

AGENDA ITEM: Transfer Application – for East Valley Educational Services, L.P.

Issue

East Valley Educational Services, L.P., a for-profit entity, submitted a complete Transfer Application for transfer of the sponsor from the Arizona State Board of Education (SBE) to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (Board). East Valley Educational Services, L.P. was granted a charter in 1999 by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and opened East Valley Academy in Mesa, AZ in the same year. In June, 2001, the SBE approved the transfer of the sponsorship of the charter from the Board to the SBE, effective June 25, 2001.

As stated in Board policy, prior to a charter school being placed on an agenda, staff conducts a compliance check as part of the approval process. The charter holder is in compliance in all areas.

Curricular Emphasis:

East Valley Educational Services, L.P. operates East Valley Academy serving grades K-6. East Valley Academy earned an A in the state’s A-F letter grade accountability system from the Arizona Department of Education. Based upon the indicators and measures adopted by the Board in its Academic Performance Framework, East Valley Academy received an overall academic performance rating of 81.25 and meets the Board’s expectations. Using the Board’s measures, a dashboard representation of East Valley Academy’s FY2012 academic outcomes is presented below:

Academic Performance Rating FY 2012

Charter Holder: East Valley Educational Services, L.P.
Entity ID 10971

Charter School: East Valley Academy
Entity ID 78806, Grades K-6

1. Growth

Small Elementary		1a. SGP		1b. SGP Bottom 25%	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read
East Valley Academy	2011-2012	65	46	NR	NR
Points Assigned		75	50	0	0
Weight		25	25	0	0

2. Proficiency

Small Elementary		2a. Percent Passing		2b. Composite School Comparison		2c. Subgroup ELL		2c. Subgroup FRL		2c. Subgroup SPED	
School	School Year	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read	Math	Read
East Valley Academy	2011-2012	100	100	45.1	25.4	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Points Assigned		100	100	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weight		11.25	11.25	11.25	11.25	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. State Accountability & Overall Rating

Small Elementary		3a. State Accountability	Overall Rating
School	School Year	Grade	
East Valley Academy	2011-2012	100	81.25
Points Assigned		100	
Weight		5	100

Overall Rating	Point Range
Exceeds Standard	> or = to 89
Meets Standard	< 89, but > or = to 63
Does Not Meet Standard	< 63, but > or = to 39
Falls Far Below Standard	< 39

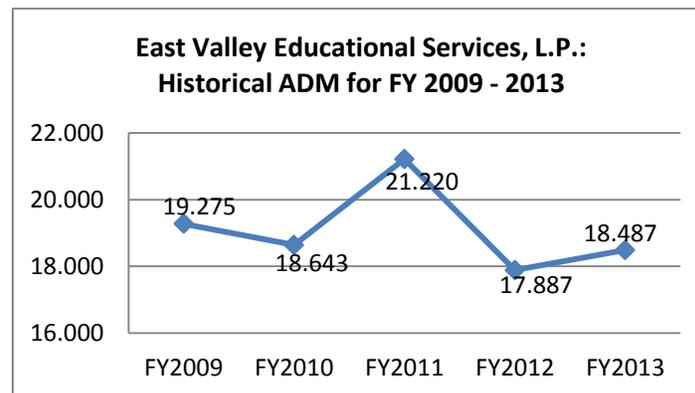
For additional information, see *Academic Performance Framework and Guidance*, available on the ASBCS webpage <http://asbcs.az.gov>

The following information was included in the narrative provided by the charter holder. East Valley Academy is based upon the Paideia Principle, Mortimer Adler's Great Books Curriculum, and the Core Knowledge concept. East Valley Academy's philosophy of education and methods are grounded in respect for the mastery of solid academic skills and a highly structured curriculum. The school utilizes direct instruction in all subjects. The curriculum is aligned to Arizona standards and includes a Core Knowledge holistic approach to all subjects, including science, history and geography. Reading is taught through a systematic phonics program starting in kindergarten. Saxon Math is implemented in grades K-6.

Additional aspects of the school, according to the application, include the following:

- 15:1 student/teacher ratio, to allow time for individualized attention
- Mastery-based learning/British form system
- Uniforms
- Six and one-half hour school day; five hours dedicated to academic study
- Orderly, disciplined and safe learning environment
- Theater program, music and art

The school operates a 180 day calendar. The graph below shows the charter holder's actual 100th day average daily membership (ADM) for fiscal years 2009-2012 and fiscal year 2013 ADM as of February 6, 2013.



Governance Structure:

The charter holder is a Limited Partnership, registered with the Arizona Corporation Commission in August, 2004. Partners are Janet Stoepplemann and Ken Ryan. Janet Stoepplemann serves as the charter representative.

Board Options

1. Approve the Transfer Application for East Valley Educational Services, L.P.
2. Deny the Transfer Application for East Valley Educational Services, L.P.

Staff Recommendation

Option 1.