Demonstration of Sufficient Progress

DSP Evaluation

Charter Holder Name: Arizona Autism Charter School, Inc.
School Name(s): Arizona Autism Charter School
Site Visit Date: May 27, 2015
Purpose of Demonstration of Sufficient Progress:

- ☐ Annual Monitoring
- ☐ Interval Review
- ☐ Renewal
- ☐ Failing School
- ☒ Expansion Request

Academic Dashboard Year: N/A

Evaluation Overview:

The following serves as an evaluation of the Demonstration of Sufficient Progress process and includes:

- An overall rating for each area of Curriculum, Monitoring Instruction, Professional Development, Assessment, and Data.
  - Whether questions were sufficiently answered at the site visit
  - Whether documents provided by the Charter Holder serve as sufficient evidence of implementation of described processes

Area I: Data

School Name: Arizona Autism Charter School

Data for All Applicable Measures and Subgroups						
1. What year-over-year comparative data demonstrates improved academic performance? Describe and provide data for each measure that does not meet the Board's standards in the relevant Academic Dashboards. Clearly label all data to demonstrate which measure(s) it addresses.						
Measure	**No Data Required**	**Data Required**	**Comparative Data Provided**	**Insufficient Comparative Data Provided**	**Data Does Demonstrate Improvement**	**Data Does Not Demonstrate Improvement**
1a. Student Median Growth Percentile (SGP) – Math	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒
1a. Student Median Growth Percentile (SGP) – Reading	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒
1a. Student Median Growth Percentile (SGP) Bottom 25% – Math	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒
1a. Student Median Growth Percentile (SGP) Bottom 25% – Reading	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒
2a. Percent Passing – Math	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒
2a. Percent Passing – Reading	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☒

DATA OVERALL RATING		
Evaluation of DSP Report		
Meets	**Does Not Meet**	**Falls Far Below**
☐	☐	☒

The area of Data is evaluated as Falls Far Below. The Charter Holder failed to provide evidence of the capacity to provide data and analysis generated from valid and reliable assessment sources for one or more required measures.

Data provided does not demonstrate improved academic outcomes for the following required measures:

1a. Student Median Growth Percentile (SGP) – Math

1a. Student Median Growth Percentile (SGP) – Reading

1a. Student Median Growth Percentile (SGP) Bottom 25% – Math

1a. Student Median Growth Percentile (SGP) Bottom 25% – Reading

2a. Percent Passing – Math

2a. Percent Passing – Reading

Area II: Curriculum

Evaluating Curriculum	
1. What is the Charter Holder's process for evaluating curriculum? How does the Charter Holder evaluate how effectively the curriculum enables students to meet the standards?	
☐ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☒ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
2. How does the Charter Holder identify gaps in the curriculum?	
☐ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☒ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
Adopting/Revising Curriculum	
3. What is the Charter Holder's process for adopting or revising curriculum based on its evaluation processes?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
4. Who is involved in the process for adopting or revising curriculum?	
☐ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☒ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
5. When adopting curriculum, how does the Charter Holder evaluate curriculum options to determine which curriculum to adopt?	
☐ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☒ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.

Implementing Curriculum	
6. What is the Charter Holder's process for ensuring consistent implementation of the curriculum across the school(s) operated by the Charter Holder?	
☐ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☒ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
7. What tools exist that identify what must be taught and when it must be delivered? How does the Charter Holder ensure that all grade-level standards are covered within the academic year?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
8. What is the expectation for consistent use of these tools? How are these expectations communicated?	
☐ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☒ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
9. What evidence is there to demonstrate usage of these tools in the classroom and alignment with instruction?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
Alignment of Curriculum	
10. How does the Charter Holder know the curriculum is aligned to standards?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.

