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The Santa Clara County Office of Education is committed to serving, inspiring and promoting student and public school success.

Goals

- Improve student equity and reduce access discrepancies to high quality education
- Provide support to districts, communities, schools and students
- Be a premier employer
- Improve organizational effectiveness and efficiency



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A Message from the Santa Clara Board of Education and Superintendent

Welcome to the second issue of the Annual Charter School Data Book (2015-2016) This Annual Charter School Data Book provides information of vital interest to the performance and progress of the SCCOE Board authorized charter schools.

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) remains committed to serving, inspiring and promoting student and public school success. Our first goal is to "Improve student equity and reduce access discrepancies to high quality education." One of the avenues pursued in achievement of this goal is the authorization of high quality charter schools. The Santa Clara County Board of Education (County Board) is granted the authority in California Education Code to approve or deny charter school petitions on appeal from a school district and to authorize county-wide charter schools. This past year, 23 County Board authorized charter schools were in operation providing instructional services to over 9,300 students.

One of the obligations of the SCCOE, once the County Board authorizes a school, is to monitor the charter school. In addition, the County Board has requested that the schools provide an annual update. To facilitate this process, SCCOE staff has created this data book that provides a snapshot of the schools at one point in time. The information and data provided herein has been obtained from both the California Department of Education and the respective charter schools. Where appropriate, 2014-2015 data from the California Department of Education (Dataquest) is utilized. Each charter school does have current year (2015-2016) data illustrated in their individual school reports.

The County Board continues to be a champion for children in the county and is focused on eliminating the achievement gap. The goal remains that all students in Santa Clara County attend a high-performing school that prepares them for success in subsequent grade levels and ultimately to attend, succeed and complete college, if they so choose.

It is the fervent desire of the County Board to forge new partnerships between county school districts and charter schools. The County Board applauds the on-going efforts of school districts that have formed a collaborative relationships with their charter schools. The SCCOE and County Board will continue to work to bridge relationships with districts and charter schools while acknowledging the shared aspirations to provide the very best in public education here in Santa Clara County.

Thank you,

Anna Song
President, Santa Clara County Board of Education

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County Superintendent of Schools

SCCOE CHARTER SCHOOLS AT-A-GLANCE



During the 2015-2016 school year, the County Board considered one new county-wide petition; the petition was denied. The County Board also renewed six (6) charter schools, and approved two (2) material revisions.

23 Charter Schools

Authorized Grade Level

2	TK - 5
3	TK - 8
5	K - 5
3	K - 8
2	5 - 8
1	6 - 8
4	6 - 12
2	9 - 12
1	7 - 12

8,926 students enrolled*

2%	African American
14%	Asian
61%	Hispanic/Latino
11%	White
36%	English Learners
59%	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged

Total Charter School Revenues	\$94,530,887
Total Charter School Expenditures	\$92,431,408

* 2014-2015 enrollment does not include Spark Charter, Voices Morgan Hill and Voices Mt. Pleasant (new schools for 2015-2016)

2015-2016 Enrollment, including the three new charter schools is 9300

Source: California Department of Education, available at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>.

CHARTER SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY

Overall, student enrollment in the charter schools reflects the diverse student population in Santa Clara County. However, upon closer examination, significantly higher numbers of Latino students, English Learners and students from low socioeconomic circumstances are attending charter schools. About half as many Asian and Caucasian students are enrolled in charter schools.



Source: California Department of Education, available at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>.

2014-2015 CHARTER SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

Charter School	Authorized Grades	2015-2016 Enrollment **	2014-2015 Enrollment	African American		Asian		Hispanic/Latino		White		EL		Socio-Economic Disadvantaged	
				#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Ace Empower Academy	5 to 8	352	404	0	0.0	10	2.5	384	95.0	0	0.0	178	44.1	390	96.5
Alpha: Jose Hernandez	5 to 8	328	168	1	0.6	11	6.5	154	91.7	0	0.0	89	53.0	162	96.4
Bullis Charter	K to 8	742	707	3	0.4	287	40.6	40	5.7	224	31.7	63	8.9	6	0.8
DCP-Alum Rock	6 to 12	580	479	7	1.5	21	4.4	412	86.0	12	2.5	143	29.9	392	81.8
Discovery I	K to 8	560	557	15	2.7	131	23.5	64	11.5	153	27.5	104	18.7	37	6.6
Discovery II	TK to 8	442	362	3	0.8	40	11.0	72	19.9	121	33.4	44	12.2	22	6.1
Leadership Public Schools	9 to 12	216	229	6	2.6	5	2.2	205	89.5	4	1.7	79	34.5	207	90.4
Magnolia Science Academy	6 to 12	98	484	28	5.8	276	57.0	58	12.0	94	19.4	35	7.2	81	16.7
Rocketship Alma	K to 5	562	613	17	2.8	55	9.0	514	83.8	6	1.0	290	47.3	555	90.5
Rocketship Brilliant Minds	TK to 5	584	502	7	1.4	57	11.4	418	83.3	3	0.6	307	61.2	451	89.8
Rocketship Discovery Prep	K to 5	513	523	7	1.3	33	6.3	449	85.9	16	3.1	283	54.1	472	90.2
Rocketship Fuerza	TK to 5	589	498	8	1.6	50	10.0	424	85.1	4	0.8	307	61.6	427	85.7
Rocketship Los Suenos	K to 5	581	607	20	3.3	45	7.4	526	86.7	5	0.8	377	62.1	546	90.0
Rocketship Mateo Sheedy	K to 5	623	618	39	6.3	16	2.6	542	87.7	12	1.9	347	56.1	549	88.8
Rocketship Si Se Puede	K to 5	581	591	3	0.5	58	9.8	514	87.0	4	0.7	410	69.4	535	90.5
Spark Charter	K to 8	143	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Silicon Valley Flex Academy	6 to 12	249	327	14	4.3	24	7.3	70	21.4	197	60.2	14	4.3	36	11.0
Summit: Denali	6 to 12	321	207	3	1.4	43	20.8	81	39.1	59	28.5	23	11.1	60	29.0
Summit: Tahoma	9 to 12	281	326	7	2.1	41	12.6	217	66.6	29	8.9	29	8.9	161	49.4
Sunrise Middle	6 to 8	153	151	2	1.3	4	2.6	138	91.4	3	2.0	64	42.4	149	98.7
University Prep Academy	7 to 12	588	573	32	5.6	115	20.1	180	31.4	80	14.0	28	4.9	103	18.0
Voices Morgan Hill	TK to 8	91	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Voices Mount Pleasant	TK to 8	104	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		9,345	8,926	222	2	1,322	14	5,383	61	1,025	11	3,214	36	5,140	59

Source: California Department of Education, available at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>

