

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AGENDA ITEM: Application for Replication Charter

Request

American Charter Schools Foundation d.b.a. South Ridge High School (“Charter Holder”) submitted a replication charter application package on August 28, 2017. The Charter Holder seeks a charter for a new entity, American Charter Schools Foundation dba Silver Horizon High School to replicate South Ridge High School, the Replication Model School, and to operate a new school in Maricopa. The proposed school will be named Silver Horizon High School and will serve students in grades 9-12 with a targeted start date of July 29, 2019.

Eligibility

Academic Performance

The Replication Model School is eligible to replicate based on 3 years of academic performance meeting the Board’s standard, based on the Board’s academic framework in effect at that time. The Charter Holder’s academic dashboard is included in Appendix A. Application and Support Materials.

As part of the replication eligibility, the academic performance of associated schools is reviewed, as summarized in the table below¹.

School	Opened	Grades Served	FY 2014 Overall Rating	FY 2017 AzMERIT Passing (State Average)	
				ELA (39%)	Math (40%)
Glenview College Preparatory High School	August 2013	9-12	NR	12%	28%
Mission Heights Preparatory Public Charter High School	August 2011	9-12	66.56	31%	36%

Operational Compliance

As stated in Board policy, prior to a replication application being considered by the Board, staff conducts a compliance check. The Charter Holder and associated schools do not have any compliance issues.

Additional Information

The Charter Holder was granted a renewal charter in 2017.

Governance

Corporate Board Members
Linda Comer
Gina Conflitti
Theodore Frederick III
John Matthews Jr.
Matthew Proctor Jr.

Replication Model School Profile

School Name	FY 2014 Letter Grade	Date Opened	Location	Grade Levels Served	FY 2017 AzMERIT Passing (State Average)	
					ELA (39%)	Math (40%)
South Ridge High School	A	July 2006	Phoenix	9-12	30%	29%

¹ The list of associated schools does not include 9 schools that were excluded when the Charter Holder applied for replication eligibility. The schools were excluded due to their designation as alternative schools. The replication model school is not an alternative school. This charter, like its associated schools and associated charters, will be managed by the Leona Group, a Charter Management Organization.

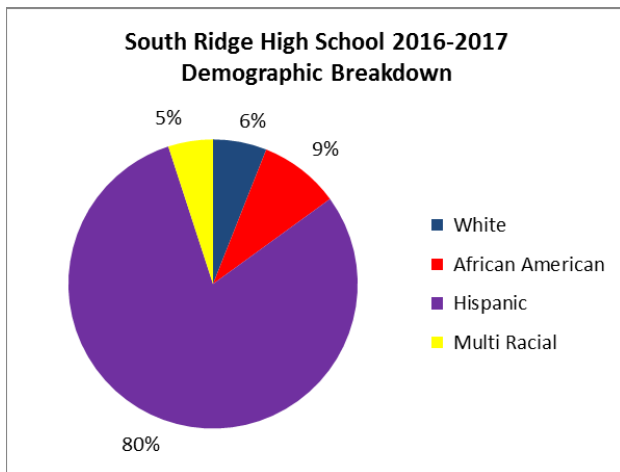
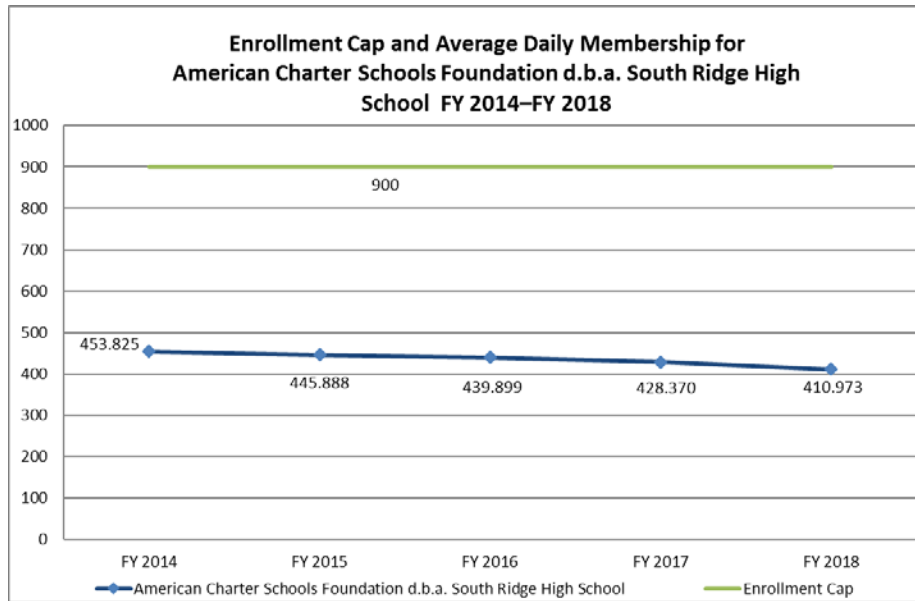


