

**The Phoenix School of Academic Excellence - Entity ID 6379**  
School: The Learning Institute

## **Renewal Executive Summary Update**

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### **Additional Information**

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At the June 11, 2012 meeting of the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (Board), the Board voted to deny the request for charter renewal and to not grant a renewal contract for The Phoenix School of Academic Excellence for the reasons that the charter holder failed to provide a learning environment that improved pupil achievement in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-181(A). The portfolio considered by the Board as well as an audio recording of the discussion during the meeting regarding The Phoenix School of Academic Excellence's renewal consideration is available at

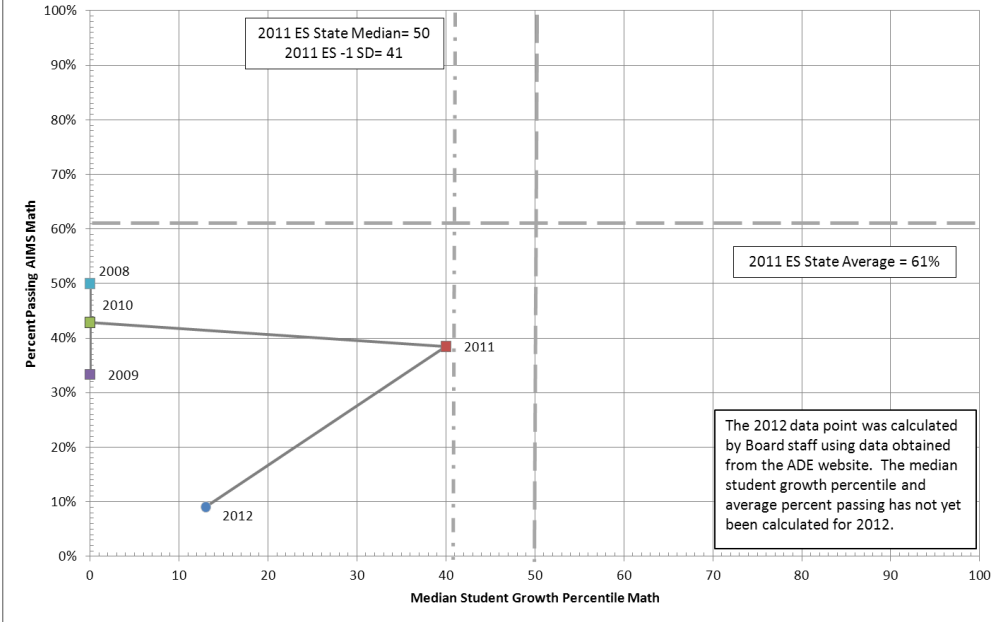
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On June 15, 2012, Board staff mailed a certified letter to the charter holder which informed the charter holder of the Board's decision to deny The Phoenix School of Academic Excellence's request for renewal and the process for appealing the Board's decision. On July 19, 2012, The Phoenix School of Academic Excellence submitted a timely appeal.

On August 2, 2012, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) released the 2011-2012 A-F letter grades for all district and charter schools in the state as a part of the A-F Accountability System for schools in accordance with A.R.S. § 15.241.H. The Phoenix School of Academic Excellence, designated as an alternative school, received a C-Alt letter grade.

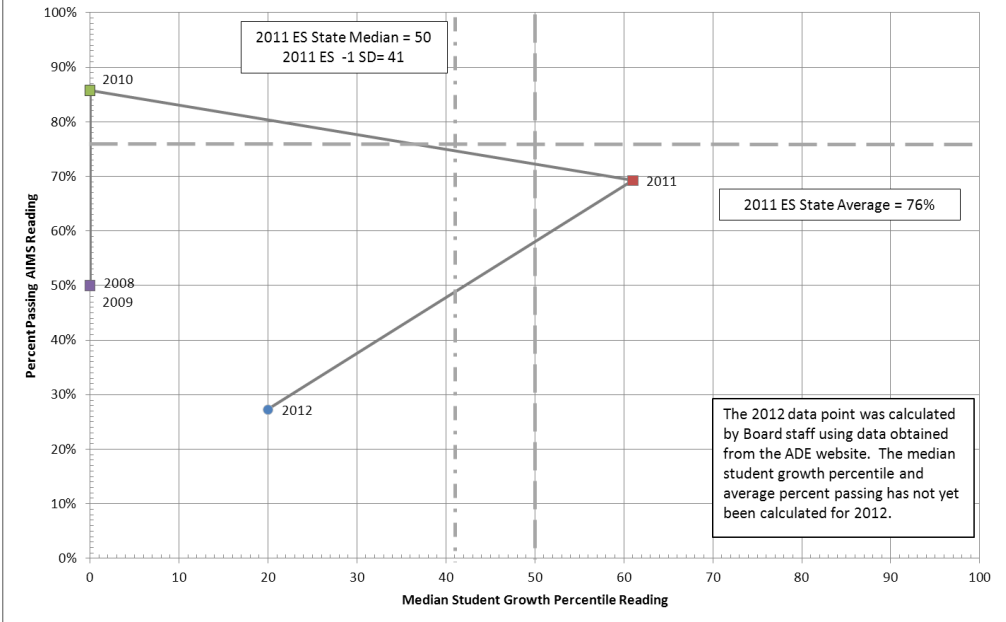
As stated in the Renewal Application Instructions and the Renewal Guide, the Board's Level of Adequate Academic Performance (LAAP) for schools serving students between grades three and eight considers percent passing and median growth percentile. Updated graphs have been prepared reflecting the school's percent passing and median growth percentile for seventh and eighth grade students and are below. For schools that serve grades ten through twelve, the Board's LAAP considers percent passing. Separate charts have been prepared demonstrating percent passing for tenth grade students at the school; the charts are presented after the graphs.

