Vision Charter School, Inc. - Entity ID 4430
School: Vision Charter School

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:

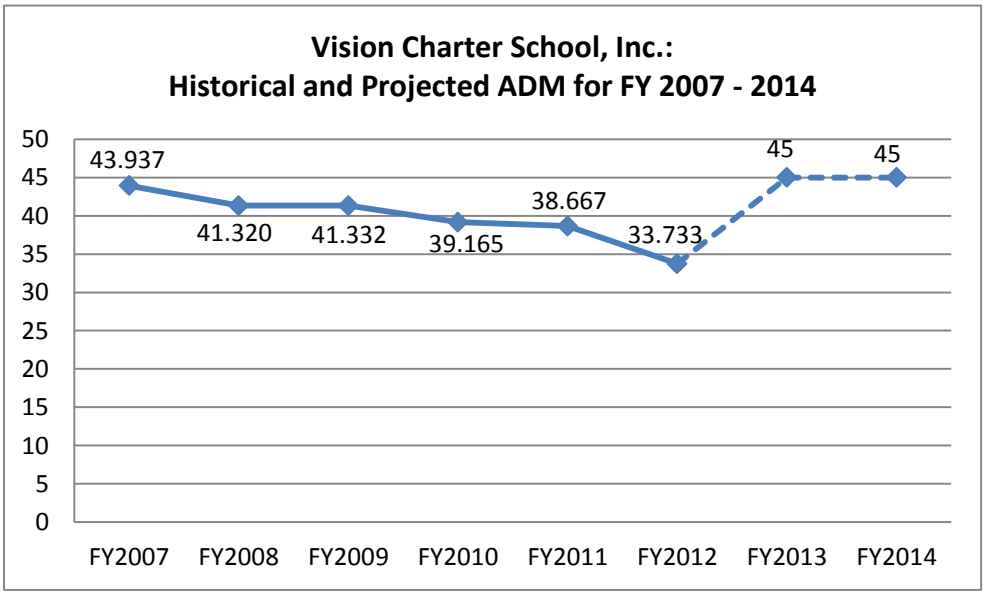
I. Success of the academic program, including academic achievement
II. Viability of the organization, including fiscal management and compliance
III. Adherence to the terms of the charter, including contract and legal compliance

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:

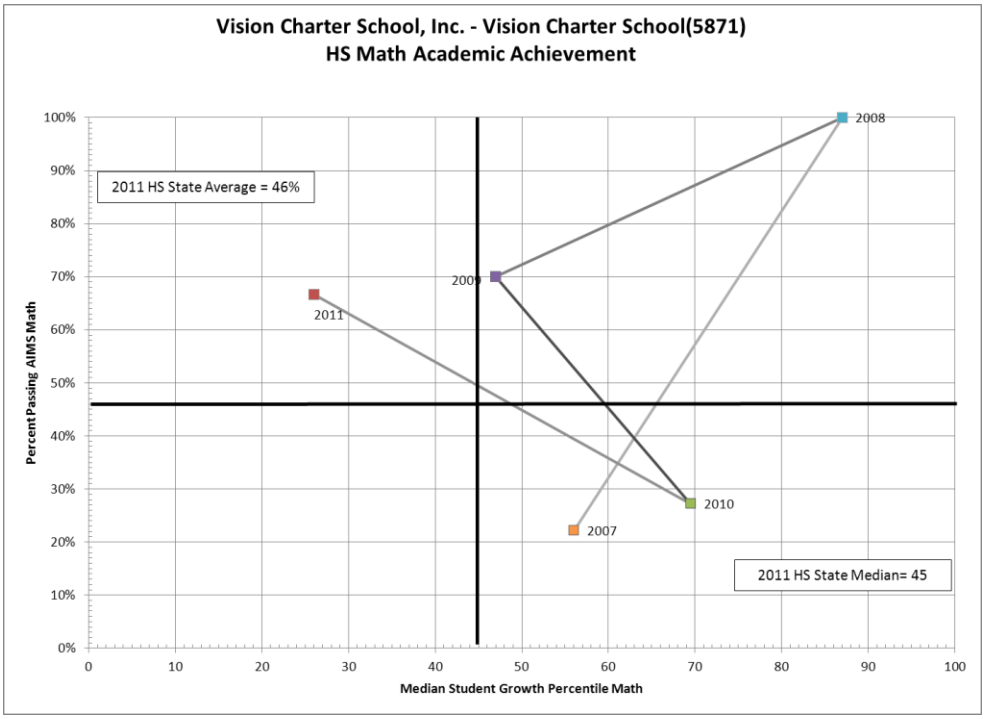
- Pupil achievement data
- Independent financial audits
- Five-year interval summary reviews
- Site visit reports
- Monitoring reports
- Application package for renewal

Profile

Vision Charter School, Inc. operates one school serving grades 9-12. 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 June 11, 2012 and projected ADM through 2014. Projections were provided by the charter holder as part of the submitted Renewal Budget Plan.



Graphs displaying the academic achievement for the past five years, if available, are provided on the next page.


