Accelerated Learning Center, Inc. - Entity ID 4297
School(s): Accelerated Learning Center

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

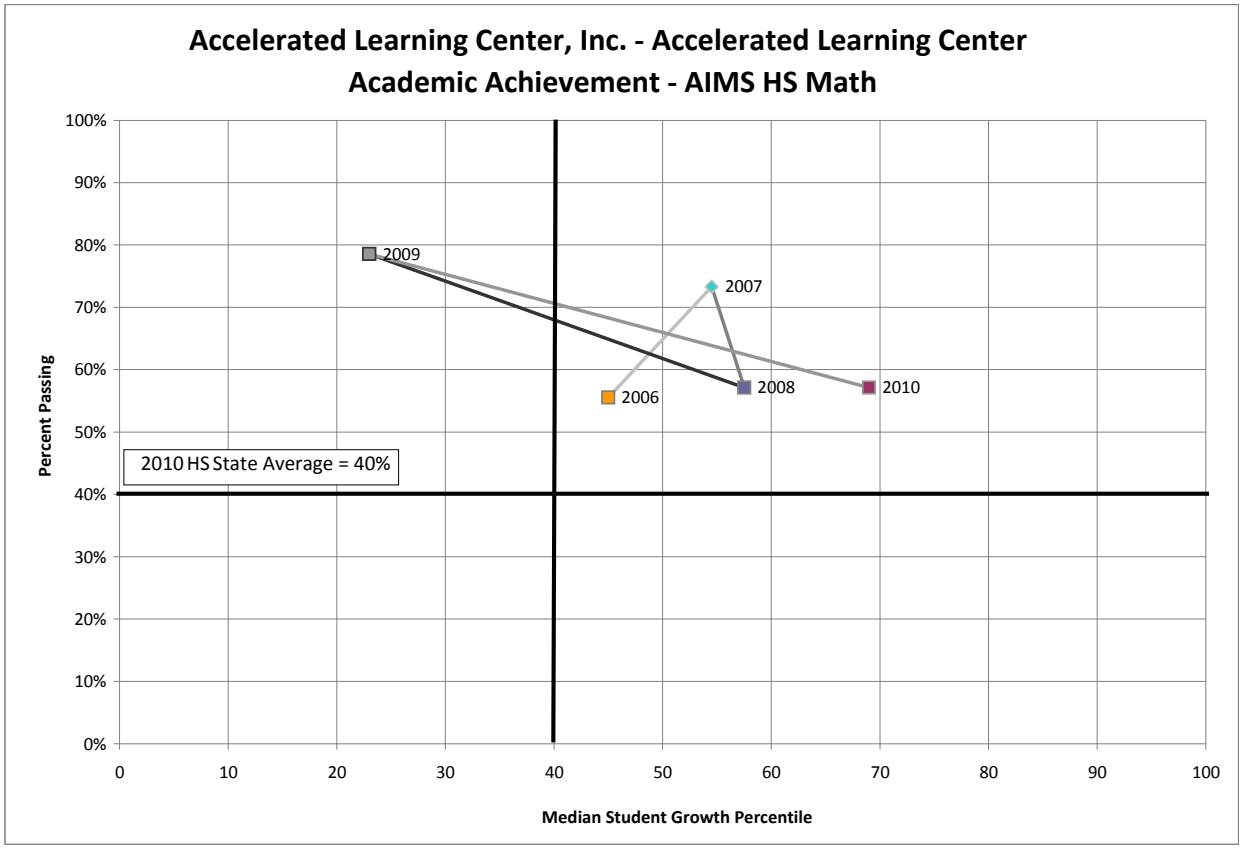
Evaluation of the Charter Holder's success in these three areas is based on a variety of information that will serve as sources of evidence in determining renewal of a charter. These sources include, but are not limited to:

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

Profile

Accelerated Learning Center, Inc. operates one (1) school serving grades 9-12 with a total FY10 average daily membership (ADM) of 235.898. 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.


