Accelerated Elementary and Secondary Schools - 6364
School:
Accelerated Learning Laboratory

Renewal Executive Summary

Sources of Evidence for this Document

Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-183(I), a charter may be renewed for successive periods of twenty years. 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:

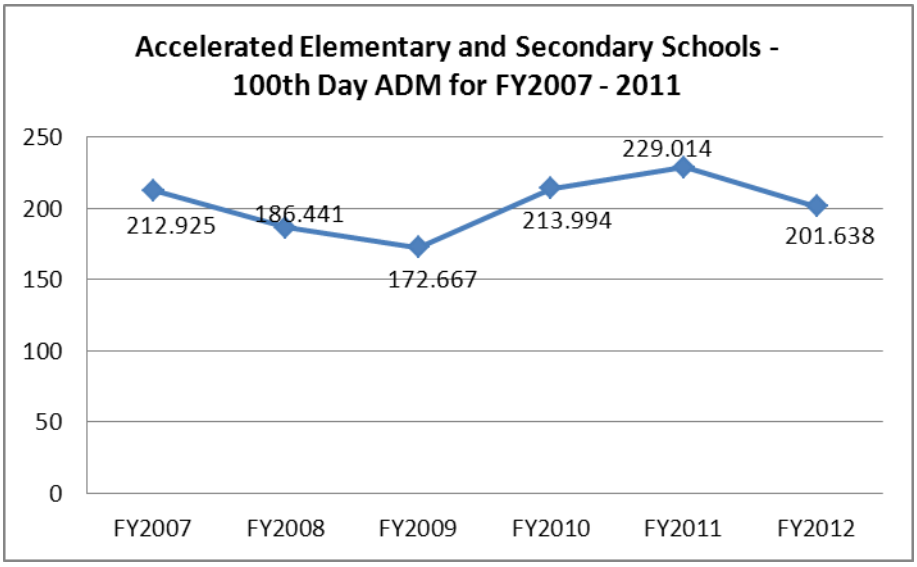
I. Success of the academic program, including academic achievement
II. Viability of the organization, including fiscal management and compliance
III. Adherence to the terms of the charter, including contract and legal compliance

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:

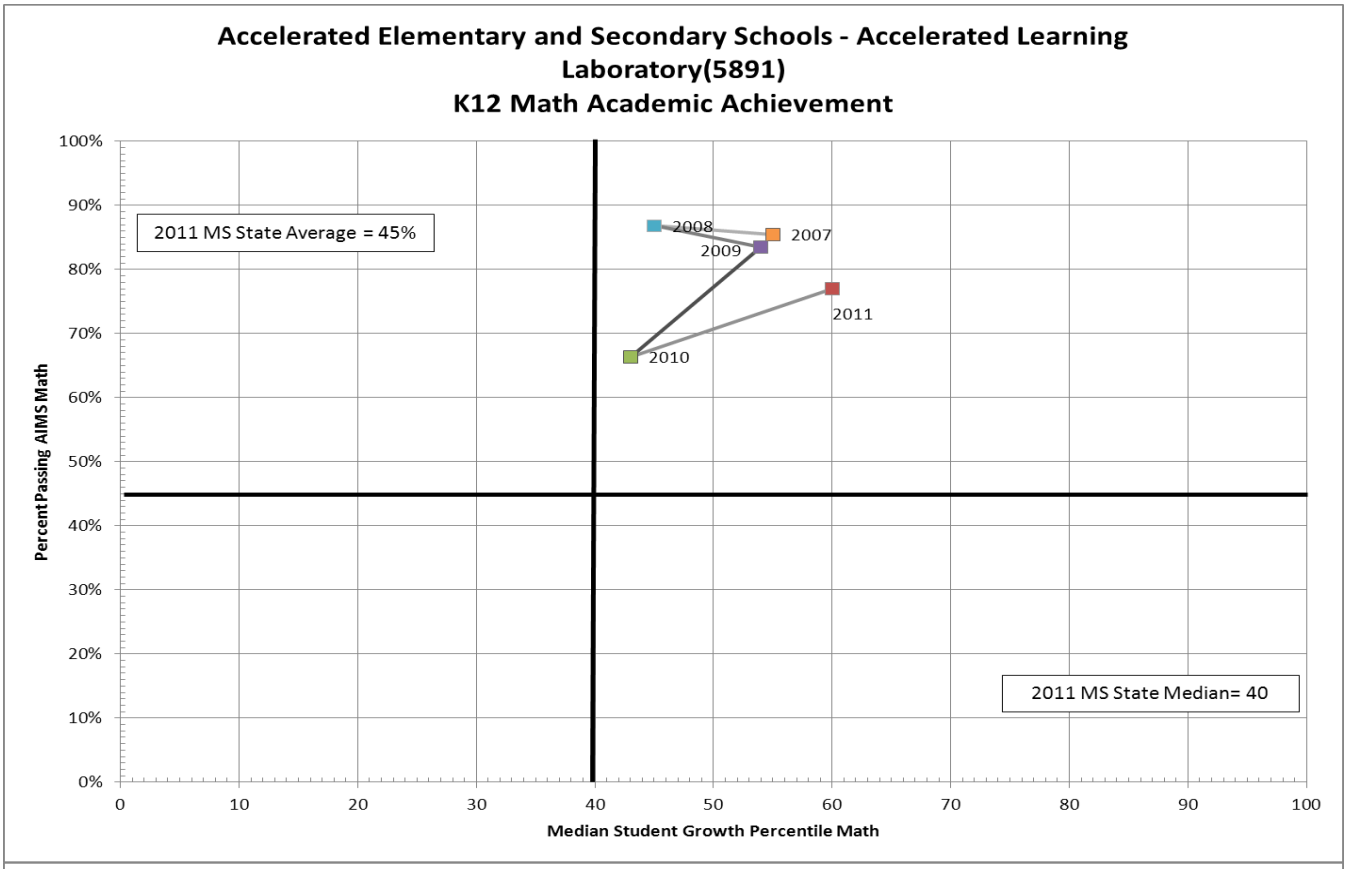
- Pupil achievement data
- Independent financial audits
- Five-year interval summary reviews
- Site visit reports
- Monitoring reports
- Application package for renewal

