

sufficient progress toward the Board’s academic performance expectations in form of a Demonstration of Sufficient Progress as identified in the renewal application.

### **Expansion and Other Charter Holder Amendment and Notification Requests**

A Charter Holder’s academic performance will be evaluated by the Board when considering expansion requests. A Charter Holder’s academic performance will also be evaluated by the Board when considering other requests identified in this section.

- A Charter Holder that meets the Board’s academic performance expectations, as defined in this document, will not be required to submit additional submission requirements as identified in each of the specific requests.
- ~~A charter holder~~ When all the schools operated by the Charter Holder have an overall rating of “Meets Standard” or “Exceeds Standard” in the most recent fiscal year that State assessment data is available, but the Charter Holder ~~that~~ does not meet the Board’s academic performance expectations, as defined in this document, the Charter Holder will be required to submit additional information to the Board as identified in each of the specific requests.
- A Charter Holder that has one or more schools with “No Rating” in the current year and/or prior year will be required to submit additional information to the Board as identified in each of the specific requests.
- A Charter Holder with one or more schools that have not been in operation long enough to receive two Overall Ratings may be required to submit additional information to the Board as identified in each of the specific requests.
- A Charter Holder that operates one or more schools that do not have an overall rating of “Meets Standard” or “Exceeds Standard” in the most recent fiscal year, but that did have an overall rating of “Meets Standard” or “Exceeds Standard” in the prior fiscal year will not be eligible to submit an expansion request until they have 1) an overall rating of “Meets Standard” or “Exceeds Standard” or 2) one year of benchmark data that demonstrates continuous improvement. The Charter Holder will be required to submit a DSP with the expansion request as identified in each of the specific requests.
- A Charter Holder that operates one or more schools that do not have an overall rating of “Meets Standard” or “Exceeds Standard” for both of the two most recent years that State assessment data is available is not eligible to submit an expansion request.

A Charter Holder’s academic performance will be evaluated when considering the following expansion requests:

- Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Requests
- Arizona Online Instruction Program of Instruction Amendment Requests
- Enrollment Cap Notification Requests
- Dropout Recovery Program Amendment Requests

- New charter applications submitted by officers, directors, partners or members, or charter representatives of existing Charter Holders
- New School Site Notification Requests
- Replication applications
- Site Specific Change in Grades Served Notification Requests

A Charter Holder’s academic performance may be evaluated when considering the following amendment and notification requests as identified in each of the specific requests:

- Charter Holder Status Amendment Requests
- Alternative Calendar Notification Requests
- Instructional Days Amendment Requests
- Program of Instruction Amendment Requests
- Transfer applications involving the transfer of the charter contract from another sponsor to the Board
- Transfer applications involving the transfer of a school site from an existing charter contract to its own charter contract

### Associated Schools

The Board will consider the performance of associated schools in its consideration of any expansion request. An associated school is:

- A school operated by a Charter Holder that operates one or more other schools that contract with the same Education Service Provider.
- A school operated by the same Charter Holder but under different charter contracts.
- A school operated by a Charter Holder with at least fifty (50) percent of corporate board officers, directors, members or partners in common, as reflected in the charter contract.

Although the all the schools operated by a Charter Holder making the request may have an Overall Rating on the academic framework of “Meets Standard” or “Exceeds Standard” in the most recent and/or prior year and be eligible for reduced submission requirements as described in the “Meets the Board’s Academic Performance Expectations” above, the Charter Holder may still be required to submit required information that demonstrates the school is making sufficient progress toward the Board’s academic performance expectations in the format designated by the Board if the Overall Rating on the academic framework of associated schools is “Does Not Meet,” “Falls Far Below,” or “No Rating” in the current year. (See the Demonstrating Sufficient Progress section of this guidance document for more information.) To determine if the Charter Holder is required to submit required information that demonstrates the school is making sufficient progress toward the Board’s academic performance expectations, the Charter Holder should refer to the submission instructions identified in each specific amendment or notification request.