Challenge School, Inc. - Entity ID 6362
School:
Challenge Charter School

Renewal Executive Summary

Sources of Evidence for this Document

Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-183.I, the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (Board) has established a process for the renewal of a charter that is based on affirmative evidence in three areas:

I. Success of the academic program, including academic achievement
II. Viability of the organization, including fiscal management and compliance
III. Adherence to the terms of the charter, including contract and legal compliance

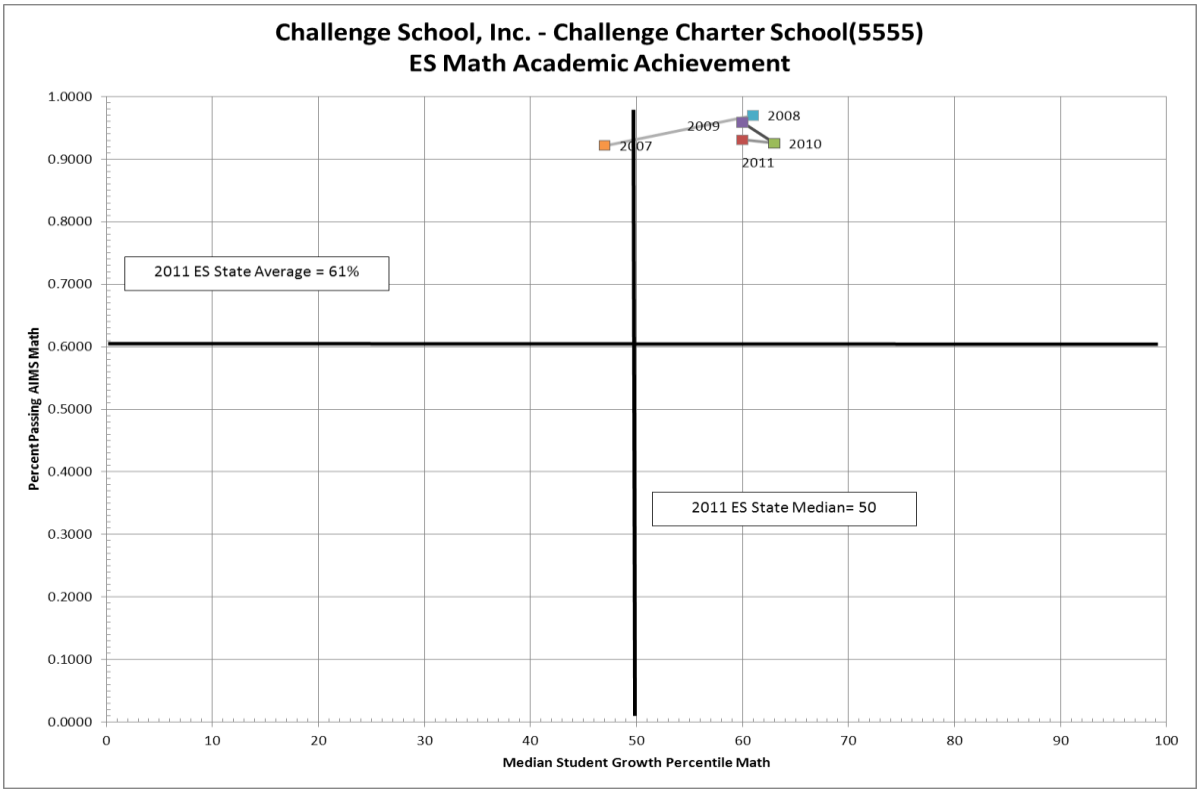
Evaluation of the charter holder's success in these three areas is based on a variety of information that will serve as sources of evidence in determining renewal of a charter. These sources include, but are not limited to:

