

The Office of Innovation and Incubation

Charter School Renewals and MMAs

Board Recommendations

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Charter Processes: Overview of Board Approval Items

Discussion Topics Today:

- **Charter and Contract School Renewals**
 - The review of a school's ability to meet its contractual obligations, specifically: academics, finance, compliance and governance.
- **Material Modification of Contracts**
 - Requested changes to contracts, often related to facilities, locations, enrollment, or scheduled opening.



Charter Renewal Process: 2014-2015 Renewal Cohort

Fourteen charter schools (10,158 students) and **one contract school** (377 students) have agreement terms ending June 30, 2015:

School	SY15 Grades	SY15 Enrollment	Neighborhood
<i>Charter Schools</i>			
Academy for Global Citizenship	K-7	391	Garfield Ridge
Catalyst-Circle Rock ¹	K-8	516	Austin
Catalyst-Howland ^{1 2}	K-8	468	North Lawndale
EPIC	9-12	421	South Chicago
Erie	K-8	440	West Town
Galapagos	K-8	338	Humboldt Park
Instituto-Health Sciences	9-12	769	Lower West Side
Legacy	K-8	496	North Lawndale
Rowe	K-7	692	West Town
Urban Prep-Bronzeville ³	9-12	479	Bronzeville
Urban Prep-Englewood ³	9-12	477	Englewood
Urban Prep-West ³	9-12	418	Near West Side
<i>Options Charter Schools</i>			
Prologue-Joshua Johnston	9-12	250	Washington Heights
YCCS ⁴	9-12	4,003	Citywide
<i>Contract School</i>			
ChiTech	9-12	377	Near West Side

The renewal process for all school types is similar



1 Operated by Catalyst Schools as a multi-site, multi-charter network

2 In February 2015, Catalyst Schools voluntarily withdrew its renewal application for Catalyst-Howland

3 Operated by Urban Prep Academies as a multi-site, multi-charter network

4 Operated by YCCS as a multi-site, single-charter network

Charter Renewal Process: I&I Recommendations

School	Rec. Term	Conditions	Recommendation Drivers
Academy for Global Citizenship	5-Year	Resolve minor Facility issues	
Catalyst-Circle Rock	5-Year	Resolve minor ADA issues	
Catalyst-Howland	Non-Renewal	Not applicable	Catalyst Board withdrew renewal application; we accept the board decision to hold high standards
ChiTech ¹	3-year	Continued oversight by Academic Excellence Committee	Current agreement term is 1-year due to poor academic performance; on-going partnership with High Tech High to guide school improvement efforts
EPIC ³	3-Year	None	2 of 3 years poor academic performance
Erie	5-Year	None	
Galapagos	3-Year	Resolve Facility issues	3 of 5 years poor academic performance; unresolved facility issues from previous renewal review
Instituto-Health Sciences	3-Year	Financial standing rating of >1; Maintain expected legal structure	Poor financial performance and governance oversight; entangled agreement structure between school and partner organization
Legacy ²	5-Year	None	
Rowe ²	5-Year	None	
Urban Prep-Bronzeville	5-Year	Compliance reporting rating of >1; Cash-on-hand ratio of >1	
Urban Prep-Englewood	3-Year	Compliance reporting rating of >1; Cash-on-hand ratio of >1	3 of 5 years poor academic performance
Urban Prep-West ³	3-Year	Compliance reporting rating of >1; Cash-on-hand ratio of >1	2 of 3 years poor academic performance
YCCS ²	5-Year	Resolve Facility/ADA issues	



1 School is a contract school

2 School submitted a material modification application (MMA). See MMA slides for further information.

3 Performance ratings are not available for all years of the school agreement due to grades phasing in

School Material Modification Process: I&I Recommendations

School Enrollment Increases: 7

School	SY15 Perf	Current	Proposed	I&I Rec
Rowe Elementary Charter	Level 1+	750	900	900
YCCS – Ada S. McKinley	Level 1+	170	204	204
YCCS – ASA	Level 1+	181	217	217
YCCS – ASPIRA	Level 1	162	182	182
YCCS – CCA	Level 1+	177	231	231
YCCS – Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos	Level 1+	169	179	179
YCCS – Innovations	Level 1+	292	351	351

School Changes in Location: 7

School	SY15 Perf	Current	Proposed	Start Year
Excel Woodlawn	N/A	7530 S. Shore Drive	1 year extension of lease for 7530 S. Shore Drive	Fall 2015
Legacy	Level 2	4217 W. 18 th Street	New Construction – 3300 W. Ogden	Fall 2016
Perspectives Leadership	Level 2+	8131 S. May	8522 S. Lafayette	Fall 2016
Perspectives HS of Technology	Level 2+	8131 S. May	8522 S. Lafayette	Fall 2016
Rowe Elementary	Level 1+	1424 N. Cleaver	1434 W. Augusta	Fall 2015
YCCS - Charles Houston	Level 1+	7847 S. Jeffrey	6620 S. King Drive	Fall 2015



School Material Modification Process: I&I Recommendations

Delays in School Opening: 4

School	Current	Proposed
Camelot Safe Academy Garfield	Fall 2014	Fall 2015
Magic Johnson Brainerd Park	Fall 2014	Fall 2015
Ombudsman North	Fall 2014	Fall 2016
Pathways Lincoln Square	Fall 2014	Fall 2016

Miscellaneous School Actions: 3

School	Proposed Changes
ASPIRA – Mirta Ramirez	Early phase out of ASPIRA – Mirta Ramirez by removing 12 th grade
Chicago International Charter School	Enrollment number correction and EMO update
Foundations	Address correction

