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## Mission Statement

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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# INTRODUCTION



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 district and to authorize county-wide charter schools. This past year, 20 County Board authorized schools were in operation providing instructional services to over 8,000 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, County 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. Absent, due to the adoption of the Common Core and Smarter Balanced Assessments, is current data on student performance.

The County Board continues to be a champion for children in the county and is focused on eliminating the achievement gap. The hope 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 districts that have formed a collaborative 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.

## Year in Review

During the 2014-15 school year, the County Board considered eight petitions, all on appeal from local school districts. Of the eight, five were approved and three were denied. The new charter schools are expected to enroll approximately 400 students for the 2015-16 year, with four schools planning for future growth.

County staff worked with the existing 20 schools, conducting school visits, monitoring for fiscal health, and ensuring that all reporting requirements were satisfied.

The County Board, in accordance with their policy, remain committed to giving preference to schools best able to provide comprehensive learning experiences for academically low-achieving students.



# SCCOE CHARTER SCHOOLS AT-A-GLANCE

## 20 Charter Schools

2	TK-4 grade schools
1	TK-6 grade school
5	K-5 grade schools
2	K-8 grade schools
1	5-8 grade school
2	6-8 grade schools
4	6-12 grade schools
1	7-12 grade school
2	9-12 grade schools

## 8,066 students enrolled\*

3%	African American
15%	Asian American
14%	Caucasian
61%	Latino
59%	Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
38%	English Learners

## 2013 Growth API\*\*

4 schools scored above 900
3 schools scored above 800

3 schools ranked in decile "10" when compared to schools with similar demographics by California Department of Education (CDE).\*

<b>Total Charter School Revenues</b>	\$81,778,821
<b>Total Charter School Expenditures</b>	\$79,132,114

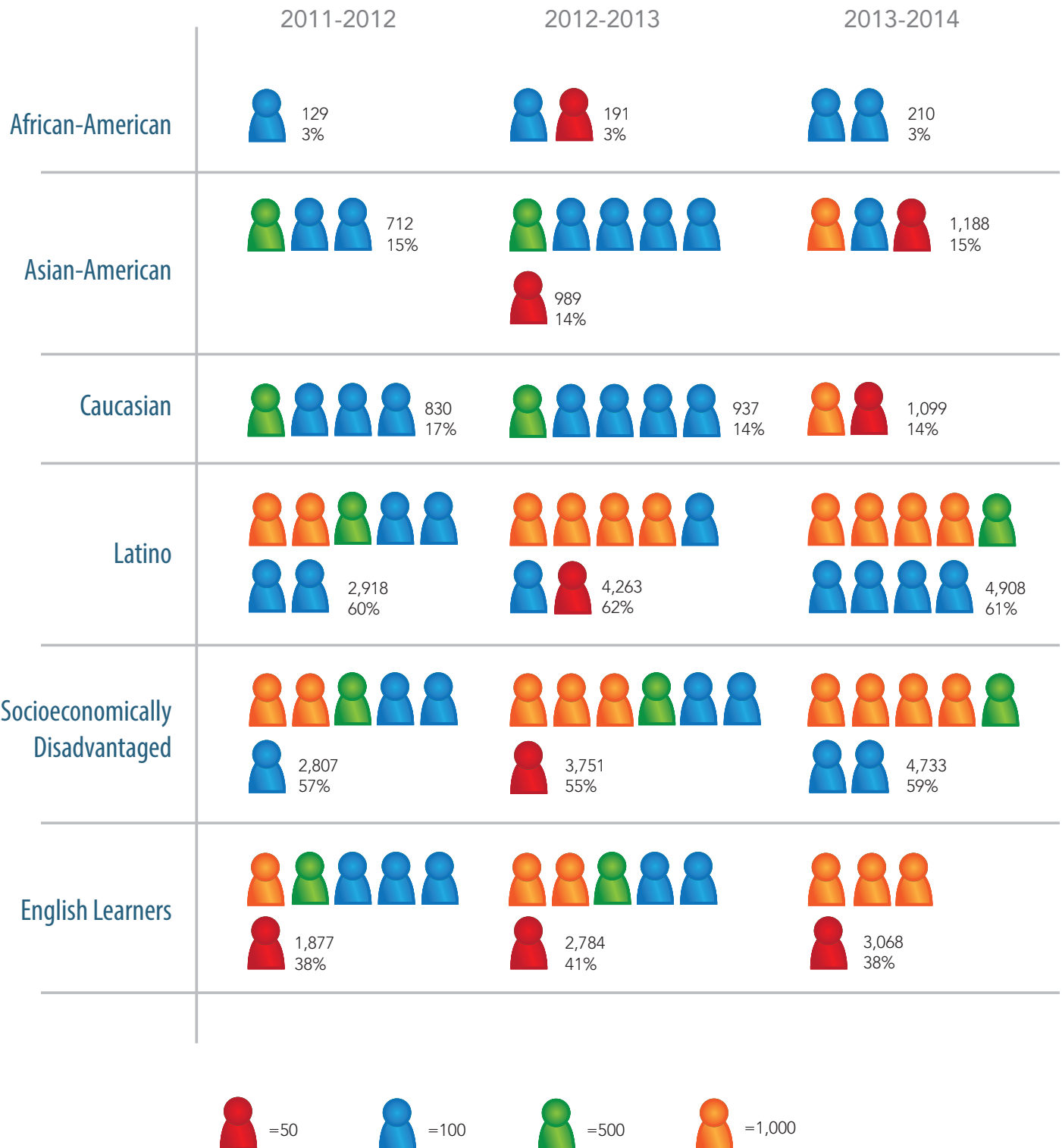
\* Enrollment does not include Alpha José Hernández & RS Fuerza (new schools)

\*\* Reflects data from 2013-2014, the last time CDE API data was reported.



