Turquoise Trail Charter School

2016

The Oldest Charter School in New Mexico



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Established- well run school

Long term- established Governance Board President 18 years on the board

Well established finance model, excellent controls health cash balance

Stable experience charter school leadership

Focus on community, arts, academics and student improvement



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Meeting community needs

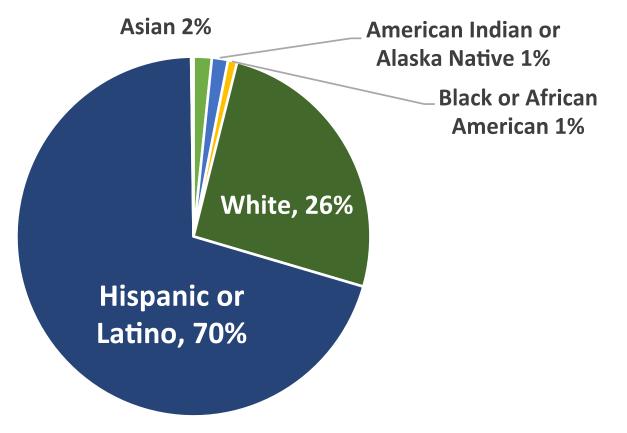
- Remote rural location
 - After care program
 - Little coyotes PK program
 - Clubs (6 weeks)
 - Activities 16 weeks
 - Guitar
 - Choir
 - Jazz group
 - Singing songwriting
 - Drama/video/filmaking





Full enrollment every year

- Lottery (wait list)
- Busing
- Increasing ELL population 20%
- Increasing SPED population 16%
- 65% Free and Reduced
- 75% Hispanic





Award winning school

- Charter School of the year 2014-15
- Governing board of the year 2015-16
- SF reporter 3rd most popular elementary in SF
- 99% parent satisfaction on NMPED parent survey
- School Grade B
- Heroes of social justice display at Southside library





Charter school performance Goals

- 70% of all students reach their annual growth goals on DEA
- 6 out of 7 grades made the goal
- ISTE standards
 - Developed k-6 goals for our elementary school
 - 90% of student meeting "21st century goals"
 - Developed performance assessments for all grades to determine if students meet goals



High levels of involvement in extra-curricular

- 2 bands
- Choir
- Guitar ensemble
- Basketball
- Cheer
- Wrestling
- Swim team
- NDI and swat team





PTO community events

- PTO fundraising \$ to classrooms
- Fall fest
- Movie nights
- Dances
- Winter fest
- Thanksgiving dinner
- A day of Music For the Arts
- Semi annual Gala fundraiser





Finance model focused on student programs

- Full time nurse
- Counselor
- Gifted program
- Librarian
- Reading specialist
- No vice principal, no dean of students
- Music teacher, PE teacher , Art teacher
- Bi-lingual teacher



Governance board

- Annual elections for community to select board
- Monthly meeting monthly work/study monthly finance
- Annual retreat to set goals and review strategic plan
- Committees
 - Audit
 - Expansion
 - Marketing
 - Evaluation of Head Admin
- 7 member (minimum board)
 - 2 faculty members
 - Head Admin and business mgr. ex officio





Future concerns

- Rural Location
 - 5 buses 250 students

Facility-

We would like to grow and we don't own facility have a 5 year lease

Ed tech funding clarification

Dependence on fundraising. we do not have an annual fee we have a foundation but have not hired fundraiser yet.