Accelerated Learning Center, Inc. - Accelerated Learning Center
Academic Achievement - AIMS HS Math
Percent Passing
Median Student Growth Percentile
2009
2007
2006
2008
2010
2010 HS State Average = 40%
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
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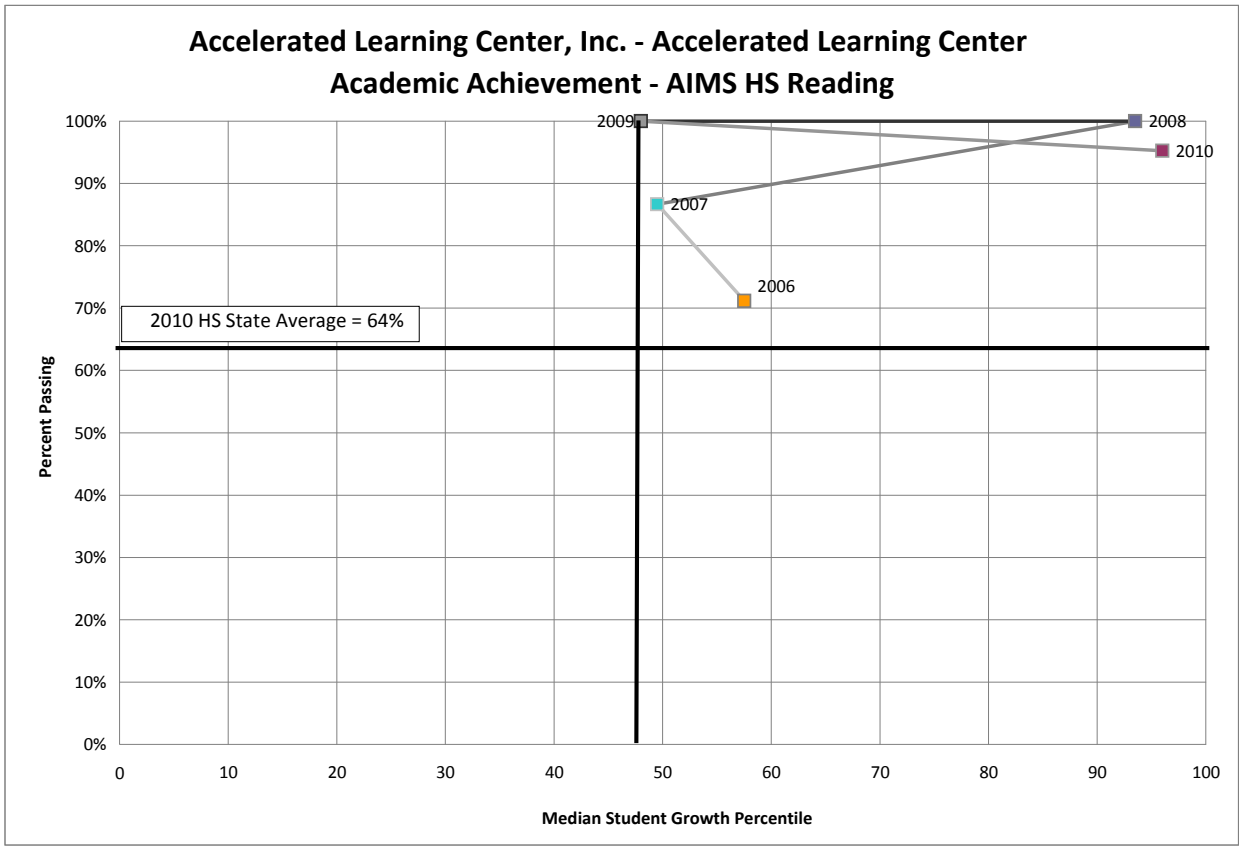
Accelerated Learning Center, Inc. - Accelerated Learning Center
Academic Achievement - AIMS HS Reading
Percent Passing
Median Student Growth Percentile
2009
2008
2010
2007
2006
2010 HS State Average = 64%
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
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I. Success of the Academic Program

The academic performance of the school(s) 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 April 2007, ADE Exceptional Student Services notified the charter holder of partial- and non-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 March 2008.

The fiscal year 2006 audit identified an issue that required a corrective action plan (CAP). Specifically, the audit stated that for 1 of 11 instructional staff tested, the fingerprint clearance card had expired on March 28, 2006. According to the audit, fingerprints were obtained and submitted on April 27, 2006 and no response was received as of August 17, 2006. The charter holder submitted a satisfactory CAP.

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 Accelerated Learning Center, Inc.

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