# 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 registered in charter schools.



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



# CHARTER SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

Charter School	Grades	2014-2015 Enrollment ***	2013-2014 Census Enrollment	African American		Asian American		Caucasian		Latino		SES		EL	
				#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
ACE Empower Academy	5-8	404	460	2	0%	10	2%	1	0%	443	96%	442	96%	203	44%
Alpha: José Hernández	6-8	167	*	*		*		*		*		*		*	
Bullis Charter	K-8	713	640	4	1%	240	38%	233	36%	38	6%	3	0%	45	7%
Downtown College Prep - Alum Rock	6-12	465	348	6	2%	16	5%	6	2%	311	89%	302	87%	90	26%
Discovery I	K-8	549	561	20	4%	168	30%	202	36%	72	13%	37	7%	109	19%
Discovery II	TK-6	356	323	3	1%	60	19%	144	45%	62	19%	29	9%	32	10%
Leadership Public Schools - San José	9-12	215	309	5	2%	8	3%	7	2%	274	89%	274	89%	118	38%
Magnolia Science Academy - Santa Clara	6-12	466	489	38	8%	250	51%	113	23%	65	13%	104	21%	43	9%
Rocketship Fuerza Community Prep	TK-4	493	*	*		*		*		*		*		*	
RS Alma Academy	K-5	630	581	13	2%	47	8%	9	2%	494	85%	488	84%	357	61%
RS Brilliant Minds	TK-4	500	428	6	1%	50	12%	3	1%	353	82%	379	89%	280	65%
RS Discovery Prep	K-5	489	652	12	2%	34	5%	28	4%	556	85%	563	86%	402	62%
RS Los Sueños	K-5	607	620	20	3%	46	7%	7	1%	538	87%	561	90%	421	68%
RS Mateo Sheedy	K-5	618	617	32	5%	18	3%	15	2%	541	88%	536	87%	372	60%
RS Si Se Puede	K-5	581	627	5	1%	54	9%	5	1%	552	88%	558	89%	417	67%
Summit Denali	6-12	213	134	2	1%	36	27%	43	32%	39	29%	29	22%	13	10%
Summit Tahoma	9-12	326	277	5	2%	28	10%	24	9%	191	69%	142	51%	23	8%
Sunrise Middle School**	6-8	150	155	2	1%	2	1%	0	0%	138	89%	151	97%	73	47%
Silicon Valley Flex	6-12	289	285	7	2%	25	9%	181	64%	60	21%	55	19%	10	4%
University Prep	7-12	568	560	28	5%	96	17%	78	14%	181	32%	80	14%	60	11%
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,799</b>	<b>8,066</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>4,908</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>4,733</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>3,068</b>	<b>38%</b>

\*New school, no enrollment data available

\*\*School has enrollment for when charter was operating under a district.

\*\*\*Reported by school

Source: California Department of Education, available at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>  
2013-2014 Enrollment Data

# STUDENT PERFORMANCE

On March 13, 2014, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved not to calculate the 2014 Growth and Base Academic Performance Indexes (APIs) and 2015 Growth APIs for elementary, middle, and high schools, and local educational agencies (LEAs). Since the first Smarter Balanced assessment results will be available after the spring 2015 administration of the assessments, Base to Growth comparisons will be reported in 2015–16. Specifically, the 2016 Smarter Balanced assessment results will be used to calculate the 2016 Growth API for comparison to the 2015 Base API.

The table below shows the 2013 Growth API as well as the weighted 3-year API average for all SCCOE charter schools.

	2013 Growth API	Weighted 3-Year API Average*
ACE Charter	731	740
Bullis Charter	990	990
Communitas Charter High **	767	
Discovery Charter	907	912
Downtown College Prep - Alum Rock	787	
Leadership Public Schools - San Jose	663	671
Magnolia Science Academy Santa Clara	904	900
Rocketship Academy Brilliant Minds **	893	
Rocketship Alma Academy	809	
Rocketship Five Elementary	791	
Rocketship Los Suenos Academy	793	802
Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary	851	887
Rocketship Si Se Puede Academy	837	851
Silicon Valley Flex Academy	789	
Summit Public School: Tahoma **	848	
University Preparatory Academy Charter	895	890

**Blank cell** – This indicates that the school or student group did not have a valid 2011, 2012, and/or 2013 Growth API. Therefore, a 3-Year average could not be calculated.

\*Assembly Bill (AB) 484 amended California Education Code sections 52052(e)(2)(F) and 52052(e)(4) to allow schools that do not have an API calculated in 2013–14 and 2014–15 to use one of the following criteria to meet legislative and/or programmatic requirements:

- The most recent API calculation;
- An average of the three most recent annual API calculations; or
- Alternative measures that show increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils schoolwide and among significant groups.

The decision to use one of the above criteria may be made on a program by program basis and is a local decision.

\*\*Means this API is calculated for a small school, defined as having between 11 and 99 valid Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program test scores included in the API. The API is asterisked if the school was small in either 2012 or 2013. APIs based on small numbers of students are less reliable and, therefore, should be carefully interpreted.

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



# WASC ACCREDITATION

Ten of the 17 charter schools operating in 2014-15 are accredited through the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC). Accreditation involves the expectation that schools must be worthy of the public's trust to provide high-quality learning opportunities, with the added requirement that the school demonstrates it is about the critical business of continual self-improvement. For elementary and middle schools, accreditation provides a level of trust that the schools have been assessed by an outside organization and determined to have sound programs and processes. Accreditation is a critical requirement for high schools because most high schools and colleges will only accept coursework from accredited schools. (A number of charter schools do not meet minimum requirements for application.\*\*)

School	Accredited	Grades*	District Location
ACE Empower Academy	Y	5-8	Alum Rock
Alpha: José Hernández	N	6-8	Alum Rock
Bullis Charter	Y	K-8	Los Altos
Downtown College Prep - Alum Rock	Y	6-10	Alum Rock and East Side Union HS
Discovery	N	K-8	Moreland
Discovery II	N	K-8	San José Unified
Leadership Public Schools - San José	Y	9-12	East Side Union HS
Magnolia Science Academy - Santa Clara	Y	6-9	Santa Clara
RS Fuerza	N	K-5	Alum Rock
RS Alma Academy	N	K-5	San José Unified
RS Brilliant Minds	N	K-5	Alum Rock
RS Discovery Prep	N	K-5	San José Unified
RS Los Sueños	Y	K-5	Alum Rock
RS Mateo Sheedy	Y	K-5	San José Unified
RS Se Si Puede	N	K-5	Alum Rock
Summit Denali	N	6-12	Sunnyvale and Fremont Union HS
Summit Tahoma	Y	9-10	East Side Union HS
Sunrise Middle School	N	6-8	San José Unified
Silicon Valley Flex	Y	6-12	Morgan Hill Unified
University Prep	Y	7-12	San José Unified
<b>Total</b>	<b>Y=10, N=10</b>		

\*Grades are from WASC Accreditation Listing and may not reflect current grade configuration.

Note: In order to apply for ACS WASC Affiliation, schools meet the following conditions:

- 1) Be in at least the second semester of operation, with students, teachers, and administration in place;
- 2) School enrollment must reach a minimum of 15 full-time students; and
- 3) School's program must include at least two grade levels. One exception would involve a new high school that opts to begin only with grade 8.

Source: Accrediting Commission for Schools, WASC, available at [http://www.acswasc.org/directory\\_searchlist.cfm](http://www.acswasc.org/directory_searchlist.cfm)

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# FINANCIAL STATUS

While public funding of charter schools was relatively uniform in 2013-14 with an average state funding of \$6,706/per Average Daily Attendance (ADA) (range of \$6,228 – \$7,824), 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 2013-14 Audit Reports of the charter schools, Summit Public Schools-Denali had the highest expenditure per student of all charter schools at \$14,599 and at the other end of the spectrum, Magnolia Science Academy – Santa Clara, the lowest at \$6,664. In looking at the expenditure per student in comparison to the relative districts, 11 out of 20 charter schools or 55 percent spent less per student, with nine of the 20 exceeding district expenditures per student.

