



**OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Community Schools, Thriving Students*

# Charter Renewal Recommendation: Lighthouse Community Charter School (K-8)

OUSD Office of Charter Schools



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# OUSD Charter Renewal Standards

OUSD Charter Renewal Standard	Key Evidence Considered by OUSD Staff
<b>I. The school is academically sound</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Renewal tier analysis</li><li>• School Performance Analysis (State Dashboard and CORE growth data)</li><li>• Key student group performance comparisons</li><li>• School Quality Review site visit</li><li>• Performance Improvement Plan (if applicable)</li></ul>
<b>II: The school is demonstrably likely to be able to implement the proposed program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finances</li><li>• Enrollment trends and demographics</li><li>• Notices of Concern</li><li>• Board health/effectiveness</li></ul>
<b>III: The school's plans for a future charter term are "reasonably comprehensive"</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Required charter petition elements/information</li></ul>
<b>IV: The school is serving all students who wish to attend</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State-provided enrollment data</li><li>• Any substantiated complaints related to suspension/expulsion violations</li></ul> <p>(NOTE: Ed Code limits consideration to only these data sources.)</p>



Office of Charter Schools  
Recommendation for  
Lighthouse K-8:  
**Approve**

Renewal Standard I – Academically Sound: **Met**

Renewal Standard II – Likely to Implement Proposed Program: **Met**

Renewal Standard III – Plans are “Reasonably Comprehensive”: **Met**

Renewal Standard IV – Serving All Students Who Wish to Attend: **Met**



# Strengths and Challenges

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## Strengths

- Consistent upward trajectory among most key student groups; state test proficiency rates for economically disadvantaged African American students, economically disadvantaged Latinx students, and English Learner students at Lighthouse were higher than the OUSD average for these groups in all years of the charter term.
- Strong CORE growth in Math for all years of the charter term.
- Stable enrollment and high year-over-year student retention rates, indicating strong demand and satisfaction from families.
- Commitment to deeply held shared core values among staff, school leaders, families, students, and the governing board.

## Challenges

- High suspension rates, which increased 6 percentage points to 11% in 2018-19, as well as a disproportionately high suspension rate for African American students at the school.
- Students with disabilities have not experienced the same upward trajectory in academic performance as other key student groups at the school.

# Renewal Tier Analysis

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- AB 1505 introduced a new 3-tiered system for charter renewal
- State identified the renewal tier (Low, Middle, or High) for each school based on its State Dashboard indicators
- Lighthouse met **Middle Tier** criteria

## Renewal Decision Requirements - Middle Tier Schools

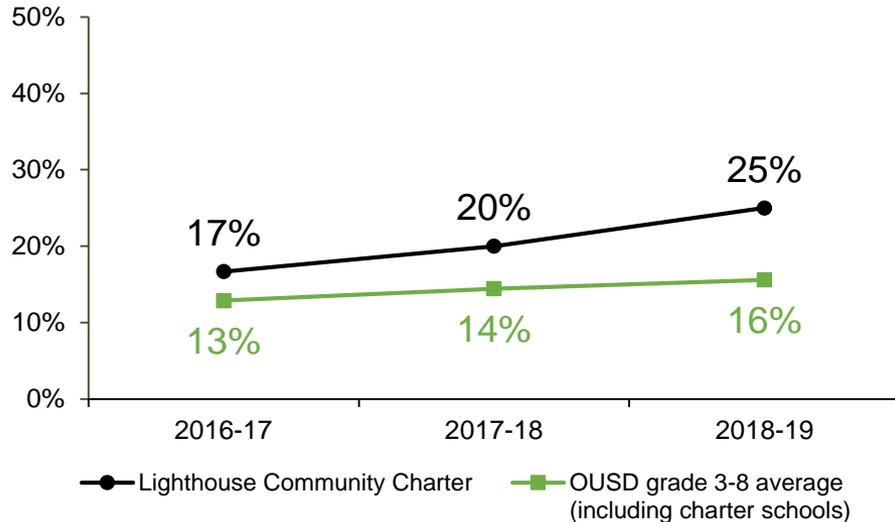
- Eligible for 5-year renewal term
- May only be denied for academic reasons if the Board makes **all** of the following written findings:
  - The school has failed to make sufficient progress toward meeting standards for students;
  - Closure is in the best interest of students; AND
  - The decision provided greater weight to academic performance



