
Charter Renewal Staff Recommendation

Aspire College Academy
October 21, 2025



**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Community Schools, Thriving Students

Charter School Renewal Overview

Timeline

Background

Every 5 years (typically), a Charter School must submit a renewal petition to their authorizer in order to continue operating. The authorizer, the OUSD Board of Education, must evaluate the renewal petition based on criteria outlined in California Education Code and the school's Renewal Tier placement. The Board must vote within 90 days of submission to approve or deny the petition.

COVID-19 Impact on Charter Renewal

Due to the lack of Dashboard data after COVID, the State legislature extended all charters' terms by a total of **three years**. Therefore, all OUSD-authorized charter schools that are up for renewal this fall are currently in **year 8** of their charter term.

Day 0

Submission

By Day 60

Initial Public Hearing

**15 Days Before
Decision Hearing**

Staff Report Posted

By Day 90

Decision Hearing

Charter School Renewal Criteria



Criterion 1

Has the Charter School Presented a Sound Educational Program?



Criterion 2

Is the Charter School Demonstrably Likely to Successfully Implement the Proposed Educational Program?



Criterion 3

Is the Petition Reasonably Comprehensive?



Criterion 4

Is the Charter School Serving All Students Who Wish to Attend?*

**Limited to enrollment data from CDE and suspension, expulsion, and disenrollment compliance*

Renewal Analysis and Staff Recommendation

Aspire College Academy

Charter School Overview

Aspire College Academy (“ACA”)

Charter Management Organization	Aspire Public Schools	OUSD Attendance Area	Castlemont/CCPA/ Madison
Grade Span	TK-5	Current Enrollment	196
OUSD Board District	District 6	5-Year Projected Enrollment	242, 268, 266, 272, 296

