

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: New School with Enrollment Cap Amendment Request

Request

Vista College Preparatory, Inc. (“Charter Holder”) submitted an expansion amendment request to add a new school to the existing charter contract, and to increase the enrollment cap from 936 to 1377, beginning in FY 2020. This enrollment cap accounts for 3 years of projected student enrollment.

See Appendix A: Amendment Request Materials and Support Materials.

The Charter Holder currently serves students at two campuses, located in Phoenix and Maryvale, and has a goal to “add a middle school so that the students at each campus can feed into one school for their middle school education.” Currently the 6th grade students served by the Charter Holder are being incubated at the downtown campus with the intention of those students moving to a new permanent building that will also serve 7th grade students starting in FY 2020. The Charter Holder states, “we believe that we need to provide a middle school for our students, due to a lack of quality options, but we believe that the preparation we have taken will ensure a strong start.” Additionally, the Charter Holder was accepted into the Charter School Growth Fund portfolio, allowing them to bring on the Middle School Principal and to spend time visiting and researching high performing schools. The Middle School Principal comes from a High School teaching background and served as the Assistant Principal at Vista College Preparatory (“VCP”) prior to supporting the first class of 6th graders served at VCP.

Three Year Plan

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Grade Levels	K-6	K-7	K-8	K-8
Enrollment	528	749	931	1046

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 five years.
“Meets the Board’s 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.
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 current location.	Vista College Preparatory performs at or above the average performance of a majority of schools within a five-mile radius of the school’s current location in ELA and Math.
AND	Vista College Prep-Maryvale opened in FY 2018, serving grades K-2; therefore, academic data for the school is not available to compare the average performance of a majority of schools within a five-mile radius of the school’s current location.
Performs at or above the average performance of a majority of schools within a five-mile radius of the proposed school’s location.	Vista College Preparatory performs at or above the average performance of a majority of schools within a five-mile radius of the school’s proposed location in ELA and Math.

	Information regarding nearby schools is provided on page 3.
Past enrollment trends indicate the charter will exceed its enrollment cap within the next three years.	ADM in FY 2017 was 206.956, in FY 2018 was 333.048, and in FY 2019 was 462.627 (as of January 15, 2019). This does not demonstrate the charter holder will exceed its enrollment cap within the next three years.
ADM is within 85% of current enrollment cap.	According to ADE School Finance, the Charter Holder currently has an ADM of 515.435. The Charter Holder is currently operating at 55% of its current enrollment cap of 936.

Profile

The Charter Holder was granted a new charter in 2013.

Governance

Corporate Board Members
Irene Carroll
Katherine Cecala
Grant Crone
Christopher Dang
Cassandra Hilpman-Breecher
Dawn Kennedy
Kelly McManus
Julia Meyerson
Charles Mitchell
Christina Spicer

School Profiles

School Name	Vista College Preparatory			Vista College Prep - Maryvale		
Date Open	August 2013			August 2017		
Location	Phoenix			Maryvale		
Grades Served	K-6			K-3		
FY 18 Letter Grade	A			N/A		
	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
ELA AzMERIT (41% ⁺)	66%	73%	66%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Math AzMERIT (41% ⁺)	59%	67%	71%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science AIMS (52% ⁺)	N/A	63%	77%	N/A	N/A	N/A

*FY 18 State Average Passing

Additional School Choices Serving Grades K-6 within 5 Miles of Vista College Preparatory

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	3	3	4	3	*	*	0
15	B	6	3	4	7	*	*	13
38	C	9	1	2	4	*	*	29
15	D	4	0	0	0	*	*	9
4	F	2	0	0	0	*	*	1
6	N/R	1	0	0	0	*	*	1

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

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

Comparison of Nearby Schools to Vista College Preparatory (Current Location)

Total Schools	FY 18 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 18 State Assessment Data Greater than Vista College Preparatory		
			AzMERIT ELA (>66%)	AzMERIT Math (>71%)	AIMS Science (>77%)
4	A	3	2	1	2
15	B	6	0	0	0
38	C	9	0	0	0
15	D	4	0	0	0
4	F	2	0	0	0
6	N/R	1	0	0	0
Total Number of Schools Performing Better than Vista College Preparatory (Percentage of Total)					
82		25 (30%)	2 (2%)	1 (1%)	2 (2%)

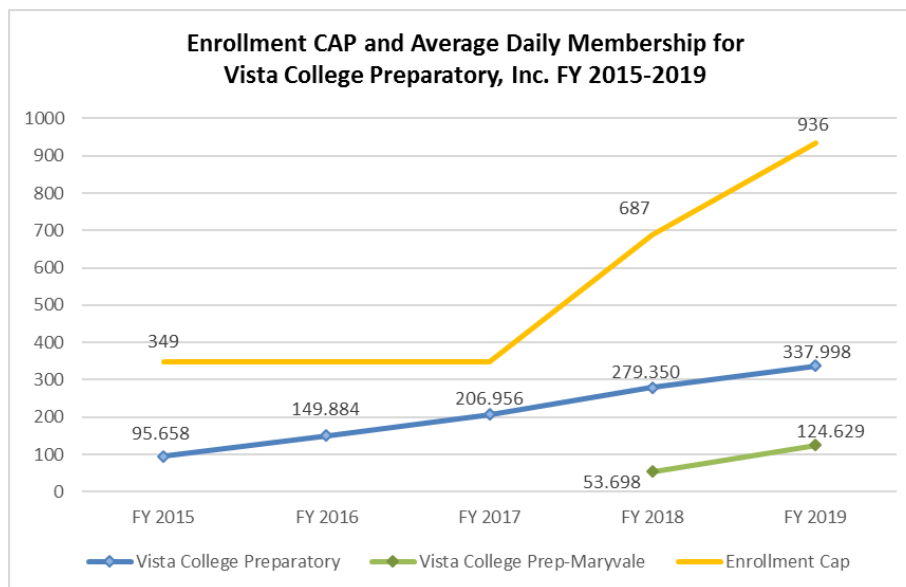
Vista College Prep-Maryvale opened in FY 2018 serving K-2; therefore, academic data for the school is not available to complete Additional School Choices and Comparison to Nearby School charts.