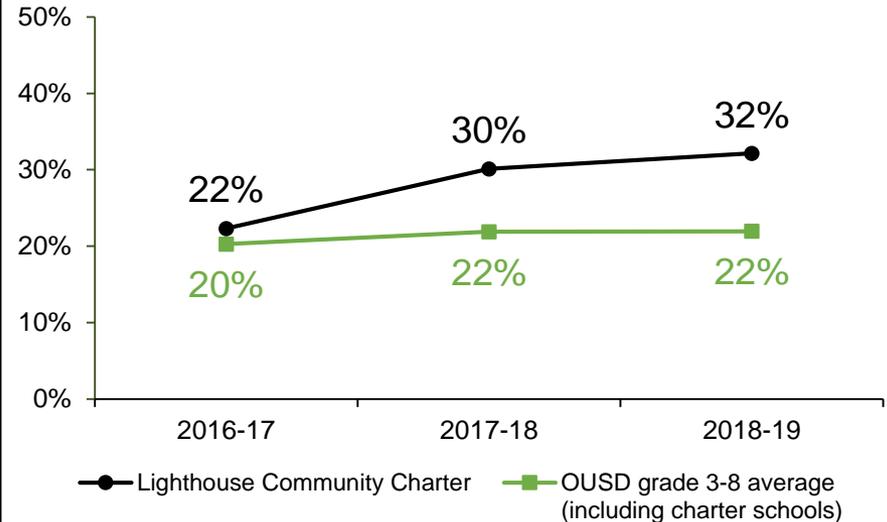
# Key Student Group Comparisons

## State Test Proficiency (combined ELA/Math average)

### Economically Disadvantaged African American Students



### Economically Disadvantaged Hispanic/Latinx Students

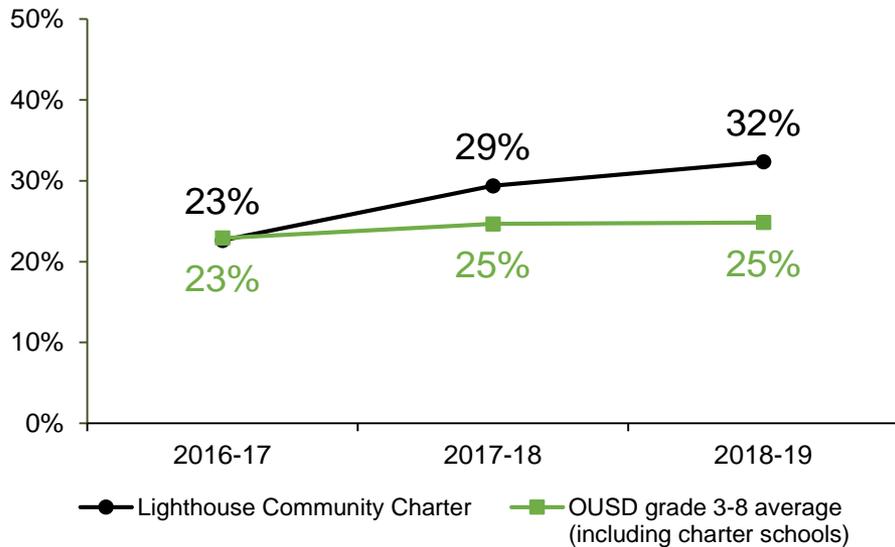




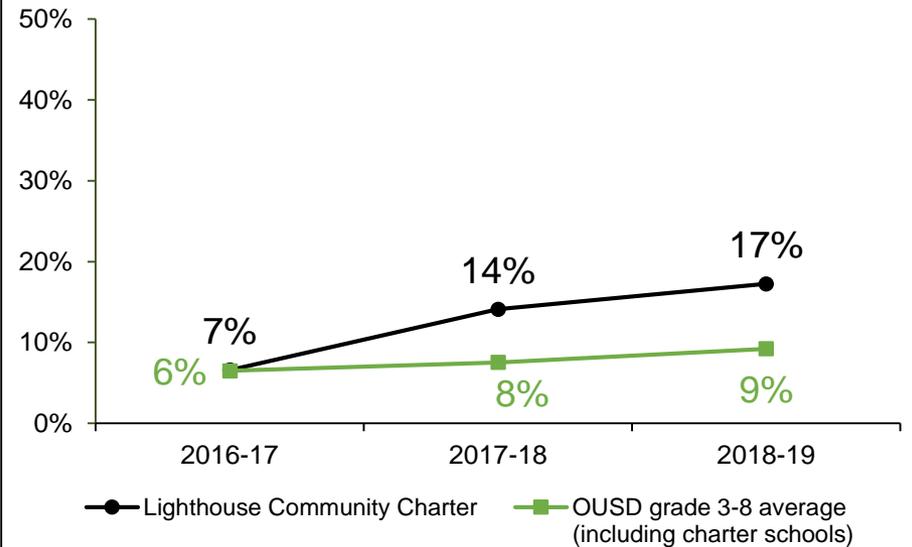
# Key Student Group Comparisons, Cont'd

## State Test Proficiency (combined ELA/Math