School	2013-14 Audit Report					Expenditures/ Student	District Expenditures/ Student
	ADA	Revenues	Expenditures	Net Income	Reserves		
ACE Charter	439	4,322,508	4,072,665	249,843	1,153,381	9,276	9,233
**Alpha: José Hernández	161	1,878,932	1,793,304	85,628	163,142	11,125	9,233
Bullis Charter	619	7,814,174	7,440,384	373,790	943,806	12,028	11,127
Discovery Charter	543	4,883,895	4,703,602	180,293	2,113,482	8,664	8,974
Discovery II	301	2,834,855	2,719,186	115,669	138,282	9,046	9,564
Downtown College Prep - Alum Rock	339	3,206,575	2,845,329	361,246	803,006	8,402	9,233
Leadership Public Schools - San José	289	3,037,567	3,090,393	(52,826)	171,930	10,693	9,194
Magnolia Science Academy Santa Clara	473	3,508,960	3,152,806	356,154	366,925	6,664	9,189
Rocketship Alma Academy	547	5,069,975	4,930,568	139,407	898,294	9,013	9,564
Rocketship Academy Brilliant Minds	409	3,602,876	3,881,858	(278,982)	99,642	9,481	9,233
Rocketship Discovery Prep	618	5,655,069	5,690,605	(35,536)	641,628	9,203	9,564
**Rocketship Fuerza	477	5,593,250	5,915,078	(321,828)	(934,783)	12,394	9,233
Rocketship Los Sueños Academy	599	5,683,847	5,516,860	166,987	1,352,122	9,207	9,233
Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary	595	5,877,534	5,579,328	298,206	2,179,381	9,379	9,564
Rocketship Sí Se Puede Academy	607	5,969,521	5,376,162	593,359	1,766,882	8,853	9,233
Silicon Valley Flex Academy	268	2,336,221	2,336,221	-	-	8,721	7,217
Summit Public Schools: Denali	127	2,051,201	1,857,686	193,515	32,582	14,599	9,482
Summit Public Schools: Tahoma	260	2,921,797	2,886,097	35,700	336,245	11,082	9,194
Sunrise Middle School	143	1,480,510	1,329,914	150,596	222,199	9,302	9,564
University Preparatory Academy	543	4,049,554	4,014,068	35,486	1,008,955	7,391	9,564

\*\*1st year of operation; 2014-15 2nd Interim projections used



# CHARTER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS/ CHARTER NETWORKS

The majority of County Board authorized charter schools are operated by Charter Management Organization (CMOs). CMOs are non-profit organizations that operate multiple charter schools as well as launch new schools. In 2014-15, 17 of the 20 County Board charter schools in operation were operated by CMOs; in 2015-16, 19 of the 23 County Board charter schools will be operated by 10 CMOs. In many instances these CMOs also have charter schools authorized by other entities; two of the CMOs operate or are developing charters outside of California. The table below describes the organizations that operate charter schools authorized by the County Board.

Organization	Charter School	Main Office	Comments
ACE Charter Schools	ACE Empower	San José	Local network - 4 schools open, 1 more authorized to open
Alpha Public Schools	Alpha José Hernandez	San José	Local network - 2 schools open, 3rd will open this fall
Bullis Charter School	Bullis Charter School	Los Altos	Single school
Discovery Charter School	Discovery I Charter School	San José	Local network - 2 schools open
	Discovery II Charter School		
Across the Bridge Foundation dba Downtown College Prep	DCP - Alum Rock (Middle School & High School)	San José	Local network - 4 schools open
Leadership Public Schools	Leadership Public School - San José	Oakland	Oakland based organization with schools in Oakland, Richmond, Hayward and San José (4 total)
Magnolia Educational & Research Foundation dba Magnolia Public Schools	Magnolia Science Academy - Santa Clara	Westminster	Southern California based network with schools in Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Ana, and Santa Clara (11 total)
Rocketship Education	Rocketship Mateo Sheedy	Redwood City	Redwood City based organization with 9 schools in San José, 1 in Milwaukee, 1 in Nashville; planning to open additional schools in San José, Redwood City, Nashville, & Washington D.C.
	Rocketship Sí Se Puede		
	Rocketship Los Sueños		
	Rocketship Alma Academy		
	Rocketship Brilliant Minds		
	Rocketship Discovery Prep		
Rocketship Fuerza			
Flex Public Schools	Silicon Valley Flex Academy	San Francisco	San Francisco based organization with schools in Morgan Hill and San Francisco (2 total); affiliated with K12, a for-profit, publicly traded company
Summit Public Schools	Summit Tahoma	Redwood City	Redwood City based organization with 7 schools in the Bay Area (and will open an 8th in 2016); Summit will also open 2 schools in Washington State in 2015 and a 3rd in 2016)
	Summit Denali		
Escuela Xochitl Tonatiuh	Sunrise Middle School	San José	Single school
University Preparatory Academy	University Prep	San José	Single school
Spark Charter School*	Spark Charter School	San José	Single School
Voices College Bound Charter Schools*	Voices College Bound Charter School at Morgan Hill	San José	Local network - 1 school in San José, with 2 new schools opening in 2015 (3 total)
	Voices College Bound Charter School at Mount Pleasant		

\* New schools in opening in 2015

# SPECIAL EDUCATION: STUDENTS WITH IEPs ENROLLED IN SCCOE CHARTER SCHOOLS 2013-14

As public schools, charter schools are required to enroll and serve students with disabilities in the same manner as traditional public schools. In 2013-14 six 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 SCCOE. The remaining 11 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, 557 students with IEPs (7.0 percent) were in charter schools. The percentage of students with IEPs enrolled in these schools ranges from a high of 13.4 percent at Summit: Denali, to a low of 2.9 percent at Rocketship Sí Se Puede.

School	Total Enrollment <sup>3</sup>	Students with IEPs		District Comparison	
		Number	Percent <sup>4</sup>	District	Percent <sup>4</sup>
Bullis	640	41	6.4%	Los Altos	9.8%
Discovery I	561	66	11.8%	Moreland	10.3%
Discovery II	323	43	13.3%	San José	9.7%
Downtown College Prep - Alum Rock	348	22	6.3%	Alum Rock	10.8%
Magnolia Science Academy - Santa Clara	489	25	5.1%	Santa Clara	14.0%
University Prep Academy	560	19	3.4%	San José	9.7%

<b>Subtotal (SCCOE Sp. Ed.)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,921</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>10.9%</b>
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ACE Empower Academy	460	59	12.8%	Alum Rock	10.8%
Leadership Public Schools - San José	309	36	11.7%	East Side	9.3%
Rocketship Alma Academy	428	29	6.8%	San José	9.7%
Rocketship Brilliant Minds	581	22	3.8%	Alum Rock	10.8%
Rocketship Discovery Prep	652	43	6.6%	San José	9.7%
Rocketship Los Sueños	620	28	4.5%	Alum Rock	10.8%
Rocketship Mateo Sheedy	617	21	3.4%	San José	9.7%
Rocketship Sí Se Puede	627	18	2.9%	Alum Rock	10.8%
Silicon Valley Flex Academy	285	44	15.4%	Morgan Hill	14.0%
Summit: Denali	134	18	13.4%	Sunnyvale	9.7%
Summit: Tahoma	277	23	8.3%	East Side	9.3%

