

# 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 2015-16, the SCCBOE will have 23 authorized schools open in 2016-17.

Year	Charter Petition Activity	Approved	Denied
2003	<p>Received two petitions on appeal</p> <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) – opened July 2004</li> <li>• <b>Approved Bullis Charter School</b> (denied by Los Altos Elementary (K-6) – opened July 2004</li> </ul>	2	0
2004	<p>Received three petitions for countywide charter schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Pathfinder Charter School</b> (Grades 9-12) – Opened July 2005</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	<p>Received two petitions on appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Leadership Public Schools – Campbell</b> (denied by Campbell Union High School District – High School (Grades 9-12) opened July 2006</li> <li>• <b>Approved Discovery Charter School</b> (denied by Moreland Elementary) – (Grades K-8) opened July 2006</li> </ul>	2	0
2006	<p>Received one petition for a countywide charter school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved University Preparatory Academy</b> (Grades 7-12) – opened July 2007</li> </ul> <p>Received four petitions on appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Rocketship One</b> (Mateo Sheedy) (denied by San José Unified) – Elementary (Grades K-6) opened 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	<p>Received two petitions on appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved ACE Charter School</b> (denied by Alum Rock) – Middle School (Grades 5-8) - opened July 2008</li> <li>• <b>Approved South Bay Preparatory Academy</b> (denied by Campbell Union High School District) (Grades 6-12) - opened July 2009</li> </ul> <p>Charter Schools Closed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathfinder Charter School: closed January 2007</li> </ul>	2	0
2008	<p>Received one petition for countywide charter school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Magnolia Science Academy- Santa Clara</b> (Grades 6-12); opened fall 2010</li> </ul> <p>Received one petition on appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Rocketship Two</b> (Sí Se Puede) (denied by Alum Rock) – (Grades K-6) opened 2009</li> </ul> <p>Charter Schools Closed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership Public Schools - Campbell: Closed July 2008</li> </ul>	2	0
2009	<p>Received one petition for countywide charter</p> <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> <p>Received one petition on appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Downtown College Prep</b> (Grades 6-12); (denied by East Side Union High School District) opened fall 2011</li> </ul>	2	0
2010	<p>Received two petitions for countywide charter</p> <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</li> </ul> <p>Closed Charter Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Bay Preparatory Academy – Closed summer 2010</li> </ul>	2	0

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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 (K-8)</b></li> <li>• <b>Approved Summit Denali</b> (Grades 6-12; ( located in Fremont High School District); 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> (Alpha José Hernandez) (Grades 6-8) (denied by Alum Rock); opened 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> <p>Closed Charter Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Communitas</b> – Closed Spring 2013</li> </ul>	2	1
2014	<p>Received five petitions on appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Sunrise Middle</b> (Grades 6-8) denied for renewal by San José Unified; remained open</li> <li>• <b>Approved Rocketship Fuerza</b> (Grades TK-5) denied by Alum Rock Elementary; opened fall 2014</li> <li>• <b>Approved Spark Charter School</b> (Grades K-8) denied by Sunnyvale Elementary; opened fall 2015</li> <li>• <b>Approved Voices-College Bound Academy at Morgan Hill</b> (Grades TK-8) denied by Morgan Hill Unified; opened fall 2015</li> <li>• <b>Denied Morgan Hill Prep</b> (Grades TK-8) denied by Morgan Hill Unified</li> </ul>	4	1
2015 Jan - June	<p>Received three petitions on appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Denied Wei Yu International Charter</b> (K-8) denied by Moreland School District (approved by State Board of Education in 2016, scheduled to open Fall 2018)</li> <li>• <b>Approved Voices-College Bound Academy at Mount Pleasant</b> (Grades TK-8) denied by Mount Pleasant Elementary; opened fall 2015</li> <li>• <b>Denied STEM Academy of Silicon Valley</b> (Grades TK-8) denied by Santa Clara Unified</li> </ul>	1	2
July 2015 to June 2016	<p>Received one county-wide petition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Withdrawn by Petitioner - Legacy Academy Charter School</b></li> </ul> <p>Received and approved <b>6 Petitions for Renewal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Silicon Valley Flex, Summit Tahoma, Downtown College Prep, ACE Empower Academy, Rocketship Discovery Prep, and Bullis Charter)</li> </ul>	0	0
July 2016 to June 2017	<p>Received 2 county-wide petitions and one SCCOE-dependent petition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved Legacy Academy Charter School</b> – scheduled to open fall 2018</li> <li>• <b>Approved Opportunity Youth Program (SCCOE-Dependent)</b> – opened Aug 2016</li> <li>• <b>Denied Options for Youth</b></li> </ul> <p>Received and approved <b>4 Petitions for Renewal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Alpha José Hernandez, Rocketship Sí Se Puede, Rocketship Brilliant Minds, and Rocketship Alma)</li> </ul> <p>Closed Charter Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silicon Valley Flex: Closed July 2016</li> <li>• Leadership Public Schools–San José: Closed July 2016</li> <li>• Magnolia Science Academy–Santa Clara: Closed August 2016</li> </ul>	2	1

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