** : as reported by individual charter schools for Spring 2016

2014-2015 SANTA CLARA DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

District	Total	African American		Asian		Hispanic/Latino		White		EL		Socio-Economic Disadvantaged	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alum Rock Union Elementary	12,386	176	1.4	1,458	11.8	9,761	78.8	232	1.9	5,876	47.4	10,808	87.3
Berryessa Union Elementary	7,758	135	1.7	3,763	48.5	1,877	24.2	406	5.2	2,683	34.6	2,910	37.5
Cambrian	3,378	92	2.7	563	16.7	846	25.0	1,583	46.9	508	15.0	703	20.8
Campbell Union	7,642	285	3.7	918	12.0	3,664	47.9	1,947	25.5	2,221	29.1	3,660	47.9
Campbell Union High	7,453	212	2.8	935	12.5	2,613	35.1	3,019	40.5	749	10.0	1,834	24.6
Cupertino Union	19,079	134	0.7	13,873	72.7	1,043	5.5	3,209	16.8	2,429	12.7	938	4.9
East Side Union High	26,760	715	2.7	7,880	29.4	13,785	51.5	1,695	6.3	5,247	19.6	15,455	57.8
Evergreen Elementary	12,857	220	1.7	6,853	53.3	3,440	26.8	861	6.7	2,983	23.2	4,528	35.2
Franklin-Mckinley Elementary	11,193	178	1.6	3,363	30.0	6,905	61.7	164	1.5	5,585	49.9	9,304	83.1
Fremont Union High	10,792	121	1.1	5,959	55.2	1,663	15.4	2,138	19.8	838	7.8	1,744	16.2
Gilroy Unified	11,840	134	1.1	402	3.4	8,417	71.1	2,218	18.7	3,435	29.0	6,661	56.3
Lakeside Joint	93	0	0.0	3	3.2	17	18.3	56	60.2	13	14.0	10	10.8
Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary	496	2	0.4	20	4.0	37	7.5	394	79.4	24	4.8	25	5.0
Los Altos Elementary	4,675	24	0.5	1,402	30.0	275	5.9	2,340	50.1	575	12.3	226	4.8
Los Gatos Union Elementary	3,320	21	0.6	491	14.8	224	6.7	2,364	71.2	96	2.9	95	2.9
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High	3,302	12	0.4	988	29.9	243	7.4	1,732	52.5	47	1.4	106	3.2
Luther Burbank	552	14	2.5	5	0.9	511	92.6	11	2.0	415	75.2	548	99.3
Milpitas Unified	10,281	262	2.5	4,630	45.0	2,118	20.6	686	6.7	2,823	27.5	3,600	35.0
Moreland	4,825	130	2.7	1,207	25.0	1,617	33.5	1,358	28.1	1,382	28.6	1,696	35.2
Morgan Hill Unified	9,000	193	2.1	722	8.0	4,500	50.0	3,088	34.3	1,764	19.6	3,413	37.9
Mountain View Whisman	5,065	81	1.6	603	11.9	2,203	43.5	1,478	29.2	1,626	32.1	1,990	39.3
Mountain View-Los Altos Union High	3,881	65	1.7	813	20.9	1,008	26.0	1,757	45.3	345	8.9	835	21.5
Mt. Pleasant Elementary	2,502	65	2.6	346	13.8	1,760	70.3	81	3.2	1,196	47.8	1,930	77.1
Oak Grove Elementary	10,921	432	4.0	2,132	19.5	5,295	48.5	2,051	18.8	3,190	29.2	5,088	46.6
Orchard Elementary	890	31	3.5	317	35.6	344	38.7	51	5.7	386	43.4	519	58.3
Palo Alto Unified	12,527	278	2.2	4,309	34.4	1,418	11.3	5,345	42.7	1,373	11.0	1,125	9.0
San Jose Unified	32,938	913	2.8	4,182	12.7	17,518	53.2	8,170	24.8	7,583	23.0	15,328	46.5
Santa Clara Unified	15,298	504	3.3	3,830	25.0	5,577	36.5	3,289	21.5	4,319	28.2	6,497	42.5
Saratoga Union Elementary	2,069	3	0.1	1,136	54.9	83	4.0	661	31.9	123	5.9	22	1.1
Sunnyvale	6,787	144	2.1	1,784	26.3	2,300	33.9	1,469	21.6	2,474	36.5	2,806	41.3
Union Elementary	5,533	81	1.5	969	17.5	904	16.3	2,778	50.2	692	12.5	656	11.9
Santa Clara County	276,689	5,943	2	77,524	28	108,245	39	57,939	21	66,784	24	111,299	40

Source: California Department of Education, available at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>

2014-2015 STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Prior to 2013-2014, the California Department of Education (CDE) reported state and federal accountability results using an integrated approach called Accountability Progress Reporting (APR). However, with the administration of the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments (SBAC) and the implementation of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), the State Board of Education suspended the state accountability system (API) for two years. As a result the 2014-2015 APR will report (1) Annual yearly progress (AYP) for all LEAs (2) Program Improvement results for Title I funded schools, and (3) cohort graduation rates where applicable. CDE has deemed the participation rate, attendance rate (if applicable) and graduation rate (if applicable) as indicators for meeting AYP. In addition, CDE also included the results of the SBAC assessments. These results are not considered to be valid and reliable indicators of schools meeting AYP, but are available for review. The tables below reflect the percentage of students who met or exceeded standards based upon their performance on the 2014-2015 SBAC assessment in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

	ALL		EL		SES		Hispanic/Latino	
	Total Students Tested	% Met/ Exceeded Standards	# Tested	% Met/ Exceeded Standards	# Tested	% Met/ Exceeded Standards	# Tested	% Met/ Exceeded Standards
Ace Empower Academy	390	11	174	3	370	10	366	9
Alpha: Jose Hernandez Middle	157	25	79	9	153	25	144	23
Bullis Charter	440	95	14	72	4	*	29	83
Downtown College Prep (DCP) - Alum Rock	319	31	98	5	259	29	270	27
Discovery Charter	380	66	56	50	35	43	47	45
Discovery Charter II	115	56	7	*	5	*	22	41
Leadership Public Schools - San Jose	46	44	14	7	39	44	41	41
Magnolia Science Academy Santa Clara	384	66	20	15	28	39	40	33
Rocketship Academy Brilliant Minds	119	26	66	17	108	22	105	25
Rocketship Alma Academy	211	41	94	19	183	37	187	40
Rocketship Discovery Prep	248	30	145	17	225	30	220	28
Rocketship Fuerza Community Prep	114	35	68	23	96	30	99	28
Rocketship Los Suenos Academy	268	26	160	11	234	23	232	21
Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary	285	36	155	24	247	34	247	35
Rocketship Si Se Puede Academy	252	30	164	19	232	29	223	26
Silicon Valley Flex Academy	188	56	6	*	18	41	34	45
Summit Public School: Denali	210	63	25	20	60	33	85	36
Summit Public School: Tahoma	83	81	2	*	44	77	57	76
Sunrise Middle	151	24	68	8	148	24	139	22
University Preparatory Academy Charter	286	83	3	*	50	72	77	69

Alum Rock Union School District	7,360	33	2,828	12	6,423	29	5,713	27
San Jose Unified School District	16,893	51	2,863	5	7,656	29	8,736	31
East Side Union High School District	5,255	61	640	7	1,640	45	2,389	43
Morgan Hill Unified School District	4,435	50	863	12	1,837	28	2,320	33
Santa Clara County	143,533	58	27,892	18	55,191	33	55,286	33
California	3,204,421	44	617,537	11	1,925,129	31	1,719,666	32

Source: <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov/sb2015/>

*: 10 or fewer students with valid test scores

2014-2015 STUDENT PERFORMANCE

MATHEMATICS

	ALL		EL		SES		Hispanic/Latino	
	Total Students Tested	% Met/ Exceed Standards	# Tested	% Met/ Exceed Standards	# Tested	% Met/ Exceed Standards	# Tested	% Met/ Exceed Standards
Ace Empower Academy	391	10	174	2	370	8	366	9
Alpha: Jose Hernandez Middle	158	20	81	8	154	19	145	17
Bullis Charter	440	95	14	86	4	*	29	80
Downtown College Prep (DCP) - Alum Rock	321	24	98	4	259	22	270	21
Discovery Charter	380	67	56	54	35	31	47	39
Discovery Charter II	115	45	7	*	5	*	22	18
Leadership Public Schools - San Jose	46	13	14	14	39	13	41	7
Magnolia Science Academy Santa Clara	384	66	20	25	28	43	40	31
Rocketship Academy Brilliant Minds	119	52	66	39	108	49	105	49
Rocketship Alma Academy	211	47	94	28	183	43	187	43
Rocketship Discovery Prep	248	44	145	27	225	43	220	42
Rocketship Fuerza Community Prep	114	45	68	41	96	40	99	39
Rocketship Los Suenos Academy	268	39	160	23	234	37	232	34
Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary	286	44	155	30	247	43	247	42
Rocketship Si Se Puede Academy	252	44	164	36	232	43	223	41
Silicon Valley Flex Academy	191	51	6	*	20	31	36	39
Summit Public School: Denali	210	56	25	20	60	28	85	29
Summit Public School: Tahoma	83	38	2	*	44	29	57	19
Sunrise Middle	150	13	68	3	147	13	138	11
University Preparatory Academy Charter	285	67	3	*	50	48	76	43
Alum Rock Union Elementary School District	7,404	24	2,865	12	6,464	21	5,748	19
San Jose Unified School District	16,940	39	2,903	5	7,680	17	8,761	18
East Side Union High School District	5,133	39	614	8	1,598	21	2,319	17
Morgan Hill Unified School District	4,426	40	863	13	1,833	20	2,316	24
Santa Clara County	144,097	52	28,434	20	55,329	25	55,328	23
California	3,209,994	33	625,489	11	1,928,365	21	1,722,846	21

Source: <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov/sb2015/>

*: 10 or fewer students with valid test scores

2014-2015 FINANCIAL STATUS

While public funding of charter schools was relatively uniform in 2014-15 with an average state funding of \$7,487 per Average Daily Attendance (ADA) (LCFF Base Grant range of \$7,011 – \$8,491), each school's total revenues per student varied depending on the amount of federal, lottery, grants, donations and other local revenue received. According to the information taken from the 2014-15 Audit Reports of the charter schools, Leadership Public Schools San Jose had the highest expenditure per student of all charter schools at \$12,748 per student and at the other end of the spectrum, Magnolia Science Academy – Santa Clara, the lowest at \$6,925.80.

In looking at the charter expenditures per ADA in comparison to the general fund expenditures per ADA for the respective districts of residence, 4 out of the 23 county-authorized charter schools spent significantly less per ADA and 7 of the 23 spent significantly more per ADA (any difference over \$1,000 was deemed as significant).

Note: Information presented below comes from the Audit Reports for fiscal year 2014-15 for the respective Charters and their Districts of Physical Location.

*Charter School began its first year in operation in fiscal year 2015-16. Therefore, there is no audit information available for fiscal year 2014-15. 2nd Interim projections for fiscal year 2015-16 have been used for this reporting purpose.

Charter School	P2 ADA	Revenues	Expenditures	Change in Net Assets	Beginning Net Assets	Ending Net Assets	Expenditures/ADA	District of Residence	District General Fund Expenditures / ADA	Expenditures per ADA\$ Difference Over/(Under)
ACE Empower Academy	378.47	\$4,273,836	\$4,242,062	\$31,774	\$1,153,381	\$1,185,155	\$11,208	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District	\$10,922	\$286
Alpha Middle School	158.79	\$1,912,742	\$1,666,790	\$245,952	\$(77,517)	\$168,435	\$10,497	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District	\$10,922	\$(425)
Bullis Charter School	690.92	\$8,508,191	\$8,424,636	\$83,555	\$943,806	\$1,027,361	\$12,193	Los Altos School District	\$11,908	\$285
Discovery Charter School I	533.68	\$5,287,554	\$4,699,813	\$474,266	\$2,113,482	\$2,587,748	\$8,806	Moreland School District	\$10,177	\$(1,371)
Discovery Charter School II	348.26	\$3,463,417	\$3,775,704	\$(312,287)	\$138,282	\$(174,005)	\$10,842	San Jose Unified School District	\$9,718	\$1,124
Downtown College Prep - Alum Rock	449.78	\$4,276,950	\$3,989,828	\$287,122	\$803,006	\$1,090,128	\$8,871	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District	\$10,922	\$(2,052)
Leadership Public Schools San Jose	209.74	\$2,786,333	\$2,673,903	\$112,430	\$171,930	\$284,360	\$12,749	East Side Union High School District	\$10,514	\$2,235
Magnolia Science Academy - Santa Clara	464.54	\$3,348,922	\$3,217,310	\$131,612	\$366,925	\$498,537	\$6,926	Santa Clara Unified School District	\$10,854	\$(3,928)
Rocketship Alma	591.33	\$6,226,835	\$5,689,664	\$537,171	\$898,294	\$1,435,465	\$9,622	San Jose Unified School District	\$9,718	\$(96)
Rocketship Brilliant Minds	471.37	\$5,279,728	\$5,487,324	\$(207,596)	\$99,642	\$(107,954)	\$11,641	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District	\$10,922	\$719
Rocketship Discovery Prep	487.95	\$6,000,508	\$5,958,693	\$34,312	\$641,628	\$607,316	\$12,212	San Jose Unified School District	\$9,718	\$2,494
Rocketship Los Suenos	572.39	\$6,436,694	\$6,085,218	\$270,349	\$1,352,122	\$1,622,471	\$10,631	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District	\$10,922	\$(291)
Rocketship Mateo Sheedy	592.16	\$6,322,114	\$6,609,613	\$(353,626)	\$2,179,381	\$1,825,755	\$11,162	San Jose Unified School District	\$9,718	\$1,444
Rocketship Si Se Puede	554.29	\$6,160,459	\$5,863,276	\$297,183	\$1,766,882	\$2,064,065	\$10,578	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District	\$10,922	\$(344)
Rocketship Fuerza	470.54	\$5,641,454	\$5,982,397	\$(340,943)	\$(612,955)	\$(953,898)	\$12,714	Alum Rock Union Elementary School District	\$10,922	\$1,792
Silicon Valley Flex Academy	292.98	\$2,495,861	\$2,495,861	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,519	Morgan Hill Unified School District	\$9,157	\$(638)
Spark Charter School	134.90	\$1,689,474	\$1,611,330	\$78,143	\$0	\$29,803	\$11,945	Sunnyvale Elementary School District	\$10,335	\$1,610
Summit Public School Tahoma	316.65	\$3,326,820	\$3,144,344	\$182,476	\$336,245	\$518,721	\$9,930	East Side Union High School District	\$10,514	\$(583)
Summit Public Schools Denali	200.36	\$2,244,924	\$2,219,624	\$25,300	\$32,582	\$57,882	\$11,078	Fremont Union High School District	\$11,095	\$(17)
Sunrise Middle	145.76	\$1,597,920	\$1,484,298	\$113,622	\$222,199	\$335,821	\$10,183	San Jose Unified School District	\$9,718	\$465
University Preparatory Academy	556.58	\$4,386,747	\$4,258,786	\$127,961	\$1,008,955	\$1,136,916	\$7,652	San Jose Unified School District	\$9,718	\$(2,066)
Voices - Morgan Hill*	87.30	\$1,328,461	\$1,328,461	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,217	Morgan Hill Unified School District	\$9,157	\$6,060
Voices - Mt. Pleasant*	102.80	\$1,534,944	\$1,522,473	\$12,471	\$0	\$12,471	\$14,810	Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District	\$14,417	\$393

SPECIAL EDUCATION: STUDENTS WITH IEPs ENROLLED IN SCCOE CHARTER SCHOOLS 2014-2015

As public schools, charter schools are required to enroll and serve students with disabilities in the same manner as traditional public schools. In 2014-2015 seven (7) charter schools are schools of the County Office of Education for special education purposes, with the delivery of special education services coordinated and monitored by the County Office. The remaining fourteen (14) schools are Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for special education purposes and members of the El Dorado Charter Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), directly responsible for special education services with oversight by the El Dorado SELPA. Overall, 633 students with IEPs (8.0%) were in charter schools. The percentage of students with IEPs enrolled in these schools ranges from a high of 17.4% at Silicon Valley Flex Academy, to a low of 2.8% at University Prep

Charter School	Authorized Grades	2014-2015 enrollment (*3)	Students with IEPs		District Comparisons (Students with IEPs)	
			Number (*1)	Percent (*4)	District	Percent (*4)
Bullis Charter	K to 8	707	32	4.5	Los Altos	8.6
Discovery I	K to 8	557	65	11.7	Moreland	9.3
Discovery II	TK to 8	362	43	11.8	San Jose	9.4
DCP-Alum Rock	6 to 12	479	35	7.3	Alum Rock	9.7
Magnolia Science Academy Santa Clara	K to 8	484	18	3.7	Santa Clara	12.9
Spark Charter	K to 8	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sunnyvale	9.4
University Prep Academy	7 to 12	573	16	2.8	San Jose	9.4
Subtotal (SCCOE Spe. Ed.) (*1)		3,162	209	7		
Ace Empower Academy	5 to 8	404	52	12.9	Alum Rock	9.7
Alpha: Jose Hernandez	5 to 8	168	16	9.5	Alum Rock	9.7
Leadership Public Schools	9 to 12	229	25	12.1	East Side	9.0
Rocketship Alma Academy	K to 5	613	34	5.6	San Jose	9.4
Rocketship Brilliant Minds	TK to 5	502	36	7.1	Alum Rock	9.7
Rocketship Discovery Prep	K to 5	523	36	6.9	San Jose	9.4
Rocketship Fuerza	TK to 5	498	22	4.4	Alum Rock	9.7
Rocketship Los Suenos	K to 5	607	27	4.2	Alum Rock	9.7
Rocketship Mateo Sheedy	K to 5	618	26	4.2	San Jose	9.4
Rocketship Si Se Puede	K to 5	591	23	4.0	Alum Rock	9.7
Silicon Valley Flex Academy	6 to 12	327	57	17.4	Morgan Hill	10.1
Summit Public Schools: Denali	6 to 12	207	23	11.1	Sunnyvale	10.1
Summit Public Schools: Tahoma	9 to 12	326	27	8.2	East Side	9
Sunrise Middle	6 to 8	151	20	13.2	San Jose	9.4
SubTotal (El Dorado SELPA) (*2)		5,764	424	8.6		
Voices Morgan Hill	TK to 8	N/A	N/A	N/A	Morgan Hill	10.1
Voices Mount Pleasant	TK to 8	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mt. Pleasant	12.3
SubTotal (Sonoma COE SELPA)		N/A	N/A	N/A		
Total enrolled		8,926	633	7.1		
Santa Clara County Total		286,681	27,846	9.71		9.7
State Total		6,235,520	717,961	11.51		11.5

1 Source: SCCOE SELPA - Dec. 1, 2014 Report

3 Source: CDE/dataquest - 2014-2015 Enrollment

2 Source: El Dorado Charter SELPA - Dec. 1, 2014 CASEMIS Report

4 Source: CDE/dataquest - calculated by SCCOE

CHARTER SCHOOL SUSPENSION & EXPULSION REPORT 2014-2015

This report provides an unduplicated count of students involved in one or more incidents during the academic year who were subsequently suspended or expelled from school.

For the purposes of calculating suspensions and expulsion rates in this report, students who were suspended or expelled multiple times are counted only once in the report totals for these respective disciplinary outcome categories.

Charter School	Authorized Grades	2015-16 Enrollment	2014-15 Enrollment	Students Suspended	Suspension Rate *	Students Expelled	Expulsion Rate *
Ace Empower Academy	5 to 8	351	404	76	17.5	0	0
Alpha José Hernandez	5 to 8	328	168	11	6.1	0	0
Bullis Charter	K to 8	744	707	0	0	0	0
DCP-Alum Rock	6 to 12	580	479	24	4.7	0	0
Discovery I	K to 8	663	557	4	0.7	0	0
Discovery II	TK to 8	444	362	3	0.6	0	0
Leadership Public Schools	9 to 12	199	229	19	7.4	0	0
Magnolia Science Academy	6 to 12	100	484	13	2.6	0	0
Rocketship Alma	K to 5	562	613	9	1.3	0	0
Rocketship Brilliant Minds	TK to 5	584	502	5	1.1	0	0
Rocketship Discovery Prep	K to 5	513	523	14	2.5	0	0
Rocketship Fuerza	TK to 5	589	498	2	0.4	0	0
Rocketship Los Suenos	K to 5	581	607	17	2.5	0	0
Rocketship Mateo Sheedy	K to 5	623	618	5	0.7	0	0
Rocketship Si Se Puede	K to 5	581	591	5	0.8	0	0
Spark Charter	K to 8	147	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Silicon Valley Flex	6 to 12	232	327	0	0	0	0
Summit Public Schools: Denali	6 to 12	320	207	9	4	0	0
Summit Public Schools: Tahoma	9 to 12	276	326	6	1.8	0	0
Sunrise Middle School	6 to 8	148	151	12	7.1	0	0
University Prep Academy	7 to 12	593	573	4	0.7	0	0
Voices Morgan Hill	TK to 8	84	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Voices Mount Pleasant	TK to 8	103	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		9345	8926	238	2.7	0	0
Santa Clara County Total		N/A	276,689	7,200	2.5	184	0.1
State Total		N/A	6,418,044	243,603	3.8	5,692	0.1

*** Suspension and Expulsion Rate Formulas:**

(Students Suspended and Students Expelled divided by Cumulative Enrollment) multiplied by 100

Source: California Department of Education, available at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>



ACE EMPOWER ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL: VU LONG TRINH, SHANGRILA MIA-RAMZAN • CMO: ACE CHARTER SCHOOLS

Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: 5-8

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (ARUSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2007
Opened:	2008
Renewal(s):	2016
Current Charter Term:	2016-2021

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	10% \$32,262
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$10,392
Average Teacher Salary:	\$63,333
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$58,200
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased-SB740
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$484,980
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 401K (Classified)

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352

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	0
EL Students	54%
Students with IEPs	12%
FRL Students	F-86% R-9%
Students from Local District	260
Annual Attrition Rate	25%

17

TEACHERS

African American	3
Asian	1
Caucasian	8
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	5
Attrition Rate	44%

2

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	1
Caucasian	0
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	1
Attrition Rate	N/A

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OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	1
Asian	0
Caucasian	3
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	9
Attrition Rate	N/A

ACE EMPOWER ACADEMY

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ALPHA: JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: HOPE EVANS • CMO: ALPHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: 6-8

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (ARUSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2013
Opened:	2014
Renewal(s):	N/A
Current Charter Term:	2014-2017

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	15% Management Fee - \$421,389; 13% Facilities Fee - \$373,122
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$10,074
Average Teacher Salary:	\$54,000
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$43,600
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased (Prop. 39)
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$134,254
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: No PERS: No OTHER: 3% matching with Simple IRA Plan

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

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28
328

Number of:

Students Enrolled

Students on Wait List	0
EL Students	55%
Students with IEPs	11%
FRL Students	96%
Students from Local District	178
Annual Attrition Rate	12%



10

TEACHERS

African American	0
Asian	2
Caucasian	7
Hispanic/Latino	1
Other	0
Attrition Rate	20%

2

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	1
Asian	0
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

5

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	4
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

ALPHA: JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

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BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: JOCELYN LEE • CMO: N/A

Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: K-8

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (LASD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2003
Opened:	2004
Renewal(s):	2007, 2011
Current Charter Term:	2012-2017

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Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	N/A
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$12,067
Average Teacher Salary:	\$64,538
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$59,365
Facility Leased or Owned:	Use Fee in Lieu of P39
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$424,891
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No



742

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	1,025
EL Students	10%
Students with IEPs	5%
FRL Students	1%
Students from Local District	710
Annual Attrition Rate	11%

55

TEACHERS

African American	1
Asian	12
Caucasian	40
Hispanic/Latino	2
Other	0
Attrition Rate	15%

3

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	1
Asian	1
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

31

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	2
Asian	5
Caucasian	20
Hispanic/Latino	2
Other	2
Attrition Rate	N/A

BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL

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DISCOVERY CHARTER I

PRINCIPAL: DEBBY PERRY • CMO: DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL



Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: K-8

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (MSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2006
Opened:	2006
Renewal(s):	2009, 2014
Current Charter Term:	2014-2019

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	N/A
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$8,524
Average Teacher Salary:	\$64,677
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$35,365
Facility Leased or Owned:	SB740
Facility Cost (Annual):	
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 403(b)

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

560

Number of:

Students on Wait List	450
EL Students	10%
Students with IEPs	11%
FRL Students	5%
Students from Local District	285

Students Enrolled

Annual Attrition Rate	2%
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TEACHERS

African American	0
Asian	3
Caucasian	19
Hispanic/Latino	1
Other	0
Attrition Rate	13%

1

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

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OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	0
Asian	1
Caucasian	5
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	1
Attrition Rate	N/A

DISCOVERY CHARTER I

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DISCOVERY CHARTER II

PRINCIPAL: DALE JONES • CMO: DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL

Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: TK-7

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (SJUSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2013
Opened:	2013
Renewal(s):	N/A
Current Charter Term:	2013-2018

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	N/A
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$8,942
Average Teacher Salary:	\$55,090
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$32,650
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased Direct
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$804,000
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 403(b)



442

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	352
EL Students	3%
Students with IEPs	15%
FRL Students	7%
Students from Local District	247
Annual Attrition Rate	16%

21

TEACHERS

Caucasian	17
Hispanic/Latino	1
Asian	2
African American	1
Other	0
Attrition Rate	10%

1

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

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OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	2
Asian	8
Caucasian	13
Hispanic/Latino	7
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

DISCOVERY CHARTER II

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DOWNTOWN COLLEGE PREP-ALUM ROCK

PRINCIPALS: BRANDON JONES (MS CAMPUS)/TERRI FURTON (HS CAMPUS) • CMO: DOWNTOWN COLLEGE PREP



Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: 6-11

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (ARUSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2009
Opened:	2011
Renewal(s):	2016
Current Charter Term:	2016-2021

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	up to 10% of revenue
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$10,585
Average Teacher Salary:	\$62,700
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$40,000
Facility Leased or Owned:	Lease
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$618,359
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: Yes OTHER: No

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

580

Number of:

Students on Wait List	0
EL Students	33%
Students with IEPs	9%
FRL Students	83%
Students from Local District	45%
Students Enrolled	Annual Attrition Rate 15%



27

TEACHERS

African American	1
Asian	3
Caucasian	10
Hispanic/Latino	11
Other	2
Attrition Rate	N/A

4

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	2
Caucasian	2
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

11

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	0
Asian	1
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	9
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

DOWNTOWN COLLEGE PREP ALUM ROCK

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LEADERSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL - SAN JOSÉ

PRINCIPAL: JESSICA DIAZ • CMO: LEADERSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: 9-12

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (ESUHSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2003
Opened:	2004
Renewal(s):	2006, 2011
Current Charter Term:	2012-2017

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	12.4%, \$295,922 annual
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$11,433
Average Teacher Salary:	\$55,200
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$24.30 per hour
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased, no SB740,
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$104,400 annual
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 401(a)

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016



216

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	0
EL Students	32%
Students with IEPs	13%
FRL Students	82%
Students from Local District	180
Annual Attrition Rate	8.0%

13

TEACHERS

African American	0
Asian	2
Caucasian	6
Hispanic/Latino	5
Other	0
Attrition Rate	25%

4

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	2
Hispanic/Latino	1
Other	1
Attrition Rate	N/A

6

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	0
Hispanic/Latino	6
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

LEADERSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS - SAN JOSÉ

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MAGNOLIA SCIENCE ACADEMY SANTA CLARA

PRINCIPAL: MICHELLE RYAN • CMO: MAGNOLIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: 6-12

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	Countywide
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2009
Opened:	2010
Renewal(s):	2013
Current Charter Term:	2013-2018

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	11%
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$17,385
Average Teacher Salary:	\$53,732
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$36,810
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased; No Prop 39 or 740
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$312,807
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: Yes OTHER: No

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

89

Number of:

Students on Wait List	0
EL Students	5%
Students with IEPs	3%
FRL Students	34%
Students from Local District	3
Students Enrolled	83%
Annual Attrition Rate	83%



10

TEACHERS

African American	0
Asian	4
Caucasian	6
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	2%

2

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	1
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

1

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	0
Hispanic/Latino	1
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

MAGNOLIA SCIENCE ACADEMY SANTA CLARA

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ROCKETSHIP ALMA ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL: HANA MARTINEZ • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION

Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: K-5

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	Countywide
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2011
Opened:	2012
Renewal(s):	N/A
Current Charter Term:	2012-2017

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	15% \$821,040
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$9,396
Average Teacher Salary:	\$57,545
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$36,873
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased SB740
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$715,592
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016



562

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	33
EL Students	46%
Students with IEPs	7%
FRL Students	92%
Students from Local District	240
Annual Attrition Rate	2%

15

TEACHERS

African American	2
Asian	4
Caucasian	7
Hispanic/Latino	2
Other	0
Attrition Rate	61%

4

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	1
Asian	1
Caucasian	0
Hispanic/Latino	1
Other	1
Attrition Rate	N/A

19

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	1
Asian	0
Caucasian	3
Hispanic/Latino	15
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

ROCKETSHIP ALMA ACADEMY

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ROCKETSHIP BRILLIANT MINDS

PRINCIPAL: AMY FILSINGER • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION



Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: TK-5

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	Countywide
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2011
Opened:	2012
Renewal(s):	N/A
Current Charter Term:	2012-2017

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	15% \$918,532
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$10,342
Average Teacher Salary:	\$62,799
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$38,292
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased SB740
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$1,103,940
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

584

Number of:

Students on Wait List	140
EL Students	57%
Students with IEPs	9%
FRL Students	83%
Students from Local District	341
Students Enrolled	Annual Attrition Rate 4%



17

TEACHERS

African American	2
Asian	4
Caucasian	8
Hispanic/Latino	1
Other	2
Attrition Rate	28%

3

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	3
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

24

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	2
Asian	5
Caucasian	4
Hispanic/Latino	13
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

ROCKETSHIP BRILLIANT MINDS

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ROCKETSHIP DISCOVERY PREP

PRINCIPAL: EESIR KAUR • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION

Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: K-5

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	Countywide
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2011
Opened:	2011
Renewal(s):	2016
Current Charter Term:	2016-2021

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	15%
	\$728,682
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$10,529
Average Teacher Salary:	\$59,801
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$37,371
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased SB740
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$971,576
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes
	PERS: No
	OTHER: No

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016



513

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	13
EL Students	53%
Students with IEPs	8%
FRL Students	88%
Students from Local District	245
Annual Attrition Rate	2%