<b>Subtotal (El Dorado SELPA)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>4,990</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>Districts</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
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<b>Total (17 Schools)</b>	<b>7,911</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>7.0%</b>		
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**1 Source:** SCCOE SELPA - Dec. 1, 2013 Report

**2 Source:** El Dorado Charter SELPA - Dec. 1, 2013 CASEMIS Report

**3 Source:** CDE/dataquest - 2013-14 Enrollment

**4 Source:** CDE/dataquest - calculated by SCCOE

# CHARTER SCHOOL SUSPENSION & EXPULSION REPORT 2013-14

Charter School	Grades	Census Enrollment	Cumulative Enrollment	Students Suspended	Suspension Rate	Students Expelled	Expulsion Rate
ACE Empower Academy	5-8	460	487	75	15.4%	1	0.2%
Alpha: José Hernández	6-8	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bullis Charter	K-8	640	649	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
DCP-Alum Rock	6-12	348	379	59	15.6%	1	0.3%
Discovery	K-8	561	565	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Discovery II	TK-6	323	352	11	3.1%	0	0.0%
LPS	9-12	309	354	105	29.7%	1	0.3%
Magnolia Science Aca.	6-12	489	510	27	5.3%	0	0.0%
Rocketship Fuerza Community Prep	TK-4	*	*	*	*	*	*
RS Alma Academy	K-5	581	604	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
RS Brilliant Minds	TK-4	428	367	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
RS Discovery Prep	K-5	652	689	3	0.4%	0	0.0%
RS Los Sueños	K-5	620	652	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
RS Mateo Sheedy	K-5	617	631	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
RS Sí Se Puede	K-5	627	644	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Summit Denali	6-12	134	135	4	3.0%	0	0.0%
Summit Tahoma	9-12	277	290	12	4.1%	0	0.0%
Sunrise Middle School**	6-8	155	183	28	15.3%	0	0.0%
SV Flex	6-12	285	335	4	1.2%	0	0.0%
UPA	7-12	560	565	11	1.9%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,066</b>	<b>8,391</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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.

#### Suspension and Expulsion Rate Formulas:

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

\*No data available

\*\*Data available for when charter school was operated by district.

Source: California Department of Education, available at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>  
2013-2014 Suspensions





# ACE EMPOWER ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL: LORENA CHAVEZ • CMO: ACE CHARTER SCHOOLS

Academic Year 2014-2015 • Current Grade Span: 5-8

## Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (ARUSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2007
Opened:	2008
Renewal(s):	2010
Current Charter Term:	2011-2016

## Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	10%
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$9,276
Average Teacher Salary:	\$58,866
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$480,000
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 401K (Classified)



# 404

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	5
EL Students	174 (43%)
Students with IEPs	50 (12%)
FRL Students	374 (93%)
Students from Local District	271 (67%)
Annual Attrition Rate	15%

# 12

TEACHERS

Caucasian	4 (33%)
Latino	3 (25%)
Asian	2 (17%)
African American	1 (8%)
Other	2 (17%)
Attrition Rate	58%

# 3

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	0 (0%)
Latino	2 (67%)
Asian	1 (33%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 13

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	1 (7%)
Latino	12 (93%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

## ACE EMPOWER ACADEMY

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# ALPHA: JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ MIDDLE SHOOOL

PRINCIPAL: HOPE EVANS • CMO: ALPHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Academic Year 2014-2015 • Current Grade Span: 6-7

## Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (ARUSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2013
Opened:	2014
Renewal(s):	N/A
Current Charter Term:	2014-2019

## Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	15%
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$11,125**
Average Teacher Salary:	\$56,000
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased (Prop. 39)
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$120,700
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: No PERS: No OTHER: 3% matching with Simple IRA Plan

\*\* 1st year of operation; 2014-2015 2nd interim projections used

# 167

## Number of:

Students Enrolled

Students on Wait List	17
EL Students	89 (53%)
Students with IEPs	17 (10%)
FRL Students	162 (97%)
Students from Local District	105 (63%)
Annual Attrition Rate	N/A



# 5

TEACHERS

Caucasian	3 (50%)
Latino	2 (50%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)
Attrition Rate	N/A

# 2

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	1 (50%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	1 (50%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 2

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	0 (0%)
Latino	2 (100%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

## ALPHA: JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ MIDDLE SHOOOL

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# BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: JOCELYN LEE • CMO: BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL

Academic Year 2014-2015 • 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

## Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	N/A
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$12,028
Average Teacher Salary:	\$57,154
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$200,000
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No



# 713

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	867
EL Students	63 (8%)
Students with IEPs	33 (5%)
FRL Students	6 (1%)
Students from Local District	669 (93%)
Annual Attrition Rate	11%

# 49

TEACHERS

Caucasian	36 (73%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	13 (27%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)
Attrition Rate	26%

# 3

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	1 (33%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	1 (33%)
African American	1 (33%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 20

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	11 (55%)
Latino	1 (5%)
Asian	7 (35%)
African American	1 (5%)
Other	0 (0%)

## BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL

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# DISCOVERY CHARTER I

PRINCIPAL: DALE JONES • CMO: DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL



Academic Year 2014-2015 • 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:	\$8,664
Average Teacher Salary:	\$60,830
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$239,255
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 403(b)

# 549

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	558
EL Students	91 (17%)
Students with IEPs	64 (12%)
FRL Students	25 (5%)
Students from Local District	305 (56%)

Students Enrolled Annual Attrition Rate 1%



# 28

### TEACHERS

Caucasian	21 (75%)
Latino	2 (7%)
Asian	4 (14%)
African American	1 (4%)
Other	0 (0%)
Attrition Rate	14%

# 1

### ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	1 (100%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 10

### OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	8 (80%)
Latino	1 (10%)
Asian	1 (10%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

## DISCOVERY CHARTER I

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# DISCOVERY CHARTER II

PRINCIPAL: BARBARA BERMAN • CMO: DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL

Academic Year 2014-2015 • Current Grade Span: TK-6

## 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

## Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	N/A
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$9,046
Average Teacher Salary:	\$59,320
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$688,800
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 403(b)



# 356

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	N/A
EL Students	50 (14%)
Students with IEPs	42 (18%)
FRL Students	23 (6%)
Students from Local District	311 (87%)
Annual Attrition Rate	3%

# 14

TEACHERS

Caucasian	12 (86%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	2 (14%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)
Attrition Rate	0%

# 1

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	1 (100%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 6

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	6 (100%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

