holder complying with all other obligations?
Yes. Based on the available information in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the current fiscal year, the Charter Holder complies with applicable laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the charter contract relating to all other obligations.

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 Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy.