

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Application for Replication Charter

Request

Morrison Education Group, Inc. (“Charter Holder”) submitted an application for replication. The Charter Holder seeks to replicate Sun Valley Academy, the Replication Model School, for the purpose of operating a new school under a new charter contract in Avondale. The proposed school will be named Sun Valley Academy Avondale and will serve students in grades K-8, with a targeted start date of July 20, 2020.

Three Year Plan

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Grade Levels	K-3	K-4	K-5
Enrollment	360	450	540

Profile

The Charter Holder was granted a new charter in 2009.

Governance

Corporate Board Members
April Beaty
Natasha Carr
Juniper Chaffin
Rodney Jenkins
Tanae Morrison

School Governing Body Members	Type
Juniper Dery-Chaffin	Unknown
Leannette Henagan	Unknown
Rachel Johnson (formerly Strachan)	Unknown
Tanae Morrison	Charter Organization

Replication Model School Profile

	Sun Valley Academy		
Date Open	August 2009		
Location	Phoenix		
Grades Served	K-8		
FY 18 Letter Grade	B		
	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
ELA AzMERIT (41% ⁺)	34%	36%	43%
Math AzMERIT (41% ⁺)	31%	27%	36%
Science AIMS (52% ⁺)	48%	42%	42%

⁺FY 18 State Average Passing

Additional School Choices Serving Grades K-8 within 5 Miles of Sun Valley Academy

Total Schools	FY 18 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 18 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%)
4	A	2	3	4	3	0	0	2
10	B	6	3	1	4	1	5	7
18	C	5	0	1	1	1	3	14
13	D	3	0	0	0	0	2	11
2	F	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	N/R	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

Comparison of Nearby Schools to Sun Valley Academy

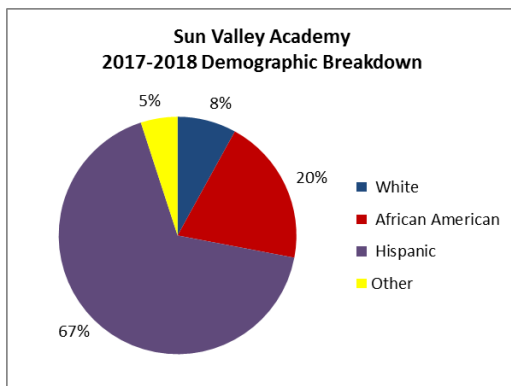
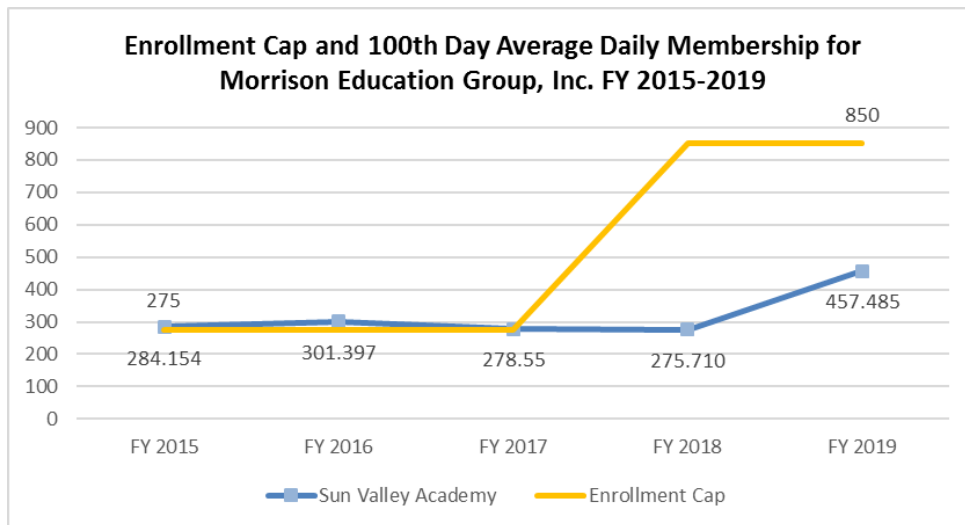
Total Schools	FY 18 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 18 State Assessment Data Greater than Sun Valley Academy		
			AzMERIT ELA (>43%)	AzMERIT Math (>36%)	AIMS Science (>42%)
4	A	2	3	4	4
10	B	6	5	1	7
18	C	5	1	2	5
13	D	3	0	0	2
2	F	1	0	0	0
2	N/R	1	0	0	0
Total Number of Schools Performing Better than Sun Valley Academy (Percentage of Total)					
49		18 (37%)	9 (18%)	7 (14%)	18 (37%)

Additional School Choices Serving Grades K-8 within 5 Miles of the Proposed School

Total Schools	FY 18 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 18 State Assessment Data Greater than State Average		
			ELA (>41%)	Math (>41%)	Science (>52%)
11	A	6	10	10	10
12	B	2	6	6	8
20	C	3	0	0	2
7	D	0	0	0	0

Enrollment and Demographic Data

100th Day Average Daily Membership for FY 2015–FY 2019.



2017-2018 Subgroup Data Sun Valley Academy	
Free and Reduced Lunch	45%
English Language Learners	12%
Special Education	9%



Educational Plan Summary

This summary is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix A-Application: 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 states that "Sun Valley Academy has made a commitment to provide each student with a quality education through high standards and high achievement. We foster a school culture in which teachers, students, and parents are active participants. Our pursuit of academic excellence is enhanced by family partnerships and the development of leadership skills. This dynamic combination motivates students to embrace life-long learning and to become productive members of our community. Sun Valley Academy empowers every student, every day, through high standards and high achievement."

The Charter Holder uses Beyond Textbooks as a pacing guide and resource for curricular materials. Instructional staff may elect to employ Spalding, Accelerated Reader, and other programs according to curricular and student needs. The philosophy aligns with the Professional Learning Community (PLC) theory of learning, addressing the following questions: What do we expect students to learn? How will we know they have learned it? How will we respond when they do not learn? How will we respond when they already know it?

The Charter Holder will locate Sun Valley Academy Avondale at Avondale Boulevard and the I-10. The target population in this area is approximately 52% Hispanic/Latino, 25% Black/African American, 20% White, and 3% Asian/Pacific Islander. According to the Charter Holder's Target Population Narrative, the free and reduced lunch rate in the area of the proposed school is between 60% and 80%.

Operational Plan Summary

This summary is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix A-Application: Operational Plan).

The Charter Holder has affirmed that the governance structure of the replication charter will be consistent with the organizational and governance structure of the existing charter.

The replication charter will be held by Morrison Education Group, Inc. The corporate board of Morrison Education Group, Inc. 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 includes a total of three K-8 schools within the next five years, including this proposed school and one opening in July 2022. The Charter Holder hopes to serve 900 students at each campus.

In order to "support the quality and long-term academic success of the replication school," the Charter Holder plans to "plant a nucleus of trained staff" and "key administrative team members" from the Replication Model School to bring "a core of operational knowledge" to the replication school.

Facility Acquisition Summary

This summary is based on information from the Charter Holder (see Appendix A-Application: Planned Facility).

Site Information

Proposed School Name:	Sun Valley Academy Avondale
Proposed Location	Avondale Boulevard and the I-10 in Avondale
Proposed Facility	The Charter Holder is seeking a single-story building, approximately 60,000 square feet, consisting of 28 classrooms, a cafeteria, gym, library, computer lab, specialized rooms, nurse station, teacher work room, break room, offices, and outside play areas.