ACA was placed in the Middle Tier

No default recommendation from State; Eligible for 5-year renewal term

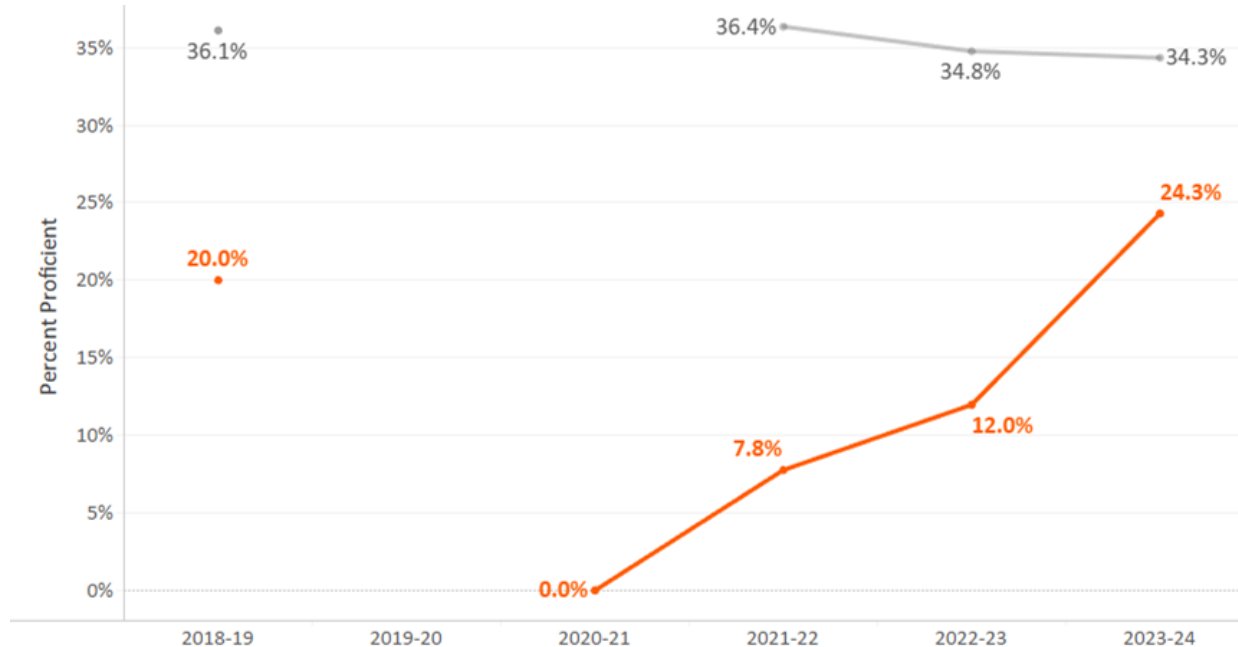
CA Dashboard Overview

	ELA	Math	EL Progress	Suspension	Chronic Absenteeism
2022-23	Orange 100.2 pts below standard <i>Increased 11.1 pts</i>	Yellow 87.3 pts below standard <i>Increased 26 pts</i>	No Color 29.5% making progress	Blue 0.4% suspended Declined 1.9%	Yellow 48.2% absent Declined 15.6%
2023-24	Yellow 68.8 pts below standard <i>Increased 31.5 pts</i>	Yellow 58.9 pts below standard <i>Increased 28.5 pts</i>	Green 52% making progress Increased 22.5%	Orange 2.9% suspended Increased 2.4%	Yellow 44.6% absent Declined 3.6%



Renewal Criterion 1

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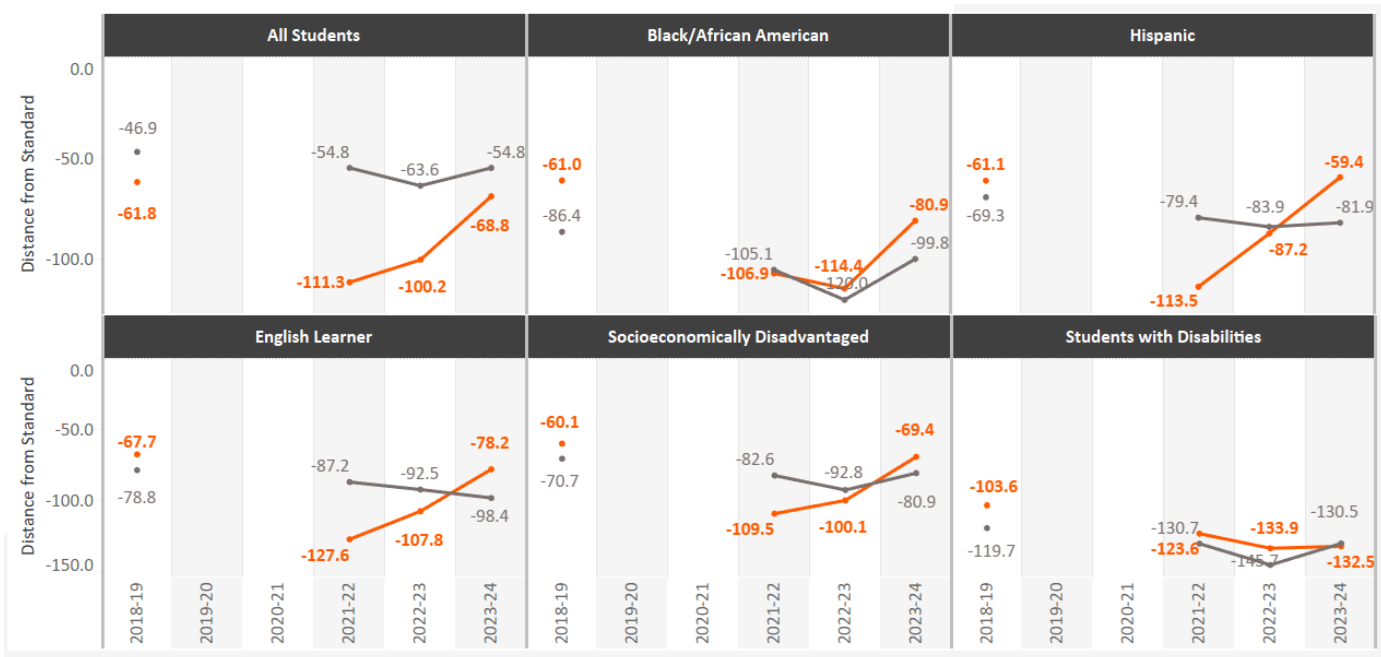