## 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 2014-2015 • Current Grade Span: 6-10

## Fast Facts

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

## Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	N/A
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$8,402
Average Teacher Salary:	\$57,800
Facility Leased or Owned:	Lease
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$354,376
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: Yes OTHER: No

# 465

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	0
EL Students	134 (29%)
Students with IEPs	36 (8%)
FRL Students	356 (77%)
Students from Local District	351 (75%)
Students Enrolled	465
Annual Attrition Rate	18%



# 21

### TEACHERS

Caucasian	5 (24%)
Latino	10 (48%)
Asian	4 (19%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	2 (10%)
Attrition Rate	37%

# 3

### ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	2 (67%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	1 (33%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 10

### OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	0 (0%)
Latino	9 (90%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	1 (10%)

## DOWNTOWN COLLEGE PREP ALUM ROCK

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# LEADERSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL - SAN JOSÉ

PRINCIPAL: JESSICA DIAZ • CMO: LEADERSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Academic Year 2014-2015 • 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:	\$250,000
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$10,693
Average Teacher Salary:	\$52,665
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$120,000 (Rental)
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No



# 215

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	0
EL Students	69 (32%)
Students with IEPs	25 (12%)
FRL Students	178 (83%)
Students from Local District	194 (90%)
Annual Attrition Rate	28%

# 12

TEACHERS

Caucasian	5 (42%)
Latino	4 (33%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	3 (35%)
Attrition Rate	16%

# 4

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	2 (50%)
Latino	1 (25%)
Asian	1 (25%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 5

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	1 (20%)
Latino	4 (80%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

## LEADERSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS - SAN JOSÉ

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# MAGNOLIA SCIENCE ACADEMY SANTA CLARA

PRINCIPAL: YILMAZ AK • CMO: MAGNOLIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Academic Year 2014-2015 • Current Grade Span: 6-11

## 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:	\$6,664
Average Teacher Salary:	\$52,500
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$500,000
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: Yes OTHER: No

# 466

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	100
EL Students	22 (5%)
Students with IEPs	16 (3%)
FRL Students	65 (14%)
Students from Local District	265 (57%)
Students Enrolled	466
Annual Attrition Rate	21%



# 24

### TEACHERS

Caucasian	14 (58%)
Latino	2 (8%)
Asian	8 (33%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)
Attrition Rate	0%

# 4

### ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	4 (100%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 5

### OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	2 (40%)
Latino	3 (60%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

## MAGNOLIA SCIENCE ACADEMY SANTA CLARA

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# ROCKETSHIP BRILLIANT MINDS

PRINCIPAL: AMY FILSINGER • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION

Academic Year 2014-2015 • Current Grade Span: TK-4

## 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:	\$642,428
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$9,481
Average Teacher Salary:	\$60,071
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$1,103,935
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No



# 500

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	None reported
EL Students	307 (61%)
Students with IEPs	47 (9%)
FRL Students	437 (87%)
Students from Local District	312 (62%)
Annual Attrition Rate	10%

# 15

TEACHERS

Caucasian	7 (47%)
Latino	2 (13%)
Asian	3 (20%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	3 (20%)
Attrition Rate	33%

# 5

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	3 (60%)
Latino	2 (4%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 21

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	2 (10%)
Latino	13 (62%)
Asian	4 (19%)
African American	2 (10%)
Other	0 (0%)

## ROCKETSHIP BRILLIANT MINDS

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# ROCKETSHIP ALMA ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL: SHARON KIM • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION



Academic Year 2014-2015 • 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:	\$782,458
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$9,013
Average Teacher Salary:	\$57,079
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$715,590
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No

# 630

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	None reported
EL Students	293 (47%)
Students with IEPs	45 (7%)
FRL Students	564 (90%)
Students from Local District	265 (42%)
Annual Attrition Rate	11%



# 18

TEACHERS

Caucasian	8 (44%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	6 (33%)
African American	2 (11%)
Other	2 (11%)
Attrition Rate	33%

# 6

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	2 (33%)
Latino	1 (17%)
Asian	1 (17%)
African American	1 (17%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 18

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	2 (11%)
Latino	10 (56%)
Asian	3 (17%)
African American	2 (11%)
Other	1 (6%)

## ROCKETSHIP ALMA ACADEMY

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# ROCKETSHIP DISCOVERY PREP

PRINCIPAL: EESIR KAUR • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION

Academic Year 2014-2015 • Current Grade Span: K-5

## Fast Facts

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

## Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	\$65,480
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$9,203
Average Teacher Salary:	\$58,070
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$867,306
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No



# 489

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	None reported
EL Students	264 (54%)
Students with IEPs	41 (8%)
FRL Students	437 (89%)
Students from Local District	258 (53%)
Annual Attrition Rate	18%

# 21

TEACHERS

Caucasian	12 (57%)
Latino	4 (19%)
Asian	1 (5%)
African American	2 (10%)
Other	2 (10%)
Attrition Rate	37%

# 5

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	3 (60%)
Latino	1 (20%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	1 (20%)

# 27

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	0 (0%)
Latino	19 (70%)
Asian	3 (11%)
African American	4 (15%)
Other	1 (4%)

## ROCKETSHIP DISCOVERY PREP

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# ROCKETSHIP FUERZA

PRINCIPAL: MARICELA GUERRERO • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION



Academic Year 2014-2015 • Current Grade Span: TK-4

## 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:	\$729,922
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$12,394*
Average Teacher Salary:	\$57,279
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$1,452,387
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No

\* 1st year of operation; 2014-2015 2nd interim projections used

# 493

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	None reported
EL Students	300 (61%)
Students with IEPs	37 (8%)
FRL Students	420 (85%)
Students from Local District	306 (62%)
Annual Attrition Rate	N/A**



# 16

TEACHERS

Caucasian	6 (38%)
Latino	4 (25%)
Asian	4 (25%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	2 (13%)
Attrition Rate	N/A**

# 5

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	2 (40%)
Latino	3 (60%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 22

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	2 (9%)
Latino	18 (82%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	2 (9%)
Other	0 (0%)

\*\* Student and Teacher Attribution Rate to be determined by the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

ROCKETSHIP FUERZA

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# ROCKETSHIP LOS SUEÑOS

PRINCIPAL: WENDY NOBLE • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION

Academic Year 2014-2015 • 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%
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$9,207
Average Teacher Salary:	\$57,735
Facility Leased or Owned:	Owned
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$913,223; capped 20%
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No



# 607

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	117
EL Students	422 (68%)
Students with IEPs	33 (5%)
FRL Students	552 (89%)
Students from Local District	356 (59%)
Annual Attrition Rate	11%

# 19

TEACHERS

Caucasian	11 (58%)
Latino	4 (21%)
Asian	2 (11%)
African American	2 (11%)
Other	0 (0%)
Attrition Rate	43%*

# 6

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	2 (33%)
Latino	3 (50%)
Asian	1 (17%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 20

