

Material Revision Staff Recommendation Downtown Charter Academy

*OUSD Office of Charter Schools
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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

Material Revision Overview

Proposed One-Year Change in Enrollment Priorities

DCA proposes to update its enrollment priorities to establish a one-year enrollment preference for current OCA 6th and 7th grade students displaced by the anticipated voluntary closure of Oakland Charter Academy.

Proposed Permanent Change in Enrollment Priorities

Following the Initial Public Hearing, DCA re-submitted their Material Revision request with a permanent update to its enrollment priorities to establish an enrollment preference for students experiencing homelessness, as defined under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Proposed Enrollment Change

2025-26 Actuals	2026-27 Projections
318	448

Material Revision Criteria and Timeline

When evaluating a material revision to a Charter Petition, the evaluation considers the following criteria, outlined in Education Code.

01

Has the Charter School Presented a Sound Educational Program?

02

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

03

Is the Proposed Petition Reasonably Comprehensive?

Criteria II: DCA Fiscal Sustainability

Projected Enrollment and Growth Rates (actuals include OCA's current enrollment)

	2025-26 (Actuals)	2026-27
Projected Enrollment	517	448
Year over Year % Change	-1.9%	-13.3%

Fiscal Health Summary

Financial Indicator	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (1 st Interim)
Annual Surplus or (Deficit)	553,801	518,999	496,417	294,684	539,247	37,154
Ending Fund Balance	2,834,641	3,353,640	3,850,057	4,144,741	4,683,988	4,721,142
Debt Ratio	0.19	0.26	0.14	0.37	0.29	0.27
Budgetary Reserve	72%	78%	74%	80%	95%	83%
Cash Reserve	68%	70%	54%	82%	93%	81%

Criteria II: Facilities Compliance

Building Capacity

- According to the floorplans submitted by AMPS, their building has 22 classrooms.
- The 22 classrooms would accommodate DCA's proposed 2026-27 school year enrollment of 448 with a 20 student to classroom ratio.

Enrollment Preference Impact Analysis

- The Charter School stated that the one-year enrollment preference would likely increase DCA's Hispanic student enrollment from 13% to 25-30%.
- The Charter School stated that the enrollment preference would bring DCA's demographic composition closer to OUSD districtwide averages.

Criteria III: Is the Petition Reasonably Comprehensive?

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

Staff Recommendation Summary

Staff recommends approval of the Material Revision.
Approval is recommended with the following benchmark:

The Charter School's Charter Management Organization ("CMO"), Amethod Public Schools, shall complete closure procedures for Oakland Charter Academy by fully completing and implementing OUSD's charter school closure checklist.

Considerations

- A. *The Charter School's proposed location can accommodate its students without any new construction.*
- B. *The Charter School has acquired a signed lease agreement, completed a community impact questionnaire, and provided evidence of a fire safety inspection from the City of Oakland.*



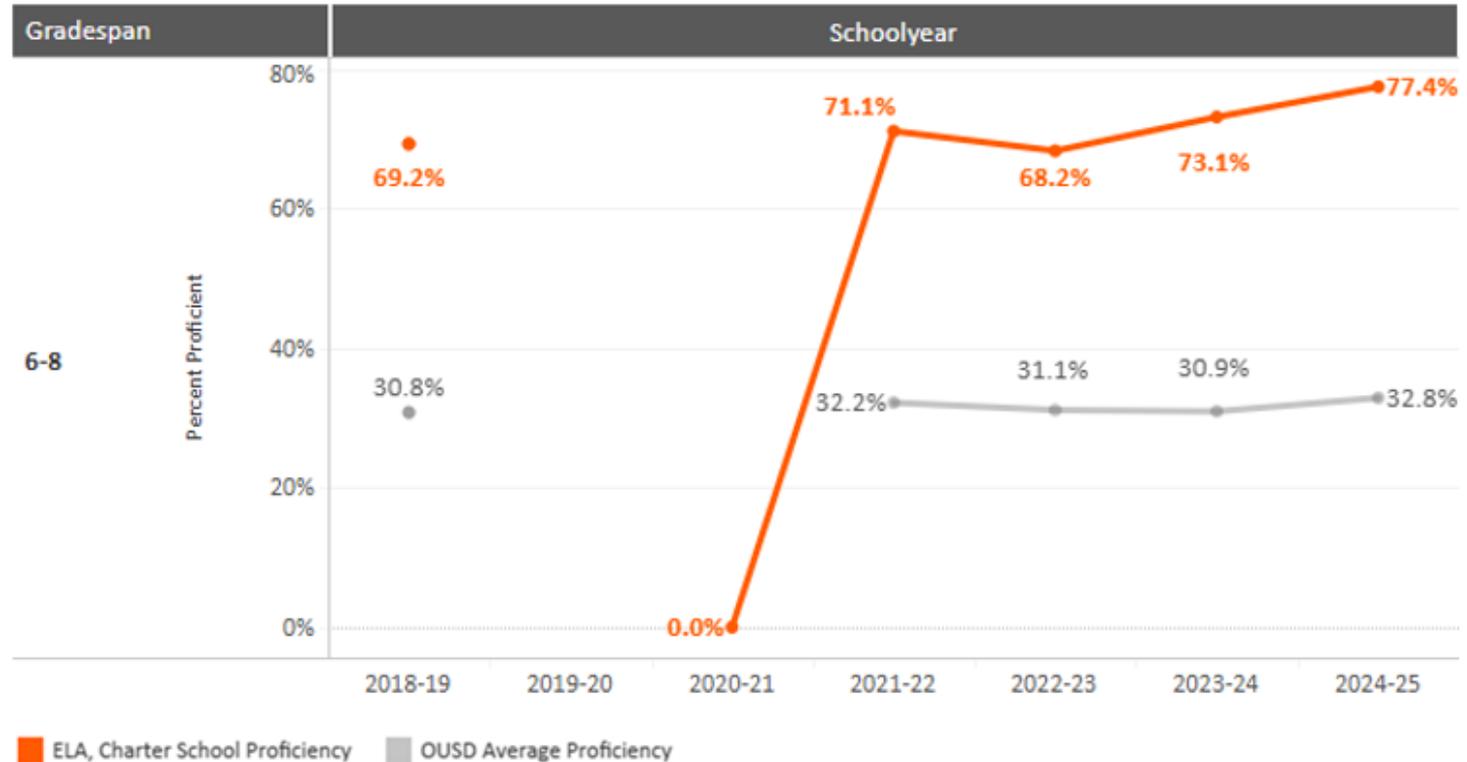
Appendix

California State Dashboard Results

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
English Language Arts	Green ↓ -10.80 pts	No Color ↔	No Color ↔	No Color ↔	Green ↓ -4.80 pts	Blue ↑ 12.00 pts	Blue ↑ 9.30 pts
Math	Green ↓ -35.20 pts	No Color ↔	No Color ↔	No Color ↔	Blue ↑ 5.30 pts	Blue ↑ 15.10 pts	Blue ↑ 7.60 pts
English Learner Progress	No Color ↔	No Color ↔	No Color ↔	No Color ↔	Green ↔ -7.10 pp	Blue ↔ 12.00 pp	Orange ↔ -29.70 pp

SBAC ELA Results Compared to OUSD Averages

Figure 14: Schoolwide ELA SBAC Proficiency Rates Over Time – DCA and OUSD*



SBAC Math Results Compared to OUSD Averages