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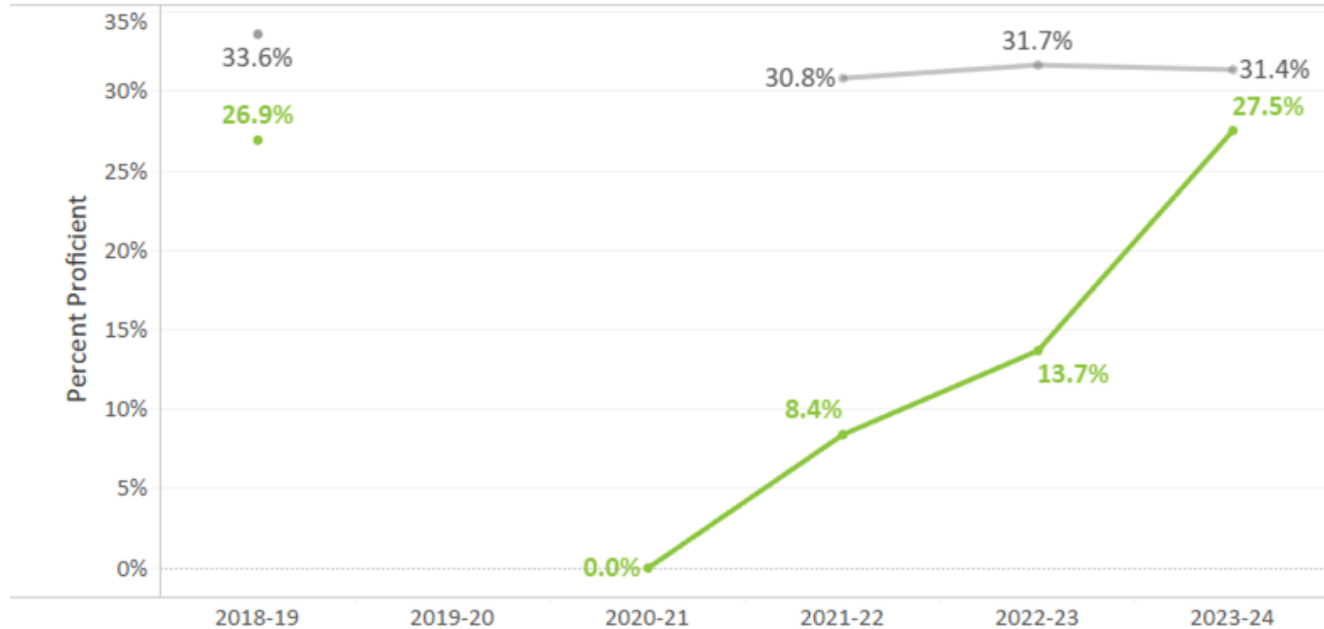


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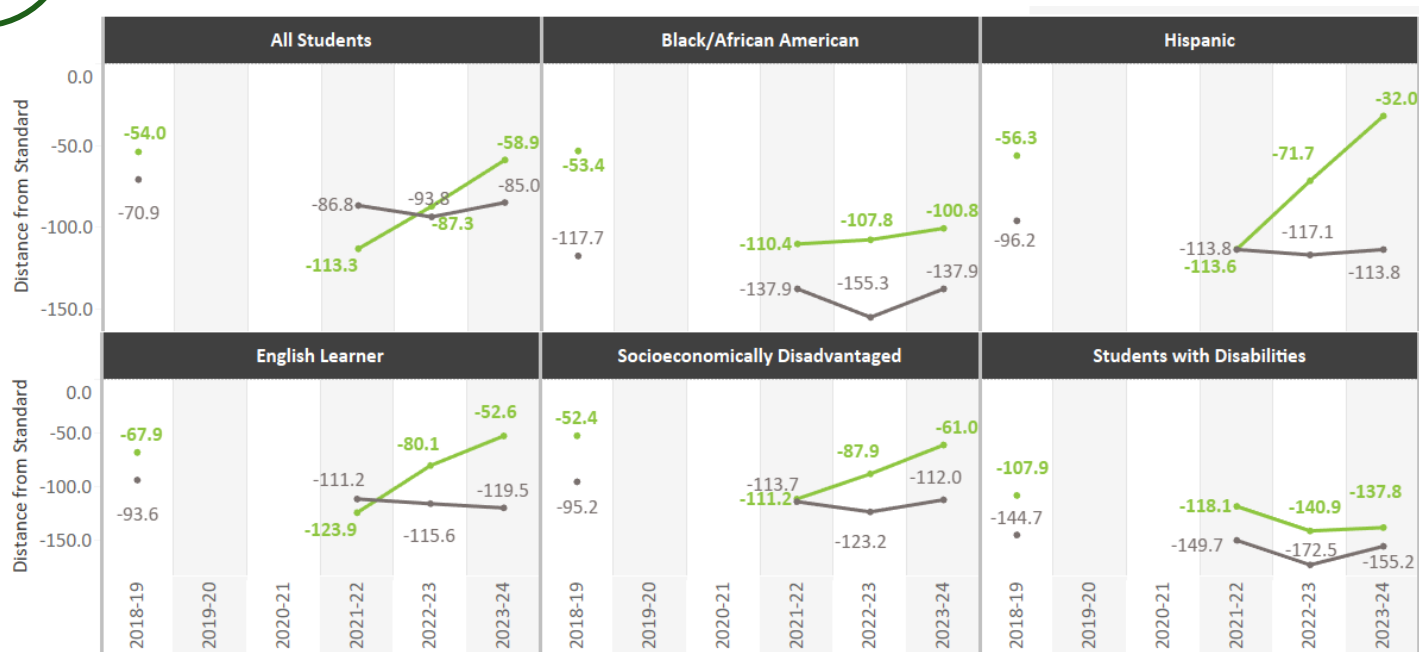