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	5 (25%)
Latino	13 (65%)
Asian	2 (10%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

\* Rocketship Education noted: due to a number of factors, rates in prior two years were 23% and 20%

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# ROCKETSHIP MATEO SHEEDY

PRINCIPAL: JASON FROMOLTZ • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION



Academic Year 2014-2015 • 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%
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$9,379
Average Teacher Salary:	\$60,188
Facility Leased or Owned:	Owned structure on long term land lease
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$869,143; capped 20%
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No

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618

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	56
EL Students	371 (60%)
Students with IEPs	34 (6%)
FRL Students	525 (85%)
Students from Local District	418 (68%)
Annual Attrition Rate	11%



Students Enrolled

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### TEACHERS

Caucasian	9 (47%)
Latino	3 (16%)
Asian	4 (21%)
African American	1 (5%)
Other	2 (11%)
Attrition Rate	25

5

### ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	2 (40%)
Latino	2 (40%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	1 (20%)

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### OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	1 (4%)
Latino	18 (78%)
Asian	2 (9%)
African American	2 (9%)
Other	0 (0%)

## ROCKETSHIP MATEO SHEEDY

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# ROCKETSHIP SÍ SE PUEDE

PRINCIPAL: ANDREW ELLIOT CHANDLER • CMO: ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION

Academic Year 2014-2015 • 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:	\$765,123
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$8,853
Average Teacher Salary:	\$61,163
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$1,032,223
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No



# 581

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	None reported
EL Students	400 (69%)
Students with IEPs	34 (6%)
FRL Students	522 (90%)
Students from Local District	464 (80%)
Annual Attrition Rate	9%

# 19

TEACHERS

Caucasian	12 (63%)
Latino	2 (11%)
Asian	2 (11%)
African American	1 (5%)
Other	2 (11%)
Attrition Rate	31%

# 5

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	1 (20%)
Latino	3 (60%)
Asian	1 (20%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 25

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	3 (12%)
Latino	18 (72%)
Asian	2 (8%)
African American	2 (8%)
Other	0 (0%)

## ROCKETSHIP SÍ SE PUEDE

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# SILICON VALLEY FLEX ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL: CAROLINE WOOD • CMO: K12



Academic Year 2014-2015 • Current Grade Span: 6-12

## Fast Facts

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

## Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	15% Management Fee—charged \$349,573.66 but paid \$0; 7% Technology Fee—charged \$163,134.37 but paid \$0
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$8,721
Average Teacher Salary:	\$50,158
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$585,344
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 501(k) (K-12 Employees)

# 289

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	0
EL Students	11 (4%)
Students with IEPs	56 (19%)
FRL Students	24 (8%)
Students from Local District	147 (51%)
Annual Attrition Rate	9%



# 12

TEACHERS

Caucasian	10 (83%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	1 (8%)
Other	1 (8%)
Attrition Rate	16%

# 1

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	1 (100%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 15

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	9 (60%)
Latino	1 (7%)
Asian	2 (13%)
African American	2 (13%)
Other	1 (7%)

## SILICON VALLEY FLEX ACADEMY

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# SUMMIT DENALI

PRINCIPAL: JOE BIELECKI • CMO: SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Academic Year 2014-2015 • Current Grade Span: 6-7

## 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:	13%
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$14,599
Average Teacher Salary:	\$59,886
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$172,000
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No



# 213

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	48
EL Students	24 (11%)
Students with IEPs	21 (10%)
FRL Students	59 (28%)
Students from Local District	None Reported
Annual Attrition Rate	14%

# 9

TEACHERS

Caucasian	7 (78%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	2 (22%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)
Attrition Rate	20%

# 1

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	1 (100%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 2

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	1 (50%)
Latino	1 (50%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

## SUMMIT DENALI

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# SUMMIT TAHOMA

PRINCIPAL: NICHOLAS KIM • CMO: SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Academic Year 2014-2015 • Current Grade Span: 9-12

## Fast Facts

District Appeal or Countywide:	District Appeal (ESUHSD)
Authorization Date by SCCBOE:	2010
Opened:	2011
Renewal(s):	N/A
Current Charter Term:	2012-2016

## Financial Data

CMO Rate and Fee:	13%
Average Per Pupil Cost:	\$11,082
Average Teacher Salary:	\$58,358
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$450,000
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No

# 326

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	51
EL Students	28 (9%)
Students with IEPs	27 (8%)
FRL Students	154 (47%)
Students from Local District	None Reported
Annual Attrition Rate	12%



# 19

TEACHERS

Caucasian	10 (53%)
Latino	4 (21%)
Asian	5 (26%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)
Attrition Rate	11%

# 2

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	1 (50%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	1 (50%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

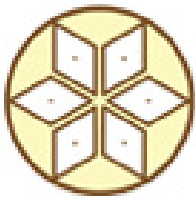
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OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	0 (0%)
Latino	3 (100%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

## SUMMIT TAHOMA

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# SUNRISE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: TERESA ROBINSON • CMO: N/A

Academic Year 2014-2015 • 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:	\$9,302
Average Teacher Salary:	\$49,819
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased (Prop. 39)
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$47,700
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: 403(b) (Classified)



# 150

Students Enrolled

## Number of:

Students on Wait List	10
EL Students	66 (44%)
Students with IEPs	20 (13%)
FRL Students	145 (97%)
Students from Local District	117 (78%)
Annual Attrition Rate	2%

# 7

TEACHERS

Caucasian	3 (43%)
Latino	2 (29%)
Asian	2 (29%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)
Attrition Rate	33%

# 1

ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	1 (100%)
Latino	0 (0%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

# 7

OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	0 (0%)
Latino	7 (100%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

## SUNRISE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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# UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL: DANIEL ORDAZ • CMO: UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY ACADEMY



Academic Year 2014-2015 • 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:	\$7,391
Average Teacher Salary:	\$57,504
Facility Leased or Owned:	Leased
Facility Cost (Annual):	\$395,000
Retirement Benefits Offered:	STRS: Yes PERS: No OTHER: No

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## Number of:

Students Enrolled

Students on Wait List	494
EL Students	134 (24%)
Students with IEPs	15 (3%)
FRL Students	91 (16%)
Students from Local District	N/A
Annual Attrition Rate	3%



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### TEACHERS

Caucasian	20 (67%)
Latino	6 (20%)
Asian	4 (13%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)
Attrition Rate	6%

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### ADMINISTRATORS

Caucasian	1 (33%)
Latino	2 (66%)
Asian	0 (0%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

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### OTHER SUPPORT STAFF

Caucasian	0 (0%)
Latino	2 (50%)
Asian	2 (50%)
African American	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)

## UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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# 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 2013-14)