Adapted to Meet the Needs of Subgroups	
11. How has the Charter Holder ensured that the curriculum addresses the needs of students with proficiency in the bottom 25%/non-proficient students?	
☐ Not applicable	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
12. How has the Charter Holder ensured that the curriculum addresses the needs of English Language Learners (ELLs)?	
☒ Not applicable	
13. How has the Charter Holder ensured that the curriculum addresses the needs of Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) students?	
☒ Not applicable	
14. How has the Charter Holder ensured that the curriculum addresses the needs of students with disabilities?	
☒ Not applicable	

CURRICULUM OVERALL RATING		
DSP Report Evaluation		
Meets ☐	Does Not Meet ☒	Falls Far Below ☐

The area of Curriculum is evaluated as Does Not Meet. As demonstrated by the evidence provided at the DSP site visit, the Charter Holder has consistently implemented a limited curriculum approach. At the DSP site visit, the Charter Holder sufficiently demonstrated the following components of these required elements:

- ensuring curriculum is aligned with Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards
- addressing the curriculum needs of relevant subgroup populations

However, at the DSP site visit, the Charter Holder failed to sufficiently demonstrate the following components of these required elements:

- evaluating curriculum, because the Charter Holder did not provide sufficient evidence to address:
  - *What is the Charter Holder's process for evaluating curriculum? How does the Charter Holder evaluate how effectively the curriculum enables students to meet the standards?*
  - *How does the Charter Holder identify gaps in the curriculum?*
- adopting/revising curriculum, because the Charter Holder did not provide sufficient evidence to address*:*
  - *Who is involved in the process for adopting or revising curriculum?*
  - *When adopting curriculum, how does the Charter Holder evaluate curriculum options to determine which curriculum to adopt?*
- implementing curriculum, because the Charter Holder did not provide sufficient evidence to address:
  - *What is the Charter Holder's process for ensuring consistent implementation of the curriculum across the school(s) operated by the Charter Holder?*
  - *What is the expectation for consistent use of these tools? How are these expectations communicated?*

Area III: Assessment

Assessment System	
1. What types of assessments does the Charter Holder use?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
2. What was the process for designing or selecting the assessment system?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
3. How is the assessment system aligned to the curriculum and instructional methodology?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
4. What intervals are used to assess student progress? How does the assessment plan include data collection from multiple assessments, such as formative and summative assessments and common/benchmark assessments?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
Analyzing Assessment Data	
5. How does the assessment system provide for analysis of assessment data? What intervals are used to analyze assessment data?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
6. How is the analysis used to evaluate instructional and curricular effectiveness?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
7. How is the analysis used to adjust curriculum and instruction in a timely manner? What intervals are used to adjust curriculum and instruction?	
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Adapted to Meet the Needs of Subgroups	
8. How is the assessment system adapted to meet the assessment needs of students with proficiency in the bottom 25%/non-proficient students?	
☐ Not applicable	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
9. How is the assessment system adapted to meet the assessment needs of English Language Learners (ELLs)?	
☒ Not applicable	
10. How is the assessment system adapted to meet the assessment needs of Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) students?	
☒ Not applicable	
11. How is the assessment system adapted to meet the assessment needs of students with disabilities?	
☒ Not applicable	

ASSESSMENT OVERALL RATING		
DSP Report Evaluation		
Meets ☒	Does Not Meet ☐	Falls Far Below ☐

The area of Assessment is evaluated as Meets. As demonstrated by the evidence provided at the DSP site visit, the Charter Holder has consistently implemented a comprehensive assessment system that addresses each of the following required elements:

- assessing student performance based on clearly defined performance measures aligned with the curriculum and instructional methodology using data collection from multiple assessments, such as formative and summative assessments and common/benchmark assessments;
- analyzing assessment data to evaluate instructional and curricular effectiveness;
- adjusting curriculum and instruction in a timely manner based on assessment results; and
- addressing the assessment needs of relevant subgroup populations.