Vision Charter School, Inc. - Vision Charter School(5871)
HS Math Academic Achievement
2011 HS State Average = 46%
2011 HS State Median= 45
2008
2009
2011
2010
2007
Percent Passing AIMS Math
Median Student Growth Percentile Math
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
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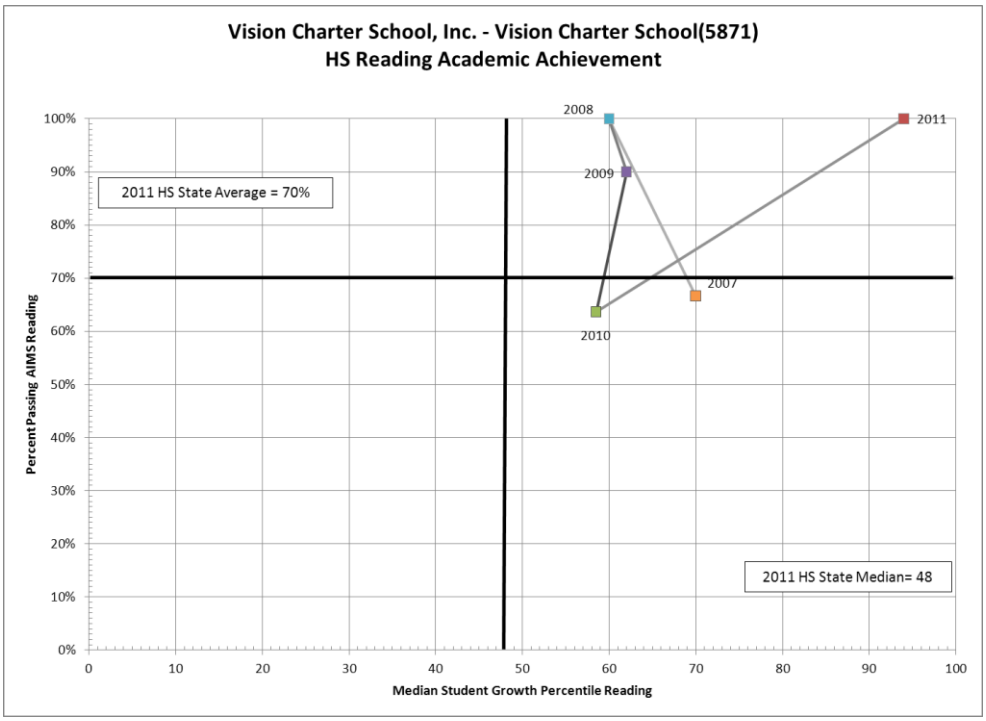
Vision Charter School, Inc. - Vision Charter School(5871)
HS Reading Academic Achievement
2011 HS State Average = 70%
2011 HS State Median= 48
2008
2011
2009
2007
2010
Percent Passing AIMS Reading
Median Student Growth Percentile Reading
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
0%
0
10
20
30
40
50
60
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90
100

I. Success of the Academic Program

The academic performance of the school operated by the charter holder did not meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's level of adequate academic performance. Therefore, the charter holder was required to submit a Performance Management Plan in the academic section of the renewal application and to complete the Renewal Budget Plan.

On May 4th, the charter holder submitted a PMP narrative and templates. Academic oversight documentation was not submitted.

A leadership team discussion took place on June 21 at Vision Charter School with Wilma Soroosh (Charter Representative) and Shelly Johnson (Business Manager). Since the school is located on the Pima Community College (PCC) campus, the discussion provided clarification of the nature of the relationship between Vision Charter School and PCC.

The charter representative stated that 12th grade students are able to enroll in PCC courses as part of a dual enrollment program. Students are responsible for paying any costs associated with courses taken through PCC. According to the charter holder, typically less than half of the students in grade 12 take advantage of this. Students also have use of the PCC library to do research for their classes.

In discussing the population served, the charter representative shared that 25% of the students served by Vision Charter School are Tohono O'odham with the remaining students being from the neighborhoods surrounding PCC. The charter representative stated that 50% of students that complete 9th grade at Vision Charter School stay enrolled at the school until they graduate.

According to the charter representative, in previous years the school has not done any marketing. Currently, extensive marketing efforts such as advertising that the school is located at PCC, and establishing relationships with the counselors at nearby middle schools to identify students that would not do well in a large high school, the Tohono O'odham nation, and San Miguel High School which is a local private school, are occurring. Since marketing has not been done before, the charter representative is anticipating an increase in enrollment.

Required submissions for the Academic Performance Section and the Renewal Budget Plan, as well as the applicable evaluation instrument and checklist, are included in the charter holder's portfolio. The evaluation instrument completed by staff identifies whether the required information provided included a Full Description, a Partial Description, or a Very Limited Description. The checklist completed by staff identifies whether the required elements of the Detailed Business Plan were addressed.

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 2011 audit identified a repeat issue that was also included in the fiscal year 2010 audit involving the charter holder not timely filing its Annual Financial Report.

For the previous five fiscal years, the charter holder has failed to submit its Annual Financial Report for one or more years.

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

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 below the Board's level of adequate academic performance, which has been addressed by the charter holder through the inclusion of a performance management plan as part of the renewal application package and can be incorporated in the charter contract. 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 Vision Charter School, Inc. that incorporates the performance management plan.

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

[1] For more information about the areas of compliance reviewed for this section, please see the "Renewal Guide".
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renewal contract for Vision Charter School, Inc. 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 provide a learning environment that improved pupil achievement in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-181(A).
2. Other specific reasons the Board may have found during its consideration including…