Profile

Accelerated Elementary and Secondary Schools operates one school serving grades K-12. The graph below shows the charter holder's actual 100th day average daily membership (ADM) for fiscal years 2007-2011 and the fiscal year 2012 ADM or estimated count as of January 11, 2012.



Graphs displaying the academic achievement for the past five years, if available, are provided on the next page.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K12 Math Academic Achievement
2011 MS State Average = 45%
2008
2007
2009
2011
2010
2011 MS State Median= 40
Percent Passing AIMS Math
Median Student Growth Percentile Math
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
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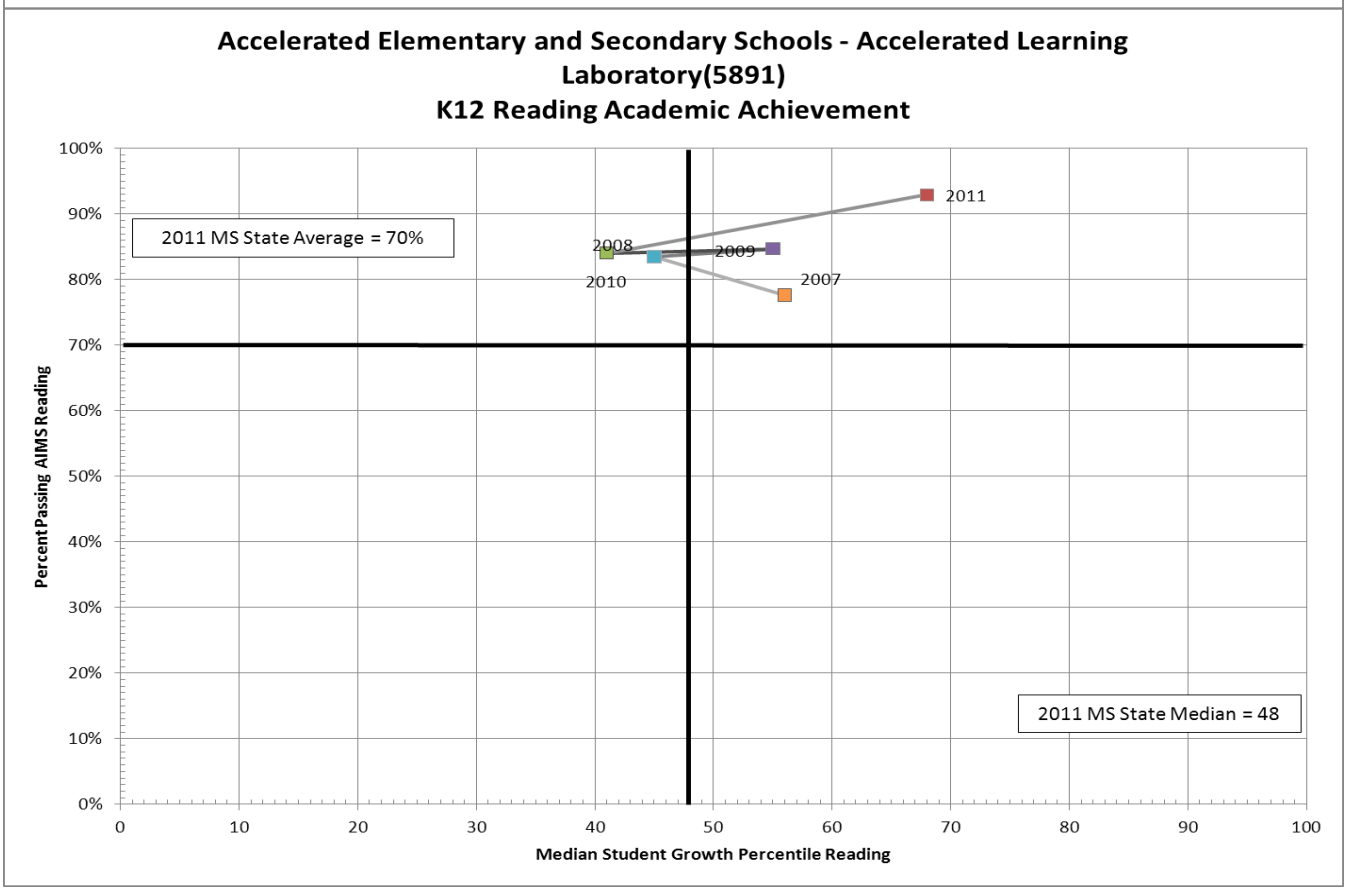
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K12 Reading Academic Achievement
2011 MS State Average = 70%
2011
2008
2009
2010
2007
2011 MS State Median = 48
Percent Passing AIMS Reading
Median Student Growth Percentile Reading
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
0%
0
10
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30
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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]

In November 2011, the Board voted to withhold 10% of the charter holder's monthly State aid apportionment for failure to timely submit the fiscal year 2011 Annual Financial Report (AFR). The withholding occurred for one month.

B. Other Compliance Matters[2]

For the previous five fiscal years, the charter holder has failed to timely submit the Annual Financial Report. Additionally, while the charter holder did submit a proposed budget to the Arizona Department of Education in fiscal year 2008, the charter holder did not submit the adopted budget.

In October of 2008, ADE Exceptional Student Services notified the charter holder of partial 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 April 2009.

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.

Board Options

[1] For more information about the areas of compliance reviewed for this section, please see the "Renewal Guide".
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Option 1: The Board may approve the renewal. Staff recommends the following language 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 that meets the Board's level of adequate academic performance. There is also a record of past contractual noncompliance which has been reviewed. With that taken into consideration as well as all information provided to the Board for consideration of this renewal application package and during its discussion with representatives of the charter holder, I move to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to Accelerated Elementary and Secondary Schools.

Option 2: The Board may deny the renewal. The following language is provided for consideration: Based upon a review of the information provided by the representatives of the charter holder and the contents of the application package which includes the academic performance, the fiscal compliance, and legal and contractual compliance of the charter holder over the charter term, I move to deny the request for charter renewal and to not grant a renewal contract for Accelerated Elementary and Secondary Schools. Specifically, the charter holder, during the term of the contract, failed to meet the obligations of the contract or failed to comply with state law when it:

1. Failed to timely submit its Annual Financial Reports (AFR).
2. Other specific reasons the Board may have found during its consideration including…