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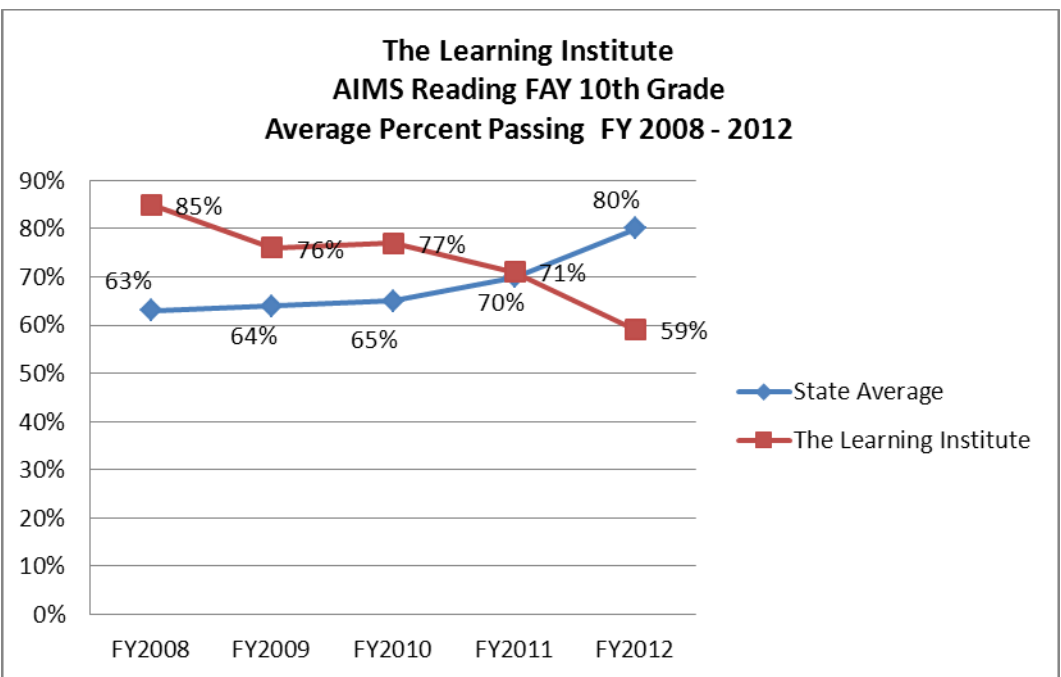
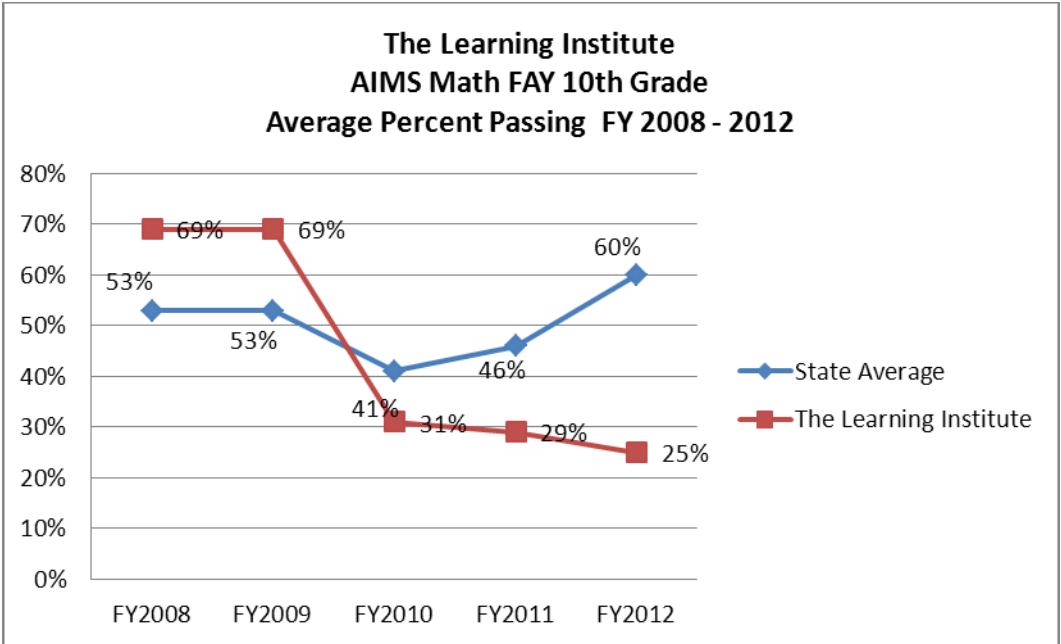


NOTE: - Proficiency and growth percentiles are only reported for FAY students.  
- For 2008, 2009, and 2010, growth percentile data was not available.

**Phoenix School of Academic Excellence The - Learning Institute, The(10814)  
ES Reading Academic Achievement**



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## Board Options

Option 1: The Board may choose to take no action and the matter will proceed to hearing.

Option 2: The Board may reverse its previous decision and approve the renewal. The following language is provided for consideration: Renewal is based on consideration of academic, fiscal and contractual compliance of the charter holder. In this case, there is a record of academic performance below the Board's level of adequate academic performance, which has been addressed by the charter holder through the inclusion of a performance management plan as

part of the renewal application package and can be incorporated in the charter contract. There is also a record of past contractual noncompliance which has been reviewed. With that taken into consideration, as well as the information provided to the Board on June 11 and today for consideration of this renewal application package, and during its discussion with representatives of the charter holder, I move to reverse the previous decision and approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to The Phoenix School of Academic Excellence that incorporates the performance management plan.