

# **The Academy of Alameda Charter Renewal**

**February 25, 2014**

# Criteria For Approval of Charter Renewal

Criteria for the approval of charter school's renewal petition are outlined in California Education Code section 47607 (b).

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**To renew, charters must have achieved one of the following:**

- (1) Attained its Academic Performance Index (API) growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years, or in the aggregate for the prior three years.
- (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) Achieved academic performance at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools that the Academy of Alameda pupils would otherwise have been required to attend, as well as the academic performance of the schools in AUSD, taking into account the composition of the pupil population that is served

# Charter Schools Act, Education Code 47605

Outlines additional criteria for approving charter school renewal petitions.

1. The charter school presents a sound educational program for the pupils to be enrolled in the charter school.
2. The petitioners are demonstrably likely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
3. The petition contains the numbers of signatures required.
4. The petition contains an affirmation of each of the conditions described in Education Code 47605 (d).
5. The petition contains reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the 16 required charter elements.

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## 1. The Academy of Alameda petition presents a sound educational program.

- Academic tests results confirm that the educational program is sound.
- The Academy of Alameda’s mission is to provide middle school students with an excellent education that equips them for academic success in high school and beyond. In particular the school focuses on helping students become self-developed, academically successful, culturally competent, responsible consumers and communicators of and information.

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## 1. The Academy of Alameda petition presents a sound educational program.

- The renewal petition describes a standards-based curriculum with the focus on all students being academically, behaviorally and socially successful at high levels and thus is prepared for high school and beyond.
- AOA's educational practices center around key elements for all students: high expectations and high engagement, personalized learning environment, a diverse academic program that supports students at different academic levels, educating the whole child with a focus on five student qualities and time to learn in order to foster academic mastery for all students.
- AOA is implementing research based supports and interventions for students.

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**1. The Academy of Alameda petition presents a sound educational program.**

The Academy of Alameda has exceeded 800 Academic Performance Index (API) score.

Year	API Score	Overall Decile Rank	Similar School Decile Rank
2011	770	N/A	N/A
2012	774	5	6
2013	808	N/A	N/A

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**2. The petitioners are demonstrably likely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.**

The petitioners and Board members are very capable individuals with considerable experience in education, human resources and financial management. The Academy of Alameda's successful achievement summarized above is the best evidence for concluding that the petitioners will successfully implement the program set forth.



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## 3. Petition Signatures.

Pursuant to CA Education Code Section 47605(a)(1)(B), the petition contains the signatures by a number of teachers that is equivalent to at least one-half the number of teachers that the charter school estimates will be employed at the school during its next year of operation.

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## 4. Required Affirmations

Pursuant to CA Education Code 47605(b)(4) the petition contains an affirmation of each of required conditions contained in CA Education Code section 47605(d)(1).

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**(5) The petition contains reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the 16 required charter elements.**

# Recommendation

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- Staff recommends that the Alameda Unified School District's Board of Education approve the petition for the renewal of The Academy of Alameda.

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- The term of this charter will be from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020, the term required for a renewal under the California Charter Schools Act (Education Code 47607 (a)(1)).

# Recommendation

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Staff recommends that the Academy of Alameda focus on addressing the following during the next five years:

1. Frequently monitor credentials and ensure that all facilitators are compliant with California Commission on Teaching Credentialing requirements.
2. Continue to seek out methods to increase parental and community involvement in the school with a special focus on increasing the parental involvement of subgroups who have a historical history of being disenfranchised.
3. Reflect upon the possibility of adding a structure for parent conferences to discuss student performance.

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Staff recommends that the Academy of Alameda focus on addressing the following during the next five years:

4. Continue to investigate and implement best practices for supporting English Learner achievement.

5. Continue to work to maintain high levels of academic achievement for all students as you transition to the common core.

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- AOA will be monitored for achieving, school wide and by designated student groups, the measurable student outcomes outlined in the charter.
- AOA will submit, annually, school goals, actions and related expenditures using the SBE adopted template.
- AOA will continue to maintain processes that allow individuals to file uniform complaints.
- AUSD will conduct, at a minimum, a yearly visit of AOA.