

Presentation to the Legislative Education Study Committee

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Academic Master Plan Goal #2: College and Career Readiness

Focus Area: School Choice and Blended

Learning

Recognize that learning is not one size fits all, and provide specialized schools with unique learning environments that build on student's interests, foster a passion for learning, and support





School Choice Portfolio Strategy

A systemic and purposeful approach to providing innovative magnet school, program, and charter school options that:

- meet the learning needs and interests of students and families
- o support Albuquerque's economic and workforce development ecosystem
- provide autonomy for innovation
- o provide customized district support
- o are geographically accessible
- provide educational pathways
- attract enrollment
- promote diversity
- o create networks of unique learning environments



Charter School Team

<u>Mission:</u> The APS Charter School Office empowers public school choice utilizing national authorizing best practices. The team builds strong relationships to support, monitor, and hold schools accountable for quality and innovative educational programs for all students.

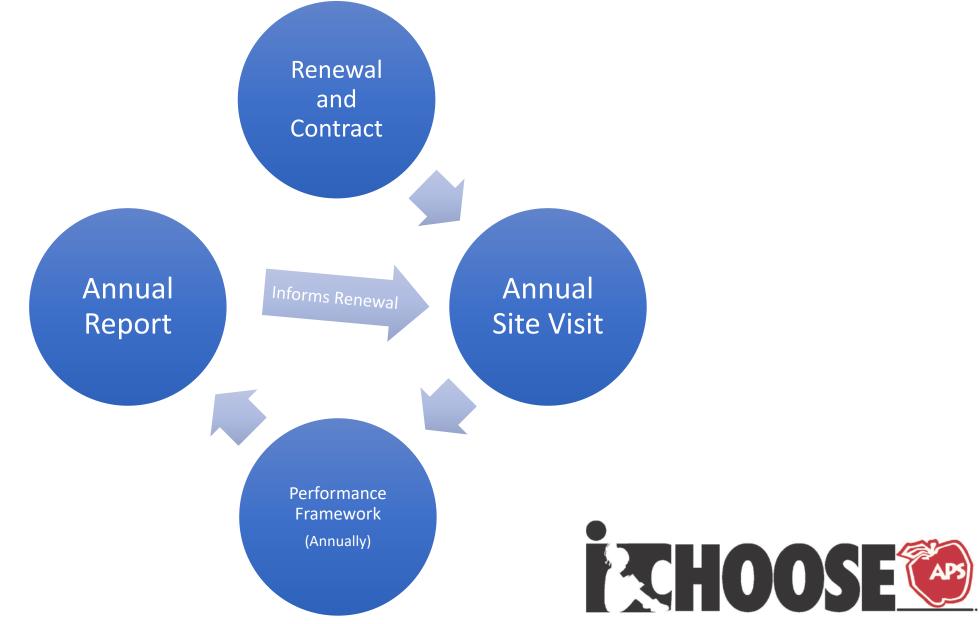
<u>Vision:</u> The APS Charter School Office will be a model authorizer operating with integrity in collaborative systems that inspires innovative, effective, and financially stable public school choices for Albuquerque students.







Charter School Cyclical Accountability Process



- 1. Academic Performance
- 2. Financial Performance
- 3. Organizational Performance



- Financial Performance
 - o Enrollment
 - Liquidity
 - Total Audit Findings
 - Repeat Audit Findings
 - Classification of Audit Findings
 - Exceptions from Site Visit



- Organizational Performance
 - Educational Plan
 - Implementation of Charter
 - Educational Requirements
 - Special Education Compliance
 - English Language Learners
 - Business Management and Oversight
 - Governance and Reporting
 - o Employees
 - School Environment





Sample School
2017-18 Performance Framework

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Elementary Schools

- Student attainment on the NWEA MAP test
- Student growth on the NWEA MAP test
- Student attendance
- My Voice, My School survey
- Student growth on ACCESS for English Learners
- Data quality

High Schools

- Student attainment on the PSAT/SAT assessments
- Student growth on the PSAT/SAT assessments
- Student attendance
- Graduation rate
- Freshman on-track rate
- Dropout rate
- Students earning early college or career credentials
- College enrollment and persistence
- My Voice, My School survey
- Data quality

Option Schools

- Student growth on the STAR test
- Graduation rate
- Enrollment stabilization
- Student attendance
- Credit attainment





Student Progress: Growth in English and math over time.

Student Achievement: Meeting or exceeding English and math standards.

Gateway: Predictors of future educational and/or career success.

School Environment: Measures that capture school climate.



- Academic Performance Indicators
 - Mission: The APS Charter School Academic Performance Indicators will include unique accountability measures that are consistent across the portfolio.
 - Vision: The APS Charter School Academic Performance Indicators will be transparent, unique, and provide unified clarity.





Recommendations

- Add NACSA Principles to NMSA 1978 § 22-8B-5.3
- Support Authorizer Collaboration
 - o Example:
 - Florida Association of Charter School Authorizers (FACSA)
 - Minnesota Association of Charter School Authorizers (MACSA)



Recommendations

- Change 30-day contract requirement in NMSA 1978 § 22-8B-9A. This is not practical with winter break.
- Clarify that a charter school is revoked if the chartering authority does not approve contract (NMSA 1978 § 22-8B-9A)
- Require that the Public Education Commission/Public Education Department authorize a school if the Secretary grants an appeal of the denial of a new application or a renewal application.