Area IV: Monitoring Instruction

Monitoring the Integration of Standards	
1. What is the Charter Holder's process for monitoring the integration of standards into classroom instruction? How does the Charter Holder monitor whether or not instructional staff implements an ACCRS-aligned curriculum with fidelity?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
2. How does the Charter Holder monitor the effectiveness of standards-based instruction throughout the year?	
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Evaluating Instructional Practices	
3. What is the Charter Holder's process for evaluating the instructional practices? How does this process evaluate the quality of instruction?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
4. How does this process identify individual strengths, weaknesses, and needs?	
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Providing Analysis and Feedback to Further Develop Instructional Quality	
5. How does the Charter Holder provide feedback on strengths, weaknesses, and learning needs based on the evaluation of instructional practices?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
6. How does this Charter Holder analyze this information? What does the data about quality of instruction tell the Charter Holder? What has the Charter Holder done in response?	
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Adapted to Meet the Needs of Subgroups	
7. How does the Charter Holder monitor instruction to ensure it is meeting the needs of students with proficiency in the bottom 25%/non-proficient students?	
☐ Not applicable	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
8. How does the Charter Holder monitor instruction to ensure it is meeting the needs of English Language Learners (ELLs)?	
☒ Not applicable	
9. How does the Charter Holder monitor instruction to ensure it is meeting the needs of Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) students?	
☒ Not applicable	
10. How does the Charter Holder monitor instruction to ensure it is meeting the needs of students with disabilities?	
☒ Not applicable	

MONITORING INSTRUCTION OVERALL RATING		
DSP Report Evaluation		
Meets ☒	Does Not Meet ☐	Falls Far Below ☐

The area of Monitoring Instruction is evaluated as Meets. As demonstrated by the evidence provided at the DSP site visit, the Charter Holder has consistently implemented a comprehensive instructional monitoring system that addresses each of the following required elements:

- monitoring the integration of Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards into instruction;
- evaluating instructional practices;
- evaluating instructional practices targeted to address the needs of relevant subgroup populations; and
- providing analysis and feedback to further develop instructional quality and standards integration.

Area IV: Professional Development

Professional Development System	
1. What is the Charter Holder's professional development plan?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
2. How was the professional development plan developed?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
3. How is the professional development plan aligned with instructional staff learning needs?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
4. How does this plan address areas of high importance?	
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Supporting High Quality Implementation	
5. How does the Charter Holder support high quality implementation of the strategies learned in professional development sessions?	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
6. How does the Charter Holder provide the resources that are necessary for high quality implementation?	
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Monitoring Implementation	
7. How does the Charter Holder monitor the implementation of the strategies learned in professional development sessions?	
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8. How does the Charter Holder monitor and follow-up with instructional staff to support and develop implementation of the strategies learned in professional development?	
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Adapted to Meet the Needs of Subgroups	
9. How does the professional development plan ensure that instructional staff receives the type of development required to meet the needs of students with proficiency in the bottom 25%/non-proficient students?	
☐ Not applicable	
☒ Documents presented serve as detailed evidence of implementation of each of the relevant described processes, and thus are evaluated as sufficient.	☐ Documents presented do not demonstrate evidence of implementation of processes to address the required elements, and thus are evaluated as insufficient.
10. How does the professional development plan ensure that instructional staff receives the type of development required to meet the needs of English Language Learners (ELLs)?	
☒ Not applicable	
11. How does the professional development plan ensure that instructional staff receives the type of development required to meet the needs of Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) students?	
☒ Not applicable	
12. How does the professional development plan ensure that instructional staff receives the type of development required to meet the needs of students with disabilities?	
☒ Not applicable	

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OVERALL RATING		
DSP Report Evaluation		
Meets ☒	**Does Not Meet** ☐	**Falls Far Below** ☐

The area of Professional Development is evaluated as Meets. As demonstrated by the evidence provided at the DSP site visit, the Charter Holder has consistently implemented a comprehensive professional development system that addresses each of the following required elements:

- providing professional development that is aligned with instructional staff learning needs and focuses on areas of high importance;
- supporting high quality implementation of the strategies learned in professional development;
- monitoring and providing follow-up to support and develop implementation of the strategies learned in professional development; and
- providing professional development that addresses the needs of relevant subgroup populations.

Evaluation Summary			
Area	Evaluation of DSP		
	Meets	Does Not Meet	Falls Far Below
Data	☐	☐	☒
Curriculum	☐	☒	☐
Assessment	☒	☐	☐
Monitoring Instruction	☒	☐	☐
Professional Development	☒	☐	☐