

The 2018-2019 New Charter Application Process

Words & Acronyms to Know

- Principals = NOT just the principal of the proposed schools. Any board member, school officer, director or partner is a “principal.”
- TRP = Technical Review Panel. 3 Educational experts who were contracted to evaluate applications and conduct interviews.
- Section = A numbered subdivision of the application, including narrative sections (e.g., A.3.2 Course Offerings and Graduation Requirements, C.4 Start-Up Budget)
- Area = The individual evaluation criteria that comprise a section. Each section consists of multiple areas. Each area receives its own scoring evaluation.

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“Charter schools were established to provide a learning environment that will improve pupil achievement and provide additional academic choices for parents and pupils.”

Overview of the Application Process

- Application Submission
- Administrative completeness
 - Does this application check all the boxes?
- Substantive completeness
 - Does this application address all criteria thoroughly?
- TRP interview & recommendation
 - Educational experts evaluate the application and interview the team and provide a recommendation to the Board to consider in its determination.
- Board consideration & decision

Step 1: Application Submission

- Applications were due on June 23, 2017 at Midnight
- Submissions not accepted after deadline
- All materials must be submitted either:
 - Electronically through the website, or
 - Via a USB drive submitted through a tracked shipping system (UPS or FedEx)
- Fee of \$6,500 to be submitted via check, mailed or hand-delivered

Step 1: Application Submission

- Application instructions identify May 17th, 2017 as a “soft deadline”.
- Submissions received on or before the soft deadline receive administrative completeness results prior to the June 23rd deadline.
- 9 applications were submitted between April 18th and May 17th
- 10 applications were submitted between June 21st and June 23rd
- 100% of applications were submitted using the online application

Step 2: Administrative Completeness

- Evaluated by Board staff within 25 business days
- Checking for complete documents and information in all sections
- If any section is left blank, the application is incomplete
- Applicants must submit forms from the correct year
- Potential charters may revise and resubmit up to the June 23rd deadline
- Administratively complete applications proceed to substantive review
- Administratively incomplete applications are refunded the application fee

Step 2: Administrative Completeness

- 9 total administratively complete applications
- 9 applications received on or before May 18th
 - 7 incomplete, 2 complete
- 10 applications submitted June 21-23.
 - 3 incomplete, 7 complete (previously submitted in May)

Step 3: Substantive Completeness

- Technical Review Panel evaluates and scores all sections
- All charter principals must pass background and credit check
- Reasons for substantive incompleteness
 - Any area is scored “Falls Far Below,”
 - If more than one area is scored “Approaches the criteria” within a section
 - Any of the 3 plans (Educational, Operational, Business) score below 95%
- Within 20 days of receiving results, Applicants must:
 - Revise their applications using TRP feedback or,
 - Request that they be considered by the Board without revision or,
 - Withdraw their application

Step 3: Substantive Completeness

- Technical Review Panel re-evaluates and scores all resubmitted applications
- Reasons for substantive incompleteness
 - Any section is scored “Falls Far Below,”
 - If more than one section is scored “Approaches the criteria” within one area,
 - Any of the 3 plans (Educational, Operational, Business) score below 95%
- Complete applications move forward to the In-Person Interview
- Incomplete applications are closed unless the Applicant submits a Request to Proceed letter.

Step 3: Substantive Completeness

- 8 applications moved on to the TRP interview
- 2 substantively complete applications
- 7 substantively incomplete applications
 - 6 submitted Request to Proceed letters

Step 4: Interview Process & TRP Recommendation

- Meet in-person with Technical Review Panel for a 90 minute interview.
- Facilitated and recorded by ASBCS Staff.
- TRP asked charter principals about their experience relevant to running a public charter school.
- Principals must demonstrate thorough understanding of their Educational Plan, Operational Plan and Business Plan.
- TRP Panel summarize their findings and write up their final recommendation into a Recommendation Report.
- All recordings and write-ups are available publicly.