17

TEACHERS

African American	2
Asian	4
Caucasian	7
Hispanic/Latino	4
Other	0
Attrition Rate	33%

3

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	1
Caucasian	2
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

26

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	4
Asian	2
Caucasian	2
Hispanic/Latino	18
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

ROCKETSHIP DISCOVERY PREP

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ROCKETSHIP FUERZA

PRINCIPAL: MARICELA GUERRERO • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION



Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: TK-5

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (ARUSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2014
Opened:	2014
Renewal(s):	N/A
Current Charter Term:	2014-2019

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	15% \$947,910
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$10,814
Average Teacher Salary:	\$61,364
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$34,978
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased SB740
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$1,452,384
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

589

Number of:

Students on Wait List	280
EL Students	51%
Students with IEPs	6%
FRL Students	80%
Students from Local District	360
Annual Attrition Rate	6%



17

TEACHERS

African American	2
Asian	3
Caucasian	5
Hispanic/Latino	6
Other	1
Attrition Rate	19%

3

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	2
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

25

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	2
Asian	0
Caucasian	2
Hispanic/Latino	21
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

ROCKETSHIP FUERZA

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ROCKETSHIP LOS SUEÑOS

PRINCIPAL: JUDY LAVI • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION

Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: K-5

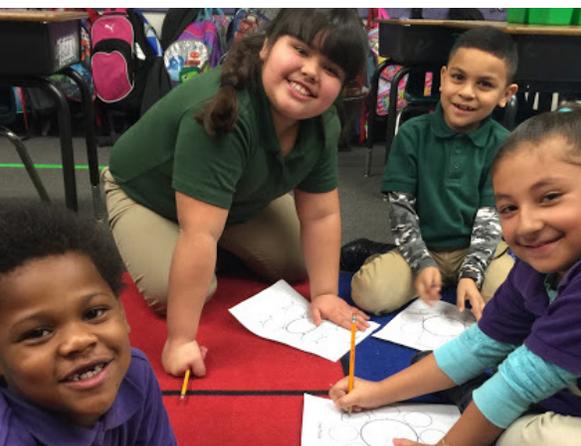
Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	Countywide
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2009
Opened:	2010
Renewal(s):	2015
Current Charter Term:	2015-2020

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	15% \$933,022
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$10,380
Average Teacher Salary:	\$62,458
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$37,848
Facility Leased or Owned:	Lease SB740
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$1,244,030
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016



581

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	5
EL Students	60%
Students with IEPs	5%
FRL Students	89%
Students from Local District	307
Annual Attrition Rate	4%

17

TEACHERS

African American	3
Asian	3
Caucasian	6
Hispanic/Latino	5
Other	0
Attrition Rate	20%

3

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	1
Asian	0
Caucasian	2
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

24

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	1
Asian	2
Caucasian	3
Hispanic/Latino	17
Other	1
Attrition Rate	N/A

ROCKETSHIP LOS SUEÑOS

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ROCKETSHIP MATEO SHEEDY

PRINCIPAL: JASON FROMOLTZ • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION



Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: K-5

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (SJUSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2006
Opened:	2007
Renewal(s):	2009, 2015
Current Charter Term:	2015-2020

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	15% \$947,910
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$10,814
Average Teacher Salary:	\$61,364
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$34,078
Facility Leased or Owned:	Lease SB740
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$1,452,384
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

623

Number of:

Students on Wait List	23
EL Students	50%
Students with IEPs	5%
FRL Students	90%
Students from Local District	391
Students Enrolled	Annual Attrition Rate 1%



18

TEACHERS

African American	2
Asian	1
Caucasian	8
Hispanic/Latino	6
Other	1
Attrition Rate	58%

3

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	1
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	1
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

26

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	2
Asian	3
Caucasian	3
Hispanic/Latino	17
Other	1
Attrition Rate	N/A

ROCKETSHIP MATEO SHEEDY

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ROCKETSHIP SÍ SE PUEDE

PRINCIPAL: HEIDY SHINN • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION

Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: K-5

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (ARUSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2008
Opened:	2009
Renewal(s):	2011
Current Charter Term:	2012-2017

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	15% \$947,910
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$10,814
Average Teacher Salary:	\$61,364
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$34,078
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased SB740
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$1,452,384
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016



581

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	10
EL Students	59%
Students with IEPs	7%
FRL Students	90%
Students from Local District	406
Annual Attrition Rate	1%

17

TEACHERS

African American	2
Asian	4
Caucasian	8
Hispanic/Latino	3
Other	0
Attrition Rate	20%

3

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	1
Asian	1
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

26

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	2
Asian	0
Caucasian	2
Hispanic/Latino	22
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

ROCKETSHIP SÍ SE PUEDE

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SILICON VALLEY FLEX ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL: CAROLINE WOOD • CMO: K - 12 INC



Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: 6-12

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	Countywide
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2010
Opened:	2011
Renewal(s):	2016
Current Charter Term:	2016-2021

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	\$1,159,446
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$20,139
Average Teacher Salary:	\$55,045
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$37,599
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$699,999.96
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 401K (K-12 Employees)

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

249

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	0
EL Students	4%
Students with IEPs	22%
FRL Students	16%
Students from Local District	130
Annual Attrition Rate	34%



11

TEACHERS

African American	1
Asian	0
Caucasian	9
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	1
Attrition Rate	34%

1

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

15

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	3
Asian	3
Caucasian	6
Hispanic/Latino	2
Other	1
Attrition Rate	N/A

SILICON VALLEY FLEX ACADEMY

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SPARK CHARTER SCHOOL

CHRISTOPHER MAHONEY • CMO: N/A

Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: K-6

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (SESD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2014
Opened:	2015
Renewal(s):	N/A
Current Charter Term:	2015-2018

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	\$67,000
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$8,400
Average Teacher Salary:	\$50,000
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$42,000
Facility Leased or Owned:	Prop 39
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$130,000
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 401 (b)



143

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	365
EL Students	10%
Students with IEPs	12%
FRL Students	10%
Students from Local District	103
Annual Attrition Rate	N/A

7

TEACHERS

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	6
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	1
Attrition Rate	N/A

1

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

2

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	1
Attrition Rate	N/A

SPARK CHARTER SCHOOL

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SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS: DENALI

PRINCIPAL: KEVIN BOCK • CMO: SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: 6-8

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	Countywide
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2012
Opened:	2013
Renewal(s):	N/A
Current Charter Term:	2013-2018

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	16% \$357,000
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$11,078
Average Teacher Salary:	\$56,729
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$47,628
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$360,000
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 403 (b) classified

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

321

Number of:

Students Enrolled

Students on Wait List	0
EL Students	13%
Students with IEPs	12%
FRL Students	34%
Students from Local District	307
Annual Attrition Rate	15%



14

TEACHERS

African American	0
Asian	3
Caucasian	9
Hispanic/Latino	2
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

2

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	2
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

2

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	1
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

SUMMIT DENALI

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SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS: TAHOMA

PRINCIPAL: NICHOLAS KIM • CMO: SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: 9-12

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (ESUHSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2010
Opened:	2011
Renewal(s):	2016
Current Charter Term:	2016-2021

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	16%; \$372,050
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$9,930
Average Teacher Salary:	\$57,795
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$47,628
Facility Leased or Owned:	Prop 39
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$53,710
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 403(b) for classified



281

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	0
EL Students	7%
Students with IEPs	12%
FRL Students	48%
Students from Local District	None Reported
Annual Attrition Rate	15.8%

15

TEACHERS

African American	1
Asian	3
Caucasian	8
Hispanic/Latino	3
Other	0
Attrition Rate	16%