District Name	2013-2014
San José Unified	33,152
East Side Union High	26,489
Cupertino Union	19,194
Santa Clara Unified	15,434
Evergreen Elementary	13,162
Alum Rock Union Elementary	12,570
Palo Alto Unified	12,466
Gilroy Unified	11,786
Franklin-McKinley Elementary	11,269
Oak Grove Elementary	11,156
Fremont Union High	10,710
Milpitas Unified	10,156
Morgan Hill Unified	9,130
<b>SCCOE Authorized Charter Schools</b>	<b>8,066</b>
Berryessa Union Elementary	7,936
Campbell Union	7,653
Campbell Union High	7,353
Sunnyvale	6,848
Union Elementary	5,408
Mountain View Whisman	5,052
Moreland	4,670
Los Altos Elementary	4,550
Mountain View-Los Altos Union High	3,753
Cambrian	3,349
Los Gatos Union Elementary	3,261
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High	3,261
Mt. Pleasant Elementary	2,487
Saratoga Union Elementary	2,111
SCCOE (Alternative & Special Education)	1,877
Orchard Elementary	875
Luther Burbank	566
Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary	493
Lakeside Joint	87
<b>County Totals:</b>	<b>276,175</b>

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



# Petition History

The County Board has authorized more charter schools than any other COE in California. With 20 schools operating in 2014-15, and three more approved during this past year, the County Board will have 23 authorized schools open in 2015-16. The Los Angeles County Office of Education has authorized 15 schools, followed by Alameda and Nevada COEs with eight each.

Year	Charter Petition Activity	Approved	Denied
2003	Received two petitions on appeal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Leadership Public School – San José</b> (denied by East Side Union High School District) – High School (Grades 9-12) – began operation July 2004</li> <li>• <b>Approved Bullis Charter School</b> (denied by Los Altos Elementary (K-6) – began operation July 2004</li> </ul>	2	0
2004	Received three petitions for countywide charter schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Pathfinder Charter School</b> (Grades 9-12) – began operation July 2005; closed January 2007</li> <li>• <b>Denied Ready to Work Independent Study Charter</b></li> <li>• <b>Denied Ready to Work Independent Study Charter</b> (2nd petition)</li> </ul>	1	2
2005	Received two petitions on appeal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Leadership Public Schools</b> – Campbell (denied by Campbell Union High School District – High School (Grades 9-12); closed July 2008</li> <li>• <b>Approved Discovery Charter School</b> (denied by Moreland Elementary) – (Grades K-8) began operation July 2006</li> </ul>	2	0
2006	Received one petition for a countywide charter school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved University Preparatory Academy</b> (Grades 7-12) – began operation July 2007</li> </ul> Received four petitions on appeal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Rocketship One</b> (Mateo Sheedy) (denied by San José Unified) – Elementary (Grades K-6) began operation in July 2007</li> <li>• <b>Denied RAICES College Preparatory</b> (Grades K-6) (denied by Alum Rock)</li> <li>• <b>Denied South Bay Preparatory Academy</b> (Grades 6-12) (denied by Campbell Union High School District)</li> <li>• <b>Denied Community Elementary Charter School</b> (Grades K-5) (denied by Alum Rock)</li> </ul>	2	3
2007	Received two petitions on appeal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved ACE Charter School</b> (denied by Alum Rock) – Middle School (Grades 5-8) - began operation in July 2008</li> <li>• <b>Approved South Bay Preparatory Academy</b> (denied by Campbell Union High School District) (Grades 6-12)- began operation in July 2009 – closed 2010</li> </ul>	2	0
2008	Received one petition for countywide charter school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Magnolia Science Academy- Santa Clara</b> (Grades 6-12); opened fall 2010</li> </ul> Received one petition on appeal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Rocketship Two (Sí Se Puede)</b> (denied by Alum Rock) – Elementary (Grades K-6); began operation July 2009</li> </ul>	2	0
2009	Received one petition for countywide charter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Rocketship Countywide</b> (Grades K-6); opened first school fall 2010 – five total school approved</li> </ul> Received one petition on appeal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Downtown College Prep</b> (Grades 6-12); (denied by East Side Union High School District) began operation fall 2011</li> </ul>	2	0
2010	Received two petitions for countywide charter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Flex Academy Silicon Valley</b> (Grades 6-12) opened in fall 2011</li> <li>• <b>Approved Communitas</b> (Grades 9-12) opened fall 2012, closed spring 2013</li> </ul>	2	0

# Petition History

Year	Charter Petition Activity	Approved	Denied
2011	<p>Received 20 petitions for new charter schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Rocketships 8-28</b> (Grades K-6); scheduled to open fall 2013-to-fall 2016 (20 total)</li> </ul> <p>Received four countywide petitions for sites previously authorized under one countywide charter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Rocketships 4-7</b> (Grades K-6) opened fall 2011 and fall 2012 (4 total)</li> </ul> <p>Received two petitions on appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Summit Tahoma</b> (Grades 9-12) (denied by East Side Union High School District); opened fall 2012</li> <li>• <b>Denied American Indian Charter School</b> (denied by San José Unified)</li> </ul>	25	1
2012	<p>Received two petitions for countywide charter schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Denied Discovery II</b> (K-8)</li> <li>• <b>Approved Summit Denali</b> (Grades 9-12; ( located in Fremont High School Districts); opened fall 2013)</li> </ul>	1	1
2013	<p>Received four petitions on appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Discovery II</b> (Grades K-8) (denied by San José Unified; opened fall 2013)</li> <li>• <b>Approved Alpha II</b> (Grades 6-8) (denied by Alum Rock); scheduled to open fall 2014</li> <li>• <b>Denied Morgan Hill Prep</b> (Grades K-8) (denied by Morgan Hill Unified)</li> <li>• <b>Withdrawn by Petitioner</b> – Rocketship Morgan Hill (denied by Morgan Hill Unified)</li> </ul>	2	1
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received five petitions on appeal</li> <li>• <b>Approved Sunrise Middle</b> (Grades 6-8) denied for renewal by San José Unified</li> <li>• <b>Approved Rocketship Fuerza</b> (Grades TK-5) denied by Alum Rock Elementary</li> <li>• <b>Approved Spark Charter School</b> (Grades K-8) denied by Sunnyvale Elementary</li> <li>• <b>Approved Voices-College Bound at Morgan Hill</b> (Grades TK-8) denied by Morgan Hill Unified</li> <li>• <b>Denied Morgan Hill Prep</b> (Grades TK-8) denied by Morgan Hill Unified</li> </ul>	4	1
2015 Jan - April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received three petitions on appeal</li> <li>• <b>Denied Wei Yu International Charter</b> (K-8) denied by Moreland School District (currently on appeal before State Board of Education)</li> <li>• <b>Approved Voices-College Bound at Mount Pleasant</b> (Grades TK-8) denied by Mount Pleasant Elementary</li> <li>• <b>Denied STEM Academy of Silicon Valley</b> (Grades K-12) denied by Santa Clara Unified</li> </ul>	1	2

**Source:** Santa Clara County Office of Education (2014). Board meeting agendas, minutes and recordings found at <http://www.sccoe.org/countyboard>