Math Proficiency has increased significantly post-pandemic, but remains slightly under the District average.



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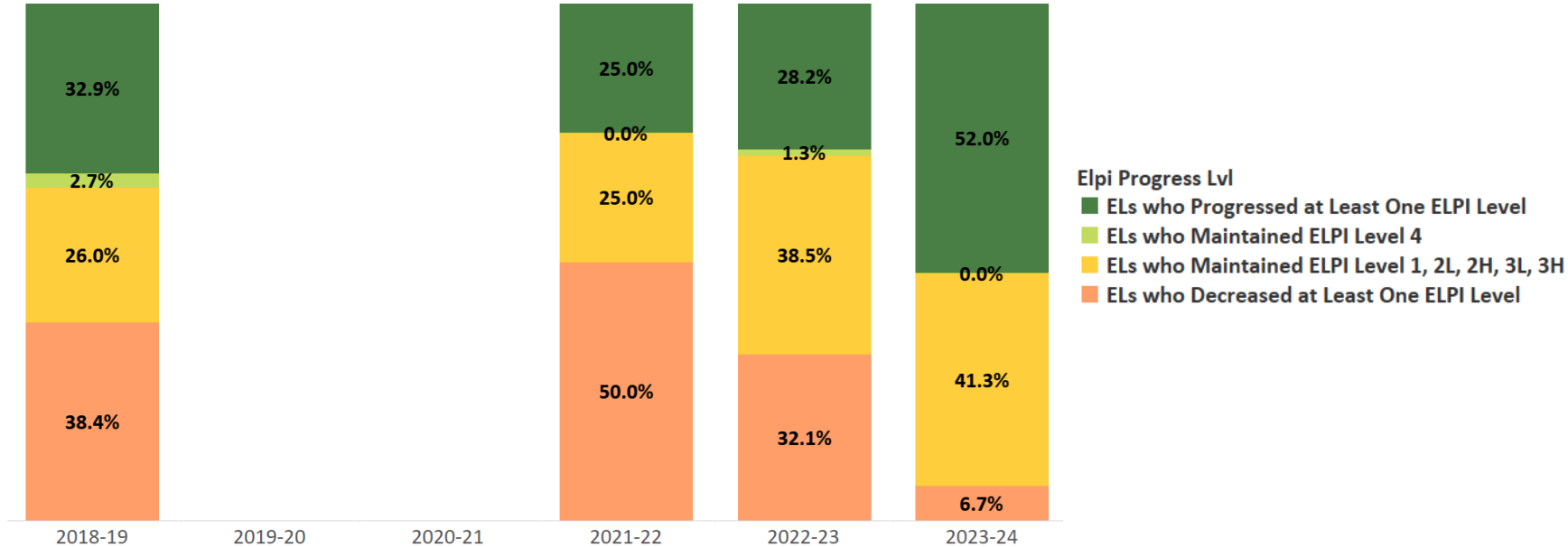