2

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	1
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

5

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	2
Hispanic/Latino	2
Other	1
Attrition Rate	N/A

SUMMIT TAHOMA

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SUNRISE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: TERESA ROBINSON • CMO: N/A



Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: 6-8

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (SJUSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2014
Opened:	2014
Renewal(s):	N/A
Current Charter Term:	2014-2019

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	N/A
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$10,040
Average Teacher Salary:	\$56,095
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$49,970
Facility Leased or Owned:	Prop. 39
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$115,000
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 403(b) (Classified)

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

153

Number of:

Students on Wait List	0
EL Students	42%
Students with IEPs	10%
FRL Students	95%
Students from Local District	123
Students Enrolled	153
Annual Attrition Rate	10%



9

TEACHERS

African American	0
Asian	3
Caucasian	5
Hispanic/Latino	1
Other	0
Attrition Rate	60%

2

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	2
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

7

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	1
Asian	0
Caucasian	0
Hispanic/Latino	6
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

SUNRISE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL: DANIEL ORDAZ • CMO: N/A

Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: 7-12

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	Countywide
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2006
Opened:	2007
Renewal(s):	2010, 2014
Current Charter Term:	2015-2020

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	N/A
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$7,739.24
Average Teacher Salary:	\$59,617
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$32,347
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$525,326
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 403 (b)

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016



588

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	247
EL Students	2%
Students with IEPs	2%
FRL Students	14%
Students from Local District	588
Annual Attrition Rate	3%

32

TEACHERS

African American	1
Asian	4
Caucasian	19
Hispanic/Latino	7
Other	1
Attrition Rate	1%

3

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	1
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	1
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

9

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	4
Hispanic/Latino	5
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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VOICES COLLEGE-BOUND LANGUAGE ACADEMY AT MORGAN HILL

PRINCIPAL: JUAN CARLOS VILLASENOR • CMO: VOICES COLLEGE BOUND ACADEMIES



Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: TK-1st

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (MHUSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	October 2014
Opened:	July 2015
Renewal(s):	N/A
Current Charter Term:	2015-2020

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	12% of State Funds
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$14,934
Average Teacher Salary:	\$48,000
Average Classified Salary:	\$29,400
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased (Prop. 39)
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$108,864
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 401 (k) (Classified)

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

91 Students Enrolled	Number of:	
	Students on Wait List	1
	EL Students	81%
	Students with IEPs	6%
	FRL Students	68%
	Students from Local District	73%
	Annual Attrition Rate	N/A



4

TEACHERS	African American	0
	Asian	0
	Caucasian	1
	Hispanic/Latino	3
	Other	0
	Attrition Rate	N/A

1

ADMINISTRATORS	African American	0
	Asian	0
	Caucasian	0
	Hispanic/Latino	1
	Other	0
	Attrition Rate	N/A

11

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF	African American	0
	Asian	0
	Caucasian	0
	Hispanic/Latino	11
	Other	0
	Attrition Rate	N/A

VOICES COLLEGE-BOUND LANGUAGE ACADEMY AT MORGAN HILL

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Academic Year 2015-2016 • Current Grade Span: TK-1st

Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (MHUSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	February 18, 2015
Opened:	July 2015
Renewal(s):	N/A
Current Charter Term:	2015-2020

Data Reported by School, Spring 2016

Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	12% of State Funds
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$15,282
Average Teacher Salary:	\$51,700
Average Classified Staff Salary:	\$24,000
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$100,000
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 401 (k)



104

Students Enrolled

Number of:

Students on Wait List	1
EL Students	79%
Students with IEPs	8%
FRL Students	70%
Students from Local District	12
Annual Attrition Rate	N/A

5

TEACHERS

African American	0
Asian	1
Caucasian	1
Hispanic/Latino	3
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

1

ADMINISTRATORS

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	0
Hispanic/Latino	1
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

9

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

African American	0
Asian	0
Caucasian	0
Hispanic/Latino	9
Other	0
Attrition Rate	N/A

SCCOE CHARTER ENROLLMENT

When reviewing the number of students attending charter schools, almost 3% percent of students in Santa Clara County are enrolled in County Board-authorized charter schools. The growth of charter schools in the county continues to have an impact on local school districts. If total charter school enrollment is taken as a whole, the SCCOE would be the 15th largest district out of the 31 districts in the county.

Santa Clara County District Enrollment (Sorted by Largest to Smallest 2014-2015)

District Name	2014-2015
San José Unified	32,938
East Side Union High	26,760
Cupertino Union	19,079
Santa Clara Unified	15,298
Evergreen Elementary	12,857
Alum Rock Union Elementary	12,386
Palo Alto Unified	12,527
Gilroy Unified	11,840
Franklin-McKinley Elementary	11,193
Oak Grove Elementary	10,921
Fremont Union High	10,792
SCCOE (Alternative & Special Education)	10,596
Milpitas Unified	10,281
Morgan Hill Unified	9,000
SCCOE County Board Authorized Charter Schools	8,926
Berryessa Union Elementary	7,758
Campbell Union Elementary	7,642
Campbell Union High	7,453
Sunnyvale Elementary	6,787
Union Elementary	5,533
Mountain View Whisman Elementary	5,065
Moreland Elementary	4,825
Los Altos Elementary	4,675
Mountain View-Los Altos Union High	3,881
Cambrian Elementary	3,378
Los Gatos Union Elementary	3,320
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High	3,302
Mt. Pleasant Elementary	2,502
Saratoga Union Elementary	2,069
Orchard Elementary	890
Luther Burbank Elementary	552
Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary	496
Lakeside Joint	93
County Total:	276,689

Sources: California Department of Education, available at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>, and Santa Clara County Office of Education

Appendix A. Selected Education Code Sections Regarding Charter Schools

Legislative Intent

The provisions enabling charter schools in California were established by the “Charter Schools Act of 1992.” The legislative intent is defined in Education Code 47601.

Education Code 47601

It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this part, to provide opportunities for teachers, parents, pupils, and community members to establish and maintain schools that operate independently from the existing school district structure, as a method to accomplish all of the following:

- (a) Improve pupil learning.*
- (b) Increase learning opportunities for all pupils, with special emphasis on expanded learning experiences for pupils who are identified as academically low achieving.*
- (c) Encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods.*
- (d) Create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the school site.*
- (e) Provide parents and pupils with expanded choices in the types of educational opportunities that are available within the public school system.*
- (f) Hold the schools established under this part accountable for meeting measurable pupil outcomes, and provide the schools with a method to change from rule-based to performance-based accountability systems.*
- (g) Provide vigorous competition within the public school system to stimulate continual improvements in all public schools.*

Nonsectarian, non-discriminatory, no tuition

Charter schools are free public schools and are required to be nonsectarian and are prohibited from engaging in discriminatory practices as defined by law and cannot charge tuition. These provisions are found in Education Code 47605(d)(1).

Education Code 47605(d)(1)

In addition to any other requirement imposed under this part, a charter school shall be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations, shall not charge tuition, and shall not discriminate against any pupil on the basis of the characteristics listed in Section 220.

Charter Petition Review and Approval or Denial

The provisions regarding charter petition review and decisions are found in Education Code 47605(b)(1-6). These provisions state the legislative intent that “the establishment of charter schools should be encouraged” and require the finding of one or more factors in order to deny a charter petition. In order to deny a petition, the authorizing board must find one or more of the following facts:

- The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the pupils to be enrolled in the charter school.
- The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
- The petition does not contain the number of signatures required.
- The petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the required conditions.
- The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the required elements.
- The petition does not contain a declaration of whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the employees of the charter school for purposes of Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title 1 of Government Code.