average)

### Economically Disadvantaged Students



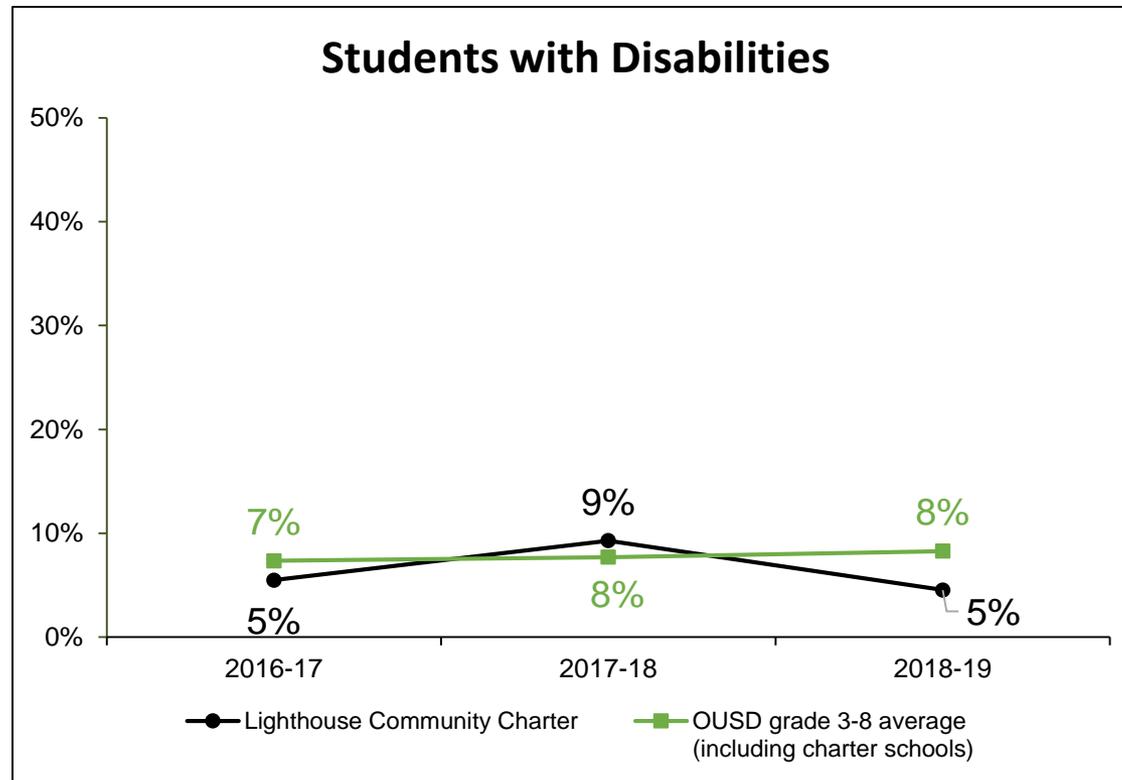
### English Learners



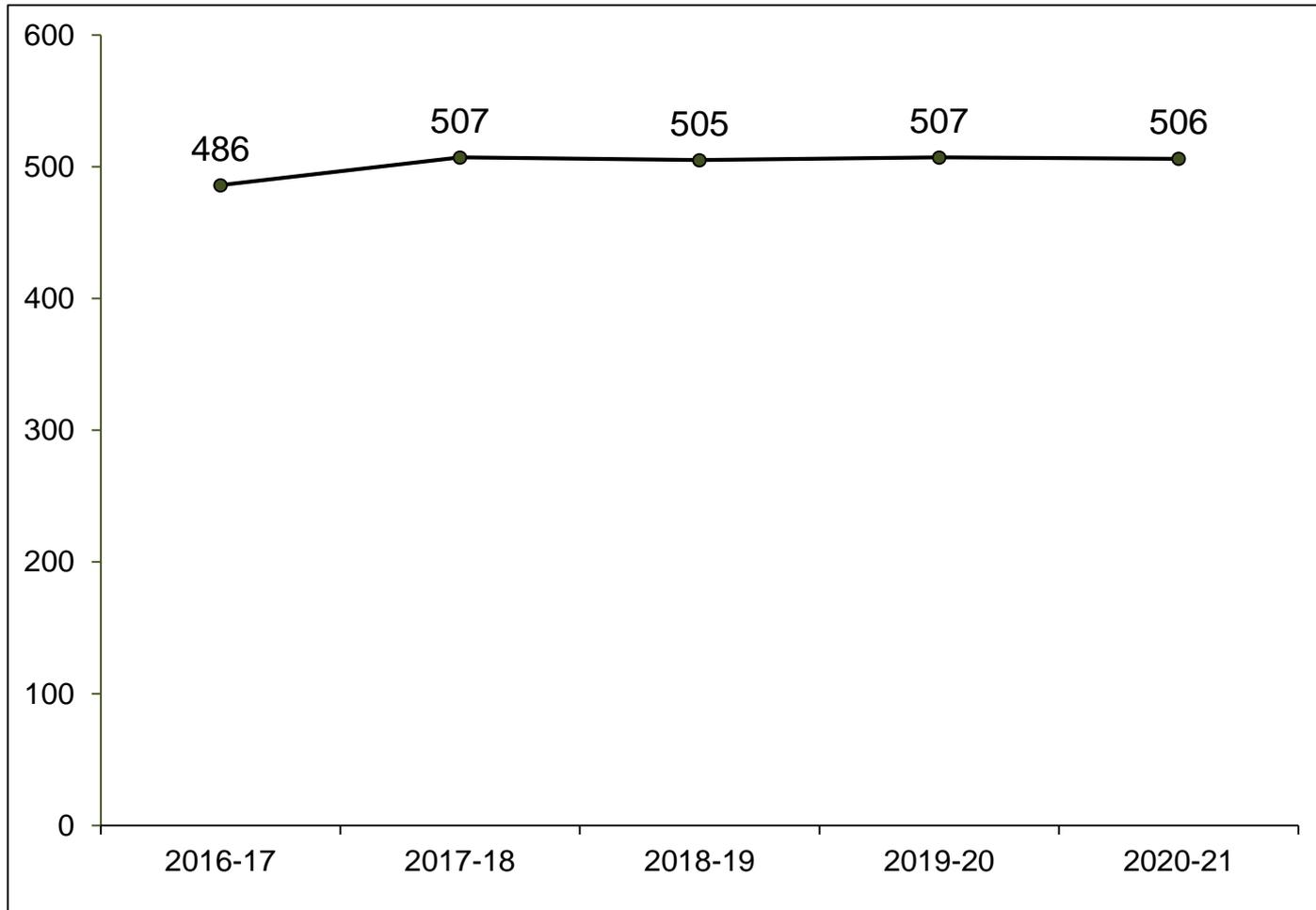


# Key Student Group Comparisons, Cont'd

## State Test Proficiency (combined ELA/Math average)



# Enrollment Over Time





# Demographics in 2019-20

Student Group	Lighthouse K-8	OUSD Schools in 94621 and 94603	OUSD (including charter schools)
Hispanic/Latinx	83%	74%	47%
Black/African American	10%	17%	22%
Asian	1%	3%	12%
White	4%	1%	10%
Two or More Races	2%	1%	4%
Other Race/Ethnicity	1%	2%	2%
Not Reported	0%	2%	2%
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	86%	91%	73%
English Learners	53%	52%	31% (K-8 only: 34%)
Special Education	10%	13%	13% (excl. charter schools: 14%)

# Questions/Discussion

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