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English Learner Progress

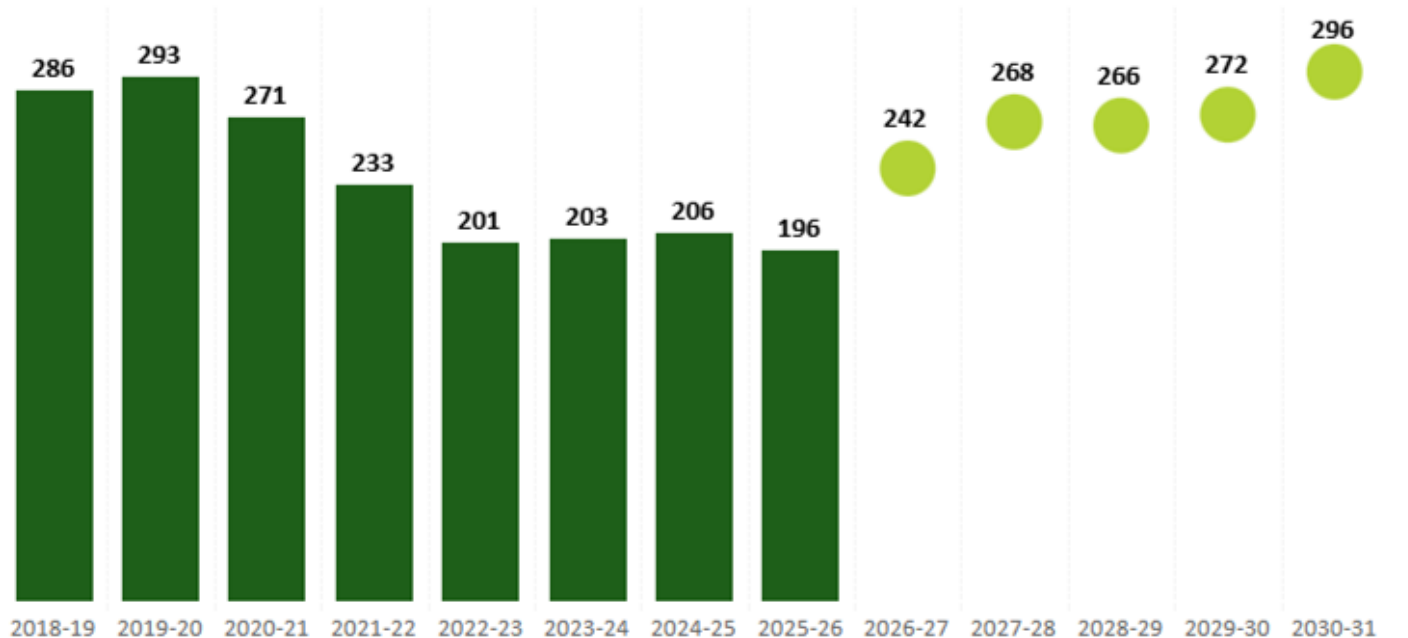


The percentage of students progressing at least one ELPI Level increased significantly in 2023-24, while the percentage of students decreasing at least one level declined to only 6.7%.



Renewal Criterion 2

Total and Projected Enrollment Over Time



ACA's total enrollment has decreased post-pandemic from a high of 293 in 2019-20 to a low of 196 during the current school year.



Renewal Criterion 2

Fiscal Health

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 2nd Interim
Ending Fund Balance	\$1,049,350	\$1,517,116	\$1,116,536	\$882,934
Annual Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$381,984)	\$467,766	(\$400,580)	(\$233,602)
Budgetary Reserve	6%	9%	9%	4%
Audit Findings	Yes	None	Yes	N/A



Renewal Criterion 3

Renewal Petition Review

The charter petition included a reasonably comprehensive description, per State standards, of the 15 required elements outlined in California Education Code.



Renewal Criterion 4

CDE Enrollment Data and Complaints

There were no substantiated complaints related to noncompliance with suspension, expulsion, or involuntary disenrollment procedures and no evidence in the State-provided enrollment data which suggests the Charter School is not serving all students who wish to attend.

Staff Recommendation

The OUSD Office of Charter Schools recommends APPROVAL

with a Fiscal Benchmark to track audit finding clearance.

Strengths	Challenges
● ELA proficiency and DFS show strong post-pandemic upward trajectory. ● Math proficiency and DFS have increased significantly post-pandemic. ● ELs making progress has increased, with a Green ELPI indicator. ● Despite declining enrollment, school remains a sustainable size with a healthy fund balance.	● Declining DFS for Students with Disabilities post-pandemic. ● Most recent audit identified two material weaknesses.