Education Code 47605(b)(1-6)

In reviewing petitions for the establishment of charter schools pursuant to this section, the chartering authority shall be guided by the intent of the Legislature that charter schools are and should become an integral part of the California educational system and that establishment of charter schools should be encouraged. The governing board of the school district shall grant a charter for the operation of a school under this part if it is satisfied that granting the charter is consistent with sound educational practice. The governing board of the school district shall not deny a petition for the establishment of a charter school unless it makes written factual findings, specific to the particular petition, setting forth specific facts to support one or more of the following findings:

- (1) The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the pupils to be enrolled in the charter school.*
- (2) The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.*
- (3) The petition does not contain the number of signatures required by subdivision (a).*
- (4) The petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the conditions described in subdivision (d).*
- (5) The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all of the following:*
- (6) The petition does not contain a declaration of whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the employees of the charter school for purposes of Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title 1 of Government Code.*
 - (A) (i) The educational program of the charter school, designed, among other things, to identify those whom the school is attempting to educate, what it means to be an "educated person" in the 21st century, and how learning best occurs. The goals identified in that program shall include the objective of enabling pupils to become self-motivated, competent, and lifelong learners.*
 - (ii) The annual goals for the charter school, for all pupils and for each subgroup of pupils identified pursuant to Section 52052, to be achieved in the state priorities, as described in subdivision (d) of Section 52060, that apply for the grade levels served, or the nature of the program operated, by the charter school, and specific annual actions to achieve those goals. A charter petition may identify additional school priorities, the goals for the school priorities, and the specific annual actions to achieve those goals.*
 - (iii) If the proposed school will serve high school pupils, the manner in which the charter school will inform parents about the transferability of courses to other public high schools and the eligibility of courses to meet college entrance requirements. Courses offered by the charter school that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges may be considered transferable and courses approved by the University of California or the California State University as creditable under the "A" to "G" admissions criteria may be considered to meet college entrance requirements. (B) The measurable pupil outcomes identified for use by the charter school. "Pupil outcomes," for purposes of this part, means the extent to which all pupils of the school demonstrate that they have attained the skills, knowledge, and attitudes specified as goals in the school's educational program. Pupil outcomes shall include outcomes that address increases in pupil academic achievement both schoolwide and for all groups of pupils served by the charter school, as that term is defined in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 47607. The pupil outcomes shall align with the state priorities, as described in subdivision (d) of Section 52060, that apply for the grade levels served, or the nature of the program operated, by the charter school.*
 - (C) The method by which pupil progress in meeting those pupil outcomes is to be measured. To the extent practicable, the method for measuring pupil outcomes for state priorities shall be consistent with the way information is reported on a school accountability report card.*
 - (D) The governance structure of the school, including, but not limited to, the process to be followed by the school to ensure parental involvement.*
 - (E) The qualifications to be met by individuals to be employed by the charter school.*
 - (F) The procedures that the charter school will follow to ensure the health and safety of pupils and staff. These procedures shall include the requirement that each employee of the school furnish it with a criminal record summary as described in Section 44237.*
 - (G) The means by which the school will achieve a racial and ethnic balance among its pupils that is reflective of the general population residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the school district to which the charter petition is submitted.*
 - (H) Admission requirements, if applicable.*
 - (I) The manner in which annual, independent financial audits shall be conducted, which shall employ generally accepted accounting principles, and the manner in which audit exceptions and deficiencies shall be resolved to the satisfaction of the chartering authority.*

(J) The procedures by which pupils can be suspended or expelled.

(K) The manner by which staff members of the charter schools will be covered by the State Teachers' Retirement System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, or federal social security.

(L) The public school attendance alternatives for pupils residing within the school district who choose not to attend charter schools.

(M) The rights of any employee of the school district upon leaving the employment of the school district to work in a charter school, and of any rights of return to the school district after employment at a charter school.

(N) The procedures to be followed by the charter school and the entity granting the charter to resolve disputes relating to provisions of the charter.

(O) The procedures to be used if the charter school closes. The procedures shall ensure a final audit of the school to determine the disposition of all assets and liabilities of the charter school, including plans for disposing of any net assets and for the maintenance and transfer of pupil records.

Charter Petition Denial and Appeal

Charter petitions that are denied can be appealed. Petitions denied by a local school board can be submitted on appeal to the County Board of Education and petitions denied by the county board of education can be submitted on appeal to the State Board of Education. These provisions are found in Education Code 47605(j)(1).

Education Code 47605(j)(1)

If the governing board of a school district denies a petition, the petitioner may elect to submit the petition for the establishment of a charter school to the County Board of Education. The County Board of Education shall review the petition pursuant to subdivision (b). If the petitioner elects to submit a petition for establishment of a charter school to the County Board of Education and the County Board of Education denies the petition, the petitioner may file a petition for establishment of a charter school with the state board, and the state board may approve the petition, in accordance with Education Code 47605(b).

Petitions to the County Board of Education

Charter petitions may be submitted directly to the County Board of Education for charter schools that propose to serve students for whom the county office of education would otherwise be responsible for serving ("county-like") or for a charter school that would offer services that could not be provided by a charter school that operates in only one school district in the county. These provisions are found in Education Code sections 47605.5 and 47605.6

Education Code 47605.5

A petition may be submitted directly to a county board of education in the same manner as set forth in Section 47605 for charter schools that will serve pupils for whom the county office of education would otherwise be responsible for providing direct education and related services. Any denial of a petition shall be subject to the same process for any other county board of education denial of a charter school petition pursuant to this part.

Education Code 47605.6

(a) (1) In addition to the authority provided by Section 47605.5, a county board of education may also approve a petition for the operation of a charter school that operates at one or more sites within the geographic boundaries of the county and that provides instructional services that are not generally provided by a county office of education. A county board of education may approve a countywide charter only if it finds, in addition to the other requirements of this section, that the educational services to be provided by the charter school will offer services to a pupil population that will benefit from those services and that cannot be served as well by a charter school that operates in only one school district in the county. A petition for the establishment of a countywide charter school pursuant to this subdivision may be circulated throughout the county by any one or more persons seeking to establish the charter school. The petition may be submitted to the county board of education for review after either of the following conditions is met per Education Code 47605.6 (A)(B)(4).

Charter Renewal

The terms of a charter and charter renewal are covered in Education Code 47607. A charter may be initially granted for a period of up to five years, and may be renewed at the end of that term. Each renewal shall be for a period of five years. The California legislature has identified specific academic criteria that must be satisfied in order for a charter to be reviewed. These criteria are found in Education Code 47607(b).

Education Code 47607

(b) Commencing on January 1, 2005, or after a charter school has been in operation for four years, whichever date occurs later, a charter school shall meet at least one of the following criteria before receiving a charter renewal pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a):

(1) Attained its Academic Performance Index (API) growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years both schoolwide and for all groups of pupils served by the charter school.

(2) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API in the prior year or in two of the last three years.

(3) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API for a demographically comparable school in the prior year or in two of the last three years.

(4) (A) The entity that granted the charter determines that the academic performance of the charter school is at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools that the charter school pupils would otherwise have been required to attend, as well as the academic performance of the schools in the school district in which the charter school is located, taking into account the composition of the pupil population that is served at the charter school.

(B) The determination made pursuant to this paragraph shall be based upon all of the following:

(i) Documented and clear and convincing data.

(ii) Pupil achievement data from assessments, including, but not limited to, the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program established by Article 4 (commencing with Section 60640) of Chapter 5 of Part 33 for demographically similar pupil populations in the comparison schools.

(iii) Information submitted by the charter school.

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