Step 4: Interview Process & TRP Recommendation

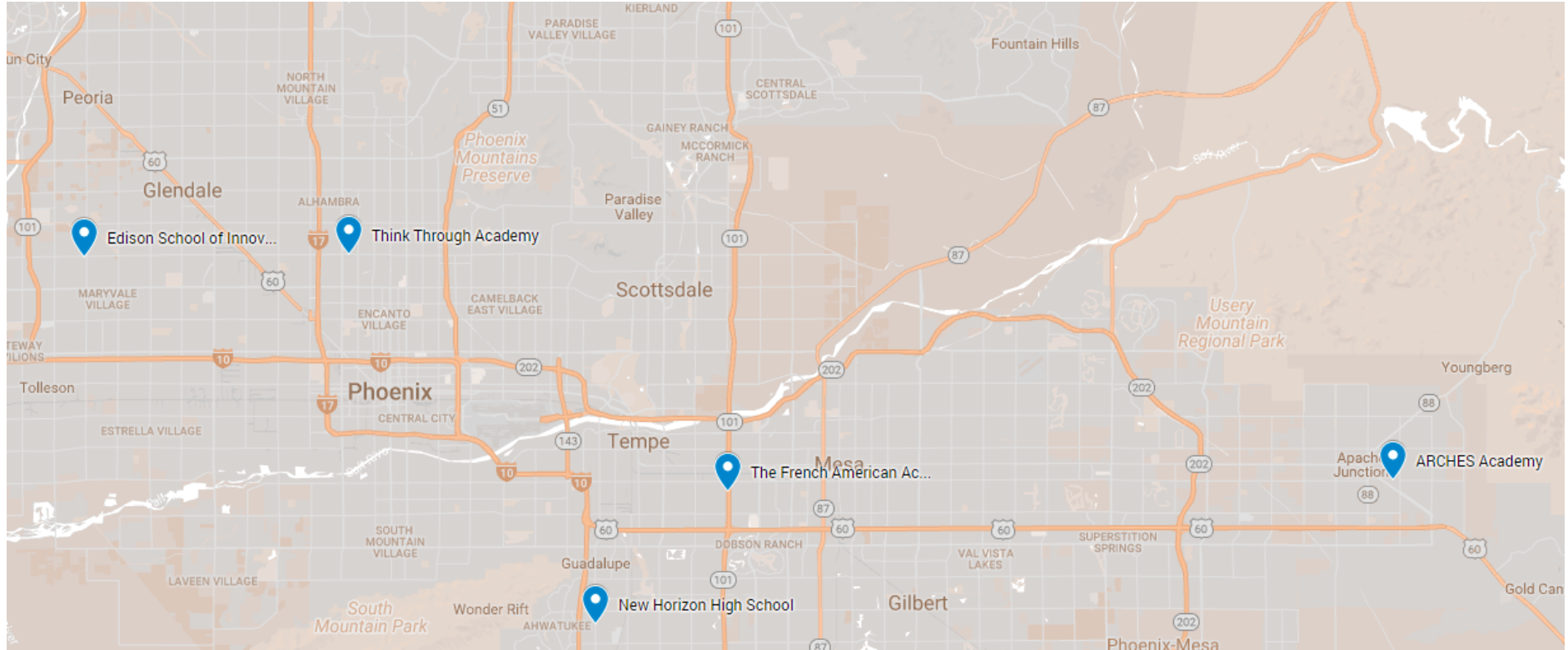
- TRP Recommendation for approval is based on
 - Substantively Complete application & Applicant team demonstrates capacity to implement plan during the interview
 - Substantively Incomplete application & Applicant team sufficiently addresses areas of concern in written application and demonstrates capacity to implement plan during the interview

Step 5: Board Consideration

- 8 applications
 - 2 substantively complete
 - 2 incomplete receiving recommendations for approval from the TRP
 - 4 incomplete receiving recommendations for denial from the TRP

6 Charter Applicants

- ARCHES Academy
- Edison Project (Edison School of Innovation)
- French American School of Arizona
- New Horizon Youth Homes (New Horizon High School)
- STEM AZ (DaVinci Tree Academy)
- Think Through Academy