# Santa Clara County Charter Schools & District Authorized Charters

School Name	Charter Number	Open 2014-15	Startup or Conversion	Location	Authorized by
ACE Alum Rock	1544	yes	Startup	Alum Rock	Alum Rock
Alpha: Blanca Alvarado Middle	1375	yes	Startup	Alum Rock	Alum Rock
Aptitud Community Academy at Goss	1521	yes	Conversion	Alum Rock	Alum Rock
KIPP Heartwood Academy	628	yes	Startup	Alum Rock	Alum Rock
KIPP Prize Preparatory Academy	1609	yes	Startup	Alum Rock	Alum Rock
ACE Empower Academy	972	yes	Startup	Alum Rock	SCCBOE
Alpha: José Hernández Middle	1618	yes	Startup	Alum Rock	SCCBOE
Downtown College Prep - Alum Rock	1268	yes	Startup	Alum Rock	SCCBOE
Rocketship Academy Brilliant Minds	1393	yes	Startup	Alum Rock	SCCBOE
Rocketship Discovery Prep	1193	yes	Startup	Alum Rock	SCCBOE
Rocketship Fuerza Community Prep	1687	yes	Startup	Alum Rock	SCCBOE
Rocketship Los Sueños Academy	1127	yes	Startup	Alum Rock	SCCBOE
Rocketship Sí Se Puede Academy	1061	yes	Startup	Alum Rock	SCCBOE
Fammatre Elementary	638	yes	Conversion	Cambrian	Cambrian
Farnham Charter	574	yes	Conversion	Cambrian	Cambrian
Price Charter Middle	575	yes	Conversion	Cambrian	Cambrian
Sartorette Charter	497	yes	Conversion	Cambrian	Cambrian
Blackford Elementary	993	yes	Conversion	Campbell	Campbell
Capri Elementary	886	yes	Conversion	Campbell	Campbell
Castlemont Elementary	866	yes	Conversion	Campbell	Campbell
Forest Hill Elementary	997	yes	Conversion	Campbell	Campbell
Lynhaven Elementary	865	yes	Conversion	Campbell	Campbell
Marshall Lane Elementary	984	yes	Conversion	Campbell	Campbell
Monroe Middle	899	yes	Conversion	Campbell	Campbell
Rolling Hills Middle	887	yes	Conversion	Campbell	Campbell
Rosemary Elementary	994	yes	Conversion	Campbell	Campbell
Sherman Oaks Elementary	304	yes	Conversion	Campbell	Campbell
Village	817	yes	Conversion	Campbell	Campbell

**Source:** California Department of Education and Santa Clara County Office of Education

# Santa Clara County Charter Schools & District Authorized Charters

School Name	Charter Number	Open 2014-15	Startup or Conversion	Location	Authorized by
ACE Charter High	1387	yes	Startup	East Side	East Side
Escuela Popular Accelerated Family Learning	502	yes	Startup	East Side	East Side
Escuela Popular/Center for Training and Careers, Family Learning	646	yes	Startup	East Side	East Side
KIPP San José Collegiate	976	yes	Startup	East Side	East Side
Latino College Preparatory Academy	414	yes	Startup	East Side	East Side
Luis Valdez Leadership Academy	1681	yes	Startup	East Side	East Side
San José Conservation Corps Charter	425	yes	Startup	East Side	East Side
Summit Public School: Rainier	1276	yes	Startup	East Side	East Side
Leadership Public Schools - San José	611	yes	Startup	East Side	SCCBOE
Summit Public School: Tahoma	1282	yes	Startup	East Side	SCCBOE
ACE Franklin McKinley	1545	no	Startup	Franklin-McKinley	Franklin-McKinley
Bridges Academy	1220	yes	Conversion	Franklin-McKinley	Franklin-McKinley
Cornerstone Academy Preparatory	1167	yes	Startup	Franklin-McKinley	Franklin-McKinley
KIPP Heritage Academy	1608	yes	Startup	Franklin-McKinley	Franklin-McKinley
Rocketship Mosaic Elementary	1192	yes	Startup	Franklin-McKinley	Franklin-McKinley
Rocketship Spark Academy	1526	yes	Startup	Franklin-McKinley	Franklin-McKinley
Voices College-Bound Language Academy	846	yes	Startup	Franklin-McKinley	Franklin-McKinley
Gilroy Prep School (Navigators School)	1278	yes	Startup	Gilroy Unified	Gilroy Unified
Bullis Charter	615	yes	Startup	Los Altos	SCCBOE
Charter School of Morgan Hill	363	yes	Startup	Morgan Hill Unified	Morgan Hill Unified
Silicon Valley Flex Academy	1209	yes	Startup	Morgan Hill Unified	SCCBOE
Voices College-Bound Language Academy at Morgan Hill	1716	no	Startup	Morgan Hill Unified	SCCBOE
Voices College-Bound Language Academy at Mount Pleasant	in progress	no	Startup	Morgan Hill Unified	SCCBOE
Discovery I Charter	767	yes	Startup	Moreland	SCCBOE
Ida Jew Academies	1243	yes	Startup	Mount Pleasant	Mount Pleasant

**Source:** California Department of Education and Santa Clara County Office of Education



# Santa Clara County Charter Schools & District Authorized Charters



School Name	Charter Number	Open 2014-15	Startup or Conversion	Location	Authorized by
Ace Charter Middle: San José Unified	1546	yes	Startup	San José Unified	San José Unified
Downtown College Preparatory	287	yes	Startup	San José Unified	San José Unified
Downtown College Preparatory Middle	1623	yes	Startup	San José Unified	San José Unified
Walter L. Bachrodt Elementary	980	yes	Conversion	San José Unified	San José Unified
Discovery Charter II	1547	yes	Startup	San José Unified	SCCBOE
Rocketship Alma Academy	1394	yes	Startup	San José Unified	SCCBOE
Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary	850	yes	Startup	San José Unified	SCCBOE
Sunrise Middle	1290	yes	Startup	San José Unified	SCCBOE
University Preparatory Academy Charter	844	yes	Startup	San José Unified	SCCBOE
Downtown College Prep Alviso	978	closed	Startup	Santa Clara Unified	Santa Clara Unified
Magnolia Science Academy Santa Clara	1116	yes	Startup	Santa Clara Unified	SCCBOE
Spark Middle School	in progress	no	Startup	Sunnyvale	SCCBOE
Summit Public School: Denali	1516	yes	Startup	Sunnyvale/Fremont	SCCBOE

**Source:** California Department of Education 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)(1-5). 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 on 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.

### Education Code 47605(b)(1-5)

*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:
- (A) (i) A description of the educational program of the 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) A description, for the charter school, of annual goals, 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, a description of 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 school.
- (F) The procedures that the 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 the school 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) A description of 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) A declaration whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public school 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 the Government Code.
- (P) A description of 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 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).



### **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

### **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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