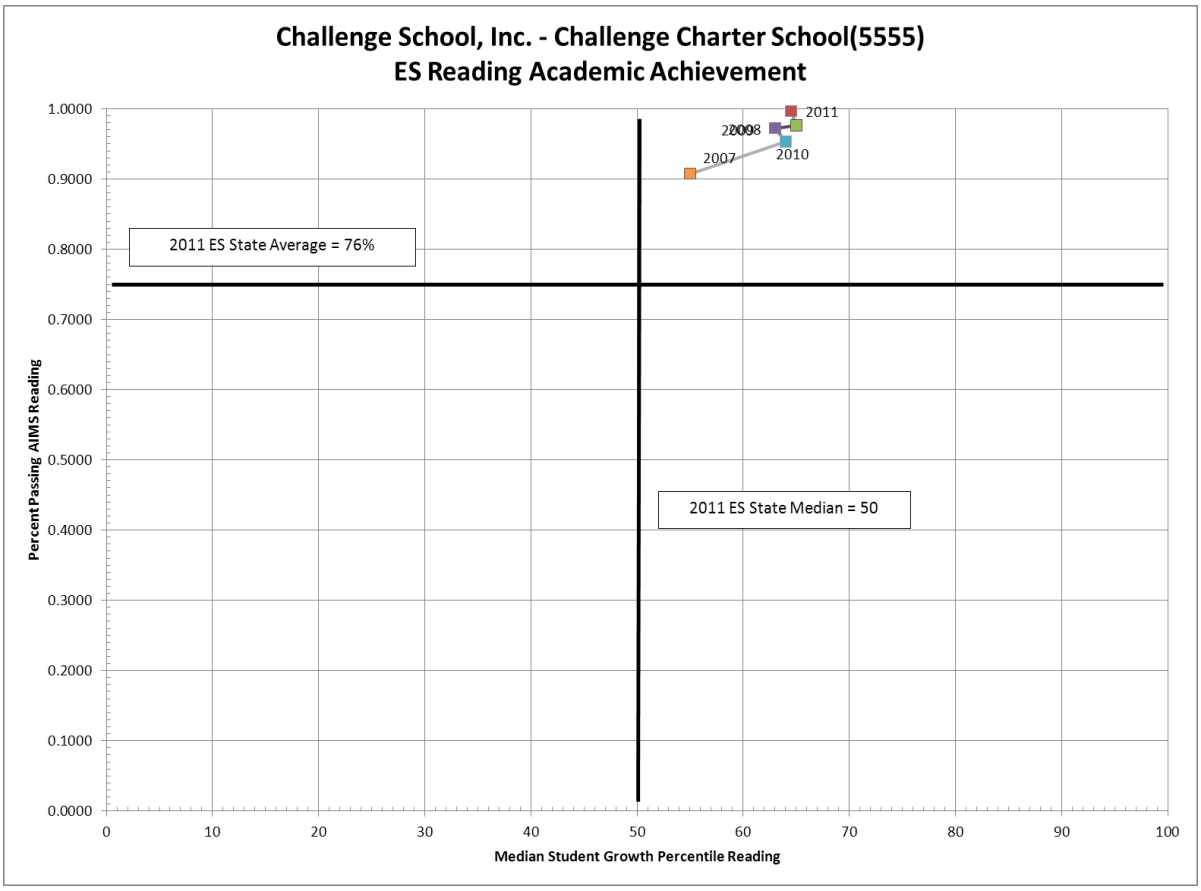
- Pupil achievement data
- Independent financial audits
- Five-year interval summary reviews
- Site visit reports
- Monitoring reports
- Application package for renewal

Profile

Challenge School, Inc. operates one school serving grades K-6 with a total FY2011 average daily membership (ADM) 579.142. Additional information can be found in the Renewal Summary Review.

Graphs displaying the academic achievement for the past five years, if available, are provided on the next page.


Challenge School, Inc. - Challenge Charter School(5555)
ES Math Academic Achievement
2011 ES State Average = 61%
2011 ES State Median= 50
2007
2009
2008
2010
2011
Percent Passing AIMS Math
Median Student Growth Percentile Math


Challenge School, Inc. - Challenge Charter School(5555)
ES Reading Academic Achievement
2011 ES State Average = 76%
2011 ES State Median = 50
2007
2008
2009
2010
2011
Percent Passing AIMS Reading
Median Student Growth Percentile Reading

I. Success of the Academic Program

The academic performance of the school operated by the charter holder meets or demonstrates sufficient progress toward the Board's level of adequate academic performance. Therefore, the charter holder was not required to submit a Performance Management Plan.

II. Viability of the Organization

The charter holder meets the standards specified in the *Renewal Application Instructions*. Therefore, the charter holder was not required to submit the charter holder's Financial Sustainability portion of the Detailed Business Plan Section.

III. Adherence to the Terms of the Charter

A. Compliance Matters Requiring Board or Other Agency Action[1]

Over the past six years, there were no items to report.

B. Other Compliance Matters[2]

In March 2006, ADE Exceptional Student Services notified the charter holder of partial high compliance in some areas with regard to specific regulations for Part B, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Arizona Revised Statutes. The compliance issues were reported by ADE as resolved in January 2007.

C. Charter Holder's Organizational Membership

Because the organizational membership on file with the Board was consistent with the information on file with the Arizona Corporation Commission, the charter holder was not required to submit the charter holder's Organizational Membership portion of the Detailed Business Plan Section.

Staff Recommendation

Based upon the academic performance, fiscal compliance, legal and contractual compliance, and the information in the renewal application package, I move to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to Challenge School, Inc.

[1] For more information about the areas of compliance reviewed for this section, please see the "Renewal Guide".
[2] For more information about the areas of compliance reviewed for this section, please see the "Renewal Guide".