2020 Charter School Renewal Application Cycle

Office of Autonomous Schools, Aurora Public Schools
Purpose of the Charter Renewal Process

Renewal is the defining moment in a charter school’s life cycle. Charter schools are built around the promise of greater autonomy in exchange for greater accountability, and the renewal decision is where a charter school is held to task.

Is the school an academic success?

Did it meet the performance goals and standards laid out in its charter contract?

Does performance warrant future operation or should it be closed?
Factors Impacting Renewal Decisions

- Fiscal performance
- Governance effectiveness
- Leadership and instructional quality
- Compliance with the terms of its charter contract and applicable laws and regulations
- Mission fulfillment

Additional Considerations:

- Parental and community support
- Significant positive or negative trends in performance, operations, and/or governance
Applicable Law, Policy, and Best Practice
The District Accountability Committee shall review and comment on an application before submission to the Board. The District Accountability Committee shall include one person with a demonstrated knowledge of district charter schools, regardless of whether that person resides within the school district, and one parent/legal guardian of a child enrolled in a charter school in the school district; except that if there are no charter schools in the school district, the Board of Education shall appoint a parent or legal guardian of a child enrolled in the school district. Such review may be based upon standards for review suggested by district administration. The accountability committee will have at least 15 days to review the application.
Renewal Process Timeline Overview
DAAC Reviewers: Dates to Remember

- September 16 - DAAC Renewal Application Process Training
- October 4 - Applications are LIVE in Charter.Tools
- October 11 - Initial Reviewer Comments DUE in Charter.Tools (Schools 1-2)
- October 18 - Initial Reviewer Comments DUE in Charter.Tools (Schools 3-5)
- October 28 - November 8 - Renewal Application Interviews
- November 13 - Reviewer Final Comments and Ratings DUE in Charter.Tools
- December 3 - APS Board Meeting: Renewal Recommendation
- December 17 - APS Board Work Session: Board Ruling on Renewal Application
School Context
Aurora Academy

ABOUT
- K-8 Public Charter School
- 58 Employees
- 539 Students, October 2018
- Year Opened: 2000
- Program: Core Knowledge Sequence

SPF Ratings
- 2015-16 Improvement
- 2016-17 Performance
- 2017-18 Performance
- 2018-19 Performance
# AXL Academy

## ABOUT
- PK-8 Public Charter School
- 43 Employees
- 471 Students, October 2018
- Year Opened: 2007
- Program: Expeditionary Learning

## SPF Ratings

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Global Village Academy

ABOUT
- PK-8 Public Charter School
- 113 Employees
- 1,024 Students, October 2018
- Year Opened: 2007
- Program: Language Immersion

SPF Ratings
- 2015-16 Improvement
- 2016-17 Improvement
- 2017-18 Priority Improvement
- 2018-19 Improvement
### Longitudinal Overview (2018-19)

**Global Village Academy Aurora Head Count**  
(Includes PreK)

*Note: K-12 Student Enrollment excludes Options, Children’s Hospital, and pre-K students are excluded from counts. ASCEN students, Crossroads, Future, and Rebound students are included. NDK: Half-Day Kindergarten; PDK: Full-Day Kindergarten.*

#### Longitudinal Count

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#### Longitudinal Gender

- October 2016: 51.2% Male, 48.8% Female
- October 2017: 50.9% Male, 49.1% Female
- October 2018: 49.8% Male, 50.2% Female

#### Longitudinal Language Proficiency

- October 2016: Not Applicable (N/A)
- October 2017: Not Applicable (N/A)
- October 2018: Not Applicable (N/A)

#### Longitudinal Ethnicity

- October 2016: 32.8% Nat Am, 21.2% Black, 54.0% White, 6.5% Multi
- October 2017: 13.3% Nat Am, 13.3% Black, 55.3% White, 7.2% Multi
- October 2018: 11.2% Nat Am, 6.8% Black, 56.9% White, 8.7% Multi

#### Longitudinal FRL

- October 2016: Not Eligible (N/A)
- October 2017: Not Eligible (N/A)
- October 2018: Not Eligible (N/A)

#### Longitudinal GT

- October 2016: Other Gifted (N/A)
- October 2017: Other Gifted (N/A)
- October 2018: Other Gifted (N/A)

#### Longitudinal SpED

- October 2016: Not SPED (N/A)
- October 2017: Not SPED (N/A)
- October 2018: Not SPED (N/A)
# Rocky Mountain Prep

**ABOUT**

- PK-5 Public Charter School
- 65 Employees
- 337 Students, October 2018
- Year Opened: 2016
- Program: College-Preparatory
  - APS Autism Center

**SPF Ratings**

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# Academy of Advanced Learning

**ABOUT**

- K-8 Public Charter School
- 144 Employees
- 700 Students, October 2018
- Year Opened: 2017
- Program: Personalized Learning

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Renewal Application Overview
Review of Renewal Application Updates 2019

- **Application Sections**
  - School Overview
  - Looking Back (Reflection)
  - Looking Ahead (Future Plans)
- **Charter Modifications**
  - Minor modifications
  - Major modifications
- **District Policy Waivers**
Important Reminders...

Focus on the school’s CURRENT charter term.

USE the application standards.

**ASK** when you don’t know.

Use FACTS, not FEELINGS.

YOUR review makes a difference.

Review through a FAIR and EQUITABLE lens.

Speak for your COMMUNITY.
Charter.Tools
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