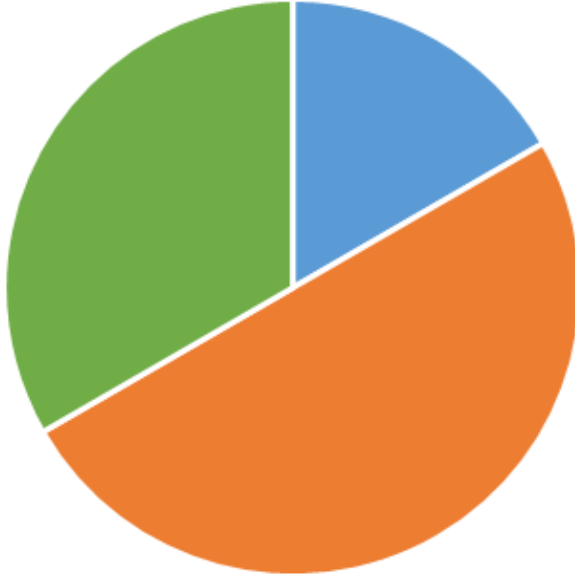


Proposed School Locations – Phoenix & Outlying Areas



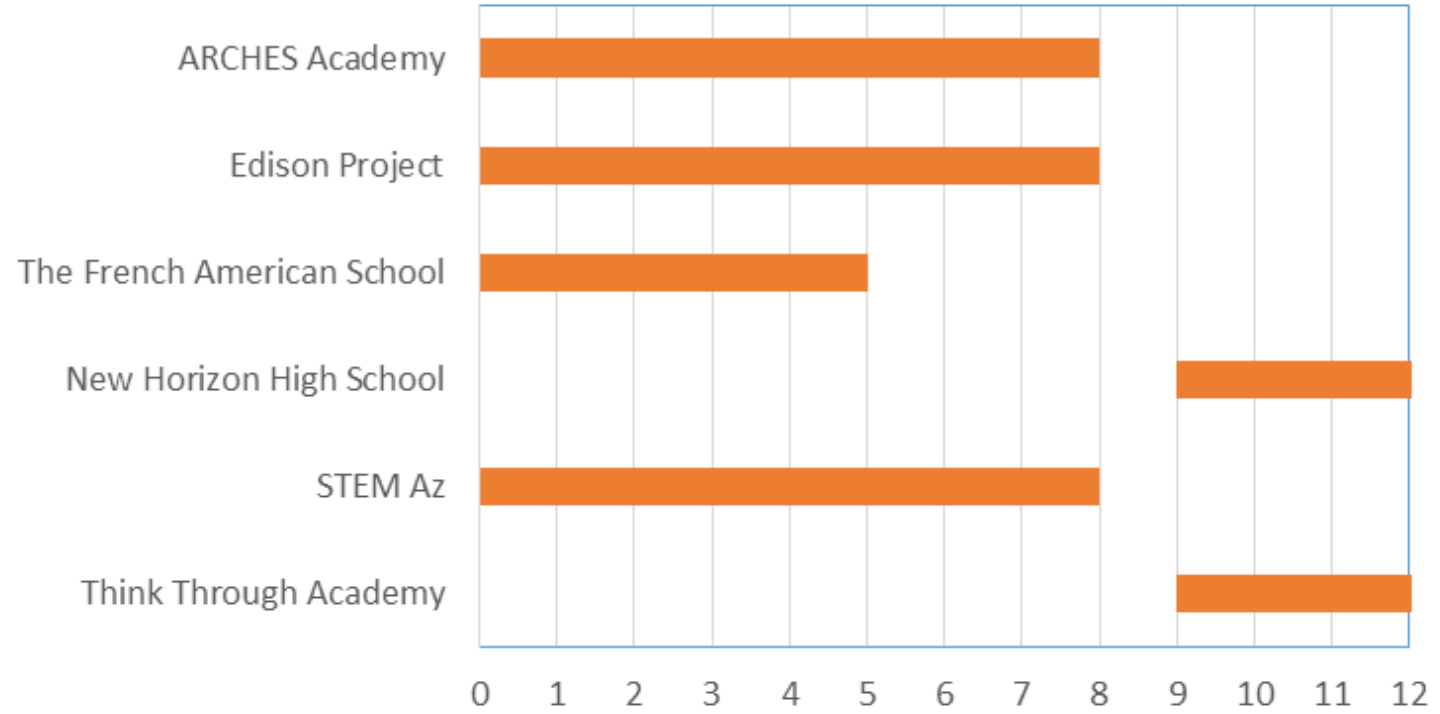
Proposed School Location – Tucson

Characteristics of Proposed Schools



■ Dual Language ■ STEM ■ Traditional

Charter Applicant Grade Levels



Questions?