

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Grade Level Change to Charter Amendment Request

Request

Kaizen Education Foundation-Entity ID 90333 (“Charter Holder”) submitted an expansion request to increase the grade levels the Charter Holder is approved to serve, from grades K-6 to grades K-8, beginning in FY 2020. This expansion request accounts for three years of projected student enrollment.

See Appendix A: Amendment Request Materials and Support Materials

The Charter Holder is requesting to add 7th and 8th grade in order to meet the needs of its families and stabilize enrollment. This addition will provide consistency to current and future families by allowing children to remain in the same school from Kindergarten to 8th grade. The Charter Holder will add one classroom teacher per grade to accommodate the additional grades and part-time specials teachers to offer students more STEAM focused programming. The 7th and 8th grade classes will use Amplify ELA and Envision Math and NWEA Map for benchmarking, which is consistent with the current 6th grade. Student promotion to the next grade level will be based on performance on the standards-based report card and student level proficiency and growth data assessed by the NWEA MAP Skills Assessment.

Three Year Plan

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Grade Levels	K-6	K-7	K-8	K-8
Enrollment	141	200	225	225

Staff Recommendation

The Charter Holder has not met the criteria to receive a staff recommendation for expansion.

Staff Recommendation Criteria	Analysis
In operation for three years.	The Charter Holder has been in operation for 16 years.
“Meets Operational Performance Expectations” based on the dashboards for the most recent two prior years and the current year.	The Charter Holder “Meets” the Board’s Operational Performance Expectations.
“Meets the Board’s Financial Performance Expectations” based on the most recent dashboard.	The Charter Holder “Meets” the Board’s Financial Performance Expectations.
Grade level cohorts could fill enrollment for new grades requested.	The sixth grade cohort is enrolled at 22, which is near capacity. Enrollment for the requested 7 th grade could be filled in the upcoming year, and continue on to 8 th grade in the following year.
ADM is within 85% of current enrollment cap.	According to ADE School Finance, as of December 24, 2018, the Charter Holder had an ADM of 129.209. The Charter Holder is currently operating at 40% of its current enrollment cap of 325.
Each school operated by the Charter Holder: Performs at or above the average performance of a majority of schools within a five-mile radius of the school’s location.	Gilbert Arts Academy performs at or above the average performance in ELA and Math. Information regarding nearby schools is provided on page 2.

Profile

The Charter Holder was granted a renewal charter in 2016.

Governance

Corporate Board Members

Jessica K Brown
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School Profile

Kaizen Education Foundation	Gilbert Arts Academy		
Date Open	07/2008		
Location	Gilbert		
Grades Served	K-6		
FY 18 Letter Grade	A		
	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
ELA AzMERIT (41%*)	57%	49%	51%
Math AzMERIT (41%*)	56%	41%	58%
Science AIMS (52%*)	57%	81%	75%

*FY 18 State Average Passing

Additional School Choices Serving Grades K-6 within 5 Miles of Gilbert Arts Academy

Total Schools	FY 18 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 2018 State Assessment Data Greater than State Average			Subgroups within (±5%) of Charter Holder's Subgroup Data		
			ELA (>41%)	Math (>41%)	Science (>52%)	FRL (±5%)	ELL (±5%)	SPED (±5%)
32	A	11	32	32	31	0	*	15
26	B	6	13	19	16	4	*	17
13	C	6	3	4	5	0	*	10
2	D	1	0	0	0	0	*	2
1	F	1	0	0	0	1	*	0

*Because the percentage of FRL students is not available for the Charter Holder, comparison to nearby schools is not possible.

Comparison of Nearby Schools to Gilbert Arts Academy

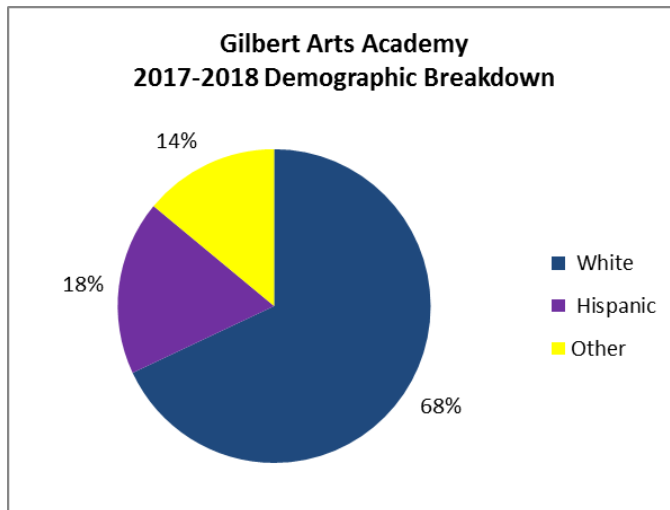
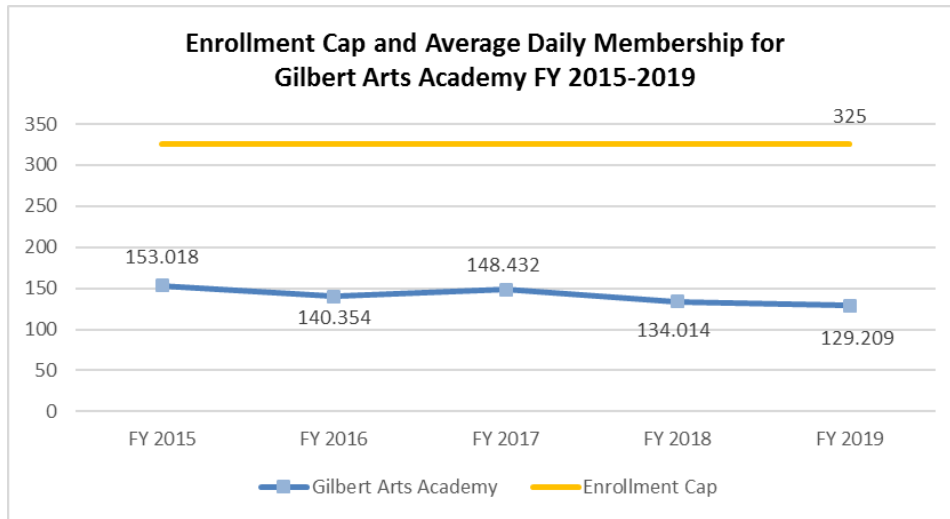
Total Schools	FY 18 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 2018 State Assessment Data Greater than Gilbert Arts Academy		
			AzMERIT ELA (>51%)	AzMERIT Math (>58%)	AIMS Science (>75%)
32	A	11	28	25	22
26	B	6	9	3	6
13	C	6	0	0	1
2	D	1	0	0	0
1	F	1	0	0	0
Total Number of Schools Performing Better than Gilbert Arts Academy (Percentage of Total)					
74		25 (34%)	37 (50%)	28 (38%)	29 (39%)

Schools Associated with Gilbert Arts Academy

See Appendix C for information regarding Associated Schools.

Enrollment and Demographic Data

100th Day Average Daily Membership for FY 2015–FY 2018, and FY 2019 ADM as of December 24, 2018.



2017-2018 Subgroup Data	
Free and Reduced Lunch	59%
English Language Learners	*
Special Education	15%

**If the percentage of students is 0% or 100%, or the group includes less than 10 students, the percentage for that group is redacted.*