

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

Proposed Mission Statement: To improve public education in Arizona by sponsoring charter schools that provide quality educational choices.

Strategic Goal 1: The Board will approve quality applications and grant charters to qualified applicants.

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY
A The Board's application requirements ensure quality programs of instruction.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Ensure demonstration of integration of current state standards is included in the applicant requirements for the Program of Instruction.2 Evaluate additional methods of ensuring the inclusion of a quality program of instruction within the application requirements/process.
B The Board's application process ensures quality business plans.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Incorporate the safeguards for success into the contract signing process: timely open, serving target market, in identified 10 mile radius, with enrollment forms that approach enrollment targets.2 Evaluate additional methods of ensuring the inclusion of a quality business plan within the application requirements/process.
C The Board approves sufficiently qualified applicants.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Incorporate the use of the 'sufficiently qualified applicant' criteria into the process for granting charters.2 Evaluate additional methods of ensuring the qualifications of applicants within the application requirements/process.3 Acknowledge quality performance by reducing the application requirements for charter holders that are in compliance and performing at and above the Board's level of adequate academic performance.

Strategic Goal 2: To increase quality of the Board's portfolio of charter schools by monitoring academic performance and fiscal and contractual compliance.

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY
A All schools in the portfolio will demonstrate sufficient progress toward or demonstrate performance at or above the level of adequate academic performance as set and modified periodically by the Board.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Recognize quality performance by reducing the reporting requirements for charter holders that are in compliance and performing at and above the Board's level of adequate academic performance. <u>Renewal</u>2 Evaluate the requirements of the performance management plan.3 Charter holders not meeting the terms of a required Performance Management Plan may be denied renewal.

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A All schools in the portfolio will demonstrate sufficient progress toward or demonstrate performance at or above the level of adequate academic performance as set and modified periodically by the Board.	<u>5 Year Interval Review</u> 4 Utilize a matrix for determining appropriate action regarding a charter holder’s implementation of Performance Management Plans and the academic performance of the school(s). 5 Beginning in FY 2012, charter holders not meeting the terms of a required Performance Management Plans may be subject to Board action.
	<u>Alternative Schools</u>
	6 Define the level of adequate academic performance for alternative schools.
B All charter holders in the portfolio are viable organizations with strong fiscal management practices and records of continued contractual compliance.	1 Maintain the current levels of data collection and reporting.

Goal 3: Promote the Board’s mission in providing quality educational choices.

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY
A Improve public understanding of the role of the Board.	1 Publish informational materials regarding the role of the Board and its membership. 2 Promote the Board as source of expertise and information for the public and the media with regard to charter school operations. 3 Participate in events to promote awareness of the Board’s mission and the schools in its portfolio. 4 Publish informational materials regarding the Board’s portfolio of charter holders and schools.
B Improve the public's awareness of the quality choices available in the Board’s portfolio.	1 Participate in public and private events to promote and share information about the quality educational choices available through the Board’s portfolio of charter schools. 2 Enhance the accessibility of information on the charter schools in the Board's portfolio. 3 Access a communications consultant who keeps information flowing to the public.

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C	Acquire fiscal resources to meet the Board’s mission.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Increase the appropriations to the Board.2 Enable the Board to assess fees for the services it provides in order to sustain its operations.3 Explore other funding sources for furthering the Board’s work.
D	Build relationships with state and others to improve the quality of schools in the ASBCS portfolio.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Provide technical assistance and information to stakeholders including parents/public, charter holders and government/state agencies.