Additional Schools Serving Grades 9-12 within 5 Miles of New School Location

Total Schools	FY 2014 Letter Grade	Number of Charter Schools	FY 2017 AzMERIT Greater than State Average		Subgroups within (±5%) of Charter Holder's Subgroup Data		
			ELA (>39%)	Math (>40%)	FRL	ELL	SPED
1	A	1	1	1	0	1	1
2	C	1	0	1	0	2	1

Enrollment and Demographic Data

100th day ADM for FY 2014 – FY 2017, and FY 2018 ADM as of October 4, 2017.



2016-2017 Subgroup Data	
Free and Reduced Lunch	85%
English Language Learners	3%
Special Education	6%



Replication Application Summary

The following information has been summarized and is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix A. Application and Support Materials).

Educational Plan

The Charter Holder has affirmed that the Educational Plan of the proposed school will be consistent with the Educational Plan of the Replication Model School. The Charter Holder's mission is "To enhance the lives of students and families by providing high quality academics in a dynamic and rigorous learning environment that will prepare students for college and life-long learning."

According to the Charter Holder, the existing program "begins with rigorous, standards aligned curriculum maps/pacing guides." Using these documents teachers design instruction using the Leona Group plan template. "This template requires all plans to align to the maps/guides, articulate standards and objectives for instruction, design engaging activities high in college prep rigor, articulate formative assessment, and preplan for reteach and enrichment using formative data."

The Charter Holder has identified a target location near Porter Road and Bowlin Road in Maricopa. The Charter Holder has stated that the population demographic of the Replication Model School is 81% Hispanic, 9% African American, 5% White, 1% Native American, and 2% Asian. The Charter Holder indicates that the proposed school's target population slightly differs from the Replication Model School but both are diverse and contain stable, small ELL populations.

Proposed Growth Plan for the New School

FY	Grades Served	# of Students
2020	9-11	300
2021	9-12	450
2022	9-12	525

Operational Plan

The Charter Holder has affirmed that the governance structure of the new entity, American Charter Schools Foundation dba Silver Horizon High School, will be consistent with the organizational and governance structure of the existing entity.

New Entity for Replication Charter

The replication charter will be held by American Charter Schools Foundation dba Silver Horizon High School. The corporate board of American Charter Schools Foundation dba Silver Horizon High School and the governing body of the proposed school are identical to the Charter Holder and the Replication Model School governing body.

In the Operational Plan narrative, the Charter Holder described an organizational development plan that indicates that Silver Horizon High School will open in 2019 with grade levels 9-11, with 12th grade being added the following year. The five-year growth plan is "to strategically grow from 10 high schools² in 2017-18, to 12 in 2019-20." Additionally, the Charter Holder states that over the next five years the plan is to gradually increase the number of secondary students enrolled at Leona schools from 3636 to 4670.

Facility Information

Proposed School Name:	Silver Horizon High School
Proposed Location	Porter Road and Bowlin Road
Proposed Facility	The facility will be on 5 acres with an approximately 35,840 square feet two story building. The facility will have 22 classrooms, a gym, stage, administration offices, storage rooms, and 9 restrooms

² Alta Vista High School, Apache Trail High School, Crestview College Preparatory High School, Desert Hills High School, Estrella High School, Peoria Accelerated High School, South Pointe High School, South Ridge High School, Sun Valley High School, and West Phoenix High School