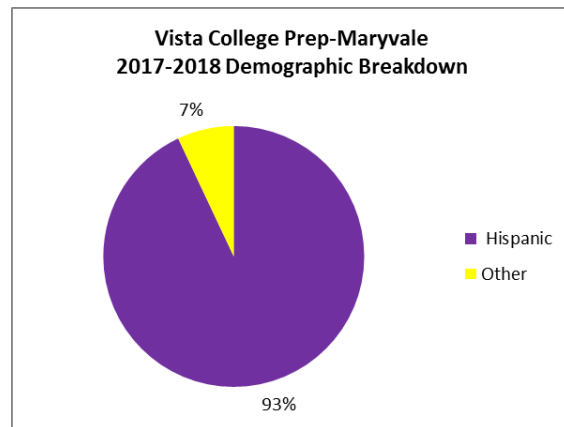
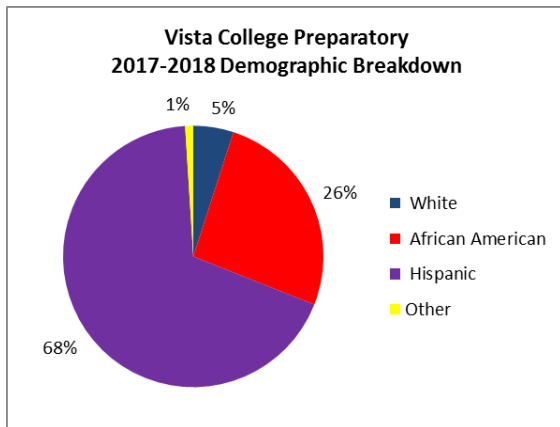
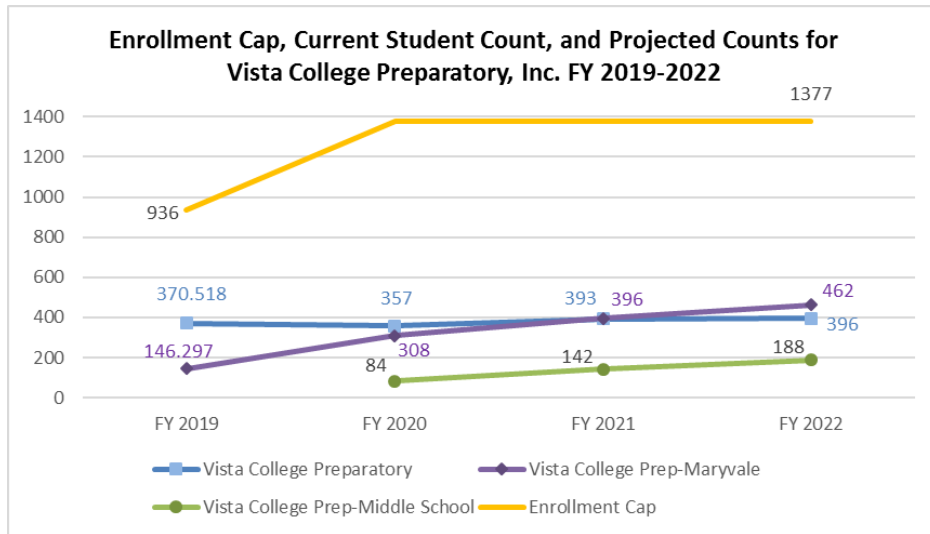
Academic Performance of Nearby Schools to Vista College Prep – Middle School (Proposed Location)

Total Schools	FY 18 Letter Grade	Total Charter Schools	FY 18 State Assessment Data Greater than State Average		
			ELA (>41%)	Math (>41%)	Science (>52%)
6	A	3	6	6	6
16	B	8	2	2	6
27	C	6	1	2	3
14	D	3	0	0	0
2	F	2	0	0	0
4	N/R	1	0	2	0
Total Number of Schools (Percentage of Total)					
69		23 (33%)	9 (13%)	12 (17%)	15 (22%)

Enrollment and Demographic Data

100th Day Average Daily Membership for FY 2015–FY 2018, and FY 2019 ADM as of January 15, 2019.





2017-2018 Subgroup Data			
School Name	Category		
	Free and Reduced Lunch	English Language Learners	Special Education
Vista College Preparatory	*	*	12%
Vista College Prep-Maryvale	78%	*	*

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