Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center, Inc. - Entity ID 4331
School: AAEC – Paradise Valley

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

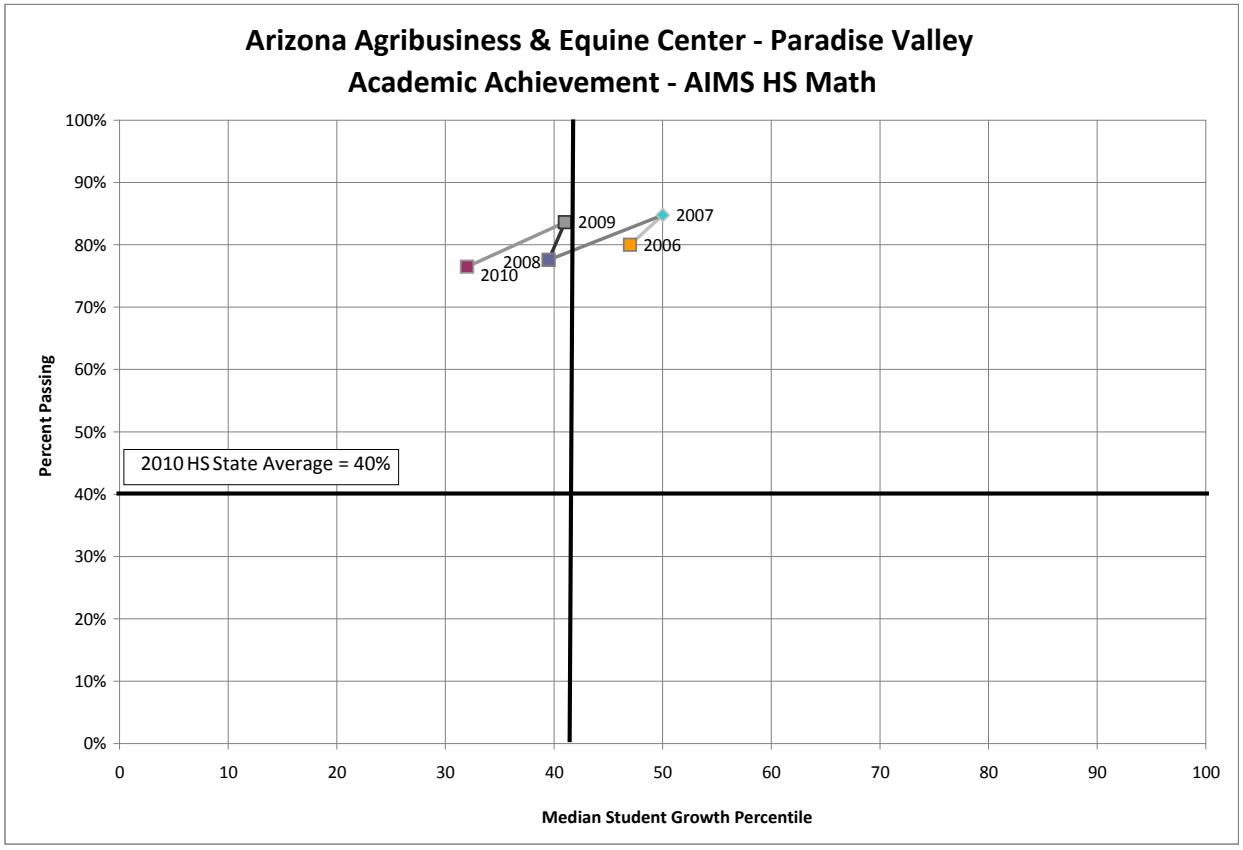
Evaluation of the Charter Holder's success in these three areas is based on a variety of information that will serve as sources of evidence in determining renewal of a charter. These sources include, but are not limited to:

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

Profile

Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center, Inc. Entity ID 4331 operates one (1) school serving grades 9 -12 with a total FY10 average daily membership (ADM) of 293.8825. 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.


Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center - Paradise Valley
Academic Achievement - AIMS HS Math
Percent Passing
Median Student Growth Percentile
2010 HS State Average = 40%
2007
2009
2006
2008
2010
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
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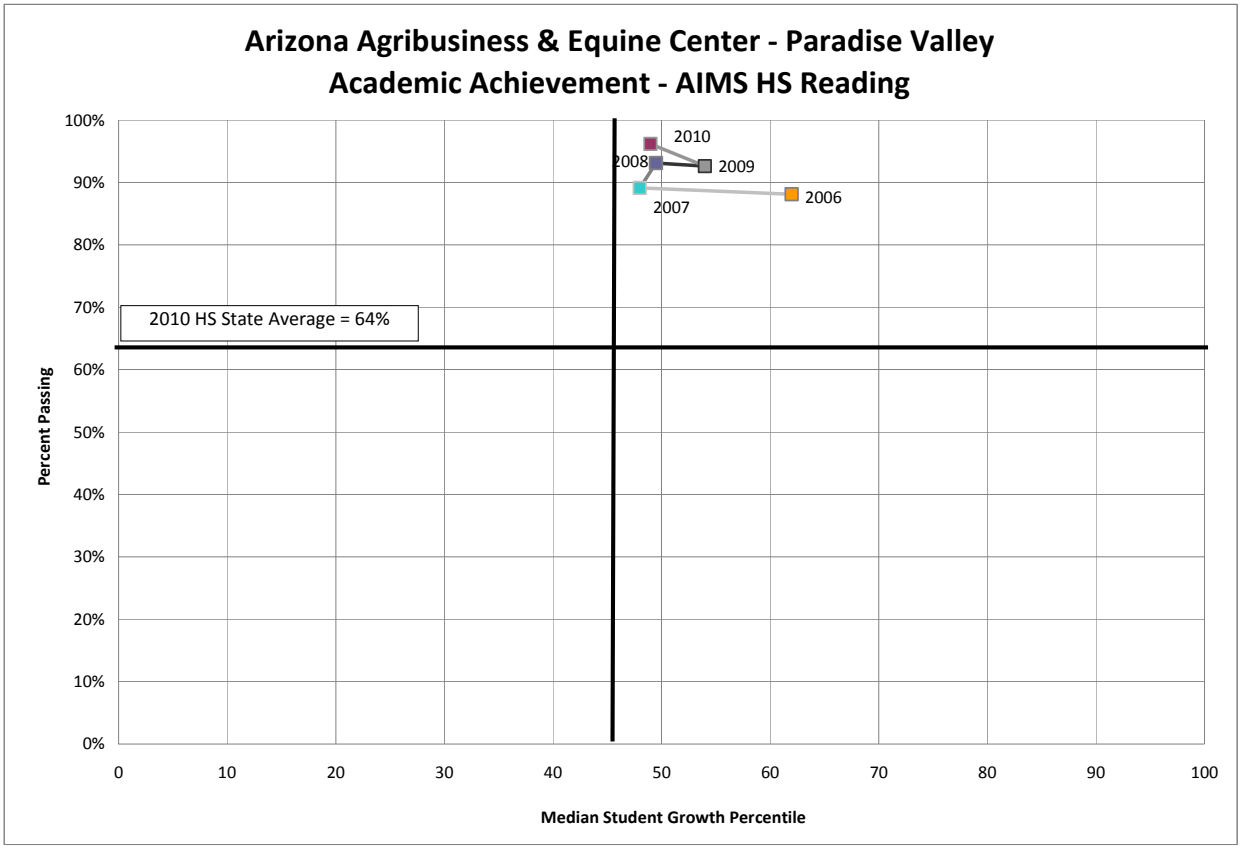
Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center - Paradise Valley
Academic Achievement - AIMS HS Reading
Percent Passing
Median Student Growth Percentile
2010 HS State Average = 64%
2010
2008
2009
2006
2007
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
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I. Success of the 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]

The fiscal year 2010 audit stated that for 1 of 14 employees tested for fingerprint clearance cards (FCC), the FCC had expired on March 24, 2010. The renewal application was submitted on March 12, 2010 and the new FCC was issued on May 26, 2010. Since subsequent to the testing date and prior to the audit report's release, the charter holder demonstrated compliance with fingerprinting requirements, a corrective action plan was not required.

In December 2004, the results of an on-site review of the *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB), State Johnson-O-Malley (JOM), Migrant, and Neglected or Delinquent programs identified partial compliance in some areas. The deficiencies were required to be corrected by February 2005. The compliance issues were reported by ADE as resolved in April 2005.

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 Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center, Inc. Entity ID #4331.

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