

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. Public Education Commission Meeting Date: June 14, 2019

II. Item Title: Explore Academy: Amendment Request – Increase Enrollment cap

Executive Summary and Proposed Motions: Discussion and Possible Action on Charter School Amendment, Explore Academy

Request

- Explore Academy requests to increase its enrollment cap from 500 to 600 students.

Rational for Request

See attached appendix

Academic Performance

The school’s academic performance is illustrated below. Note that Current Standing operates on a scale of 0 to 30 points and School Growth operates on a scale of 0 to 10 points.

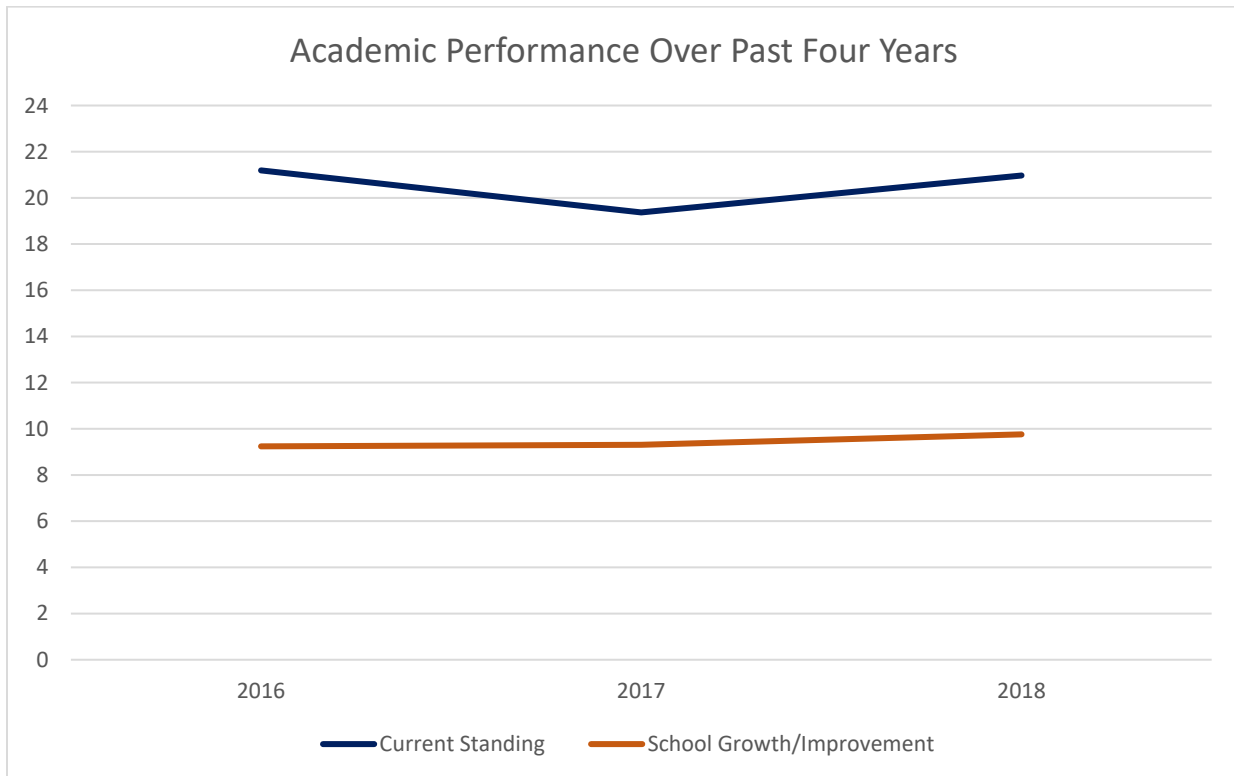


Fig. 1. Academic Performance Over Past Four Years

Financial Performance

FY2018

2018-001 Untimely Cash Receipts (Other Noncompliance)

2018-002 Untimely Payment Processing (Significant Deficiency)

FY2017

2016-001 Personnel Files (Other Matter) Repeated and Modified

FY2016

2015-002 Review and Approval of Purchases (Other Matter)

2016-001 Personnel Files (Other Matter)

2016-002 Educational Retirement Board (ERB) and Retiree Health Care (RHC) Payroll

Deductions

(Other Matter)

2016-003 Travel and Per-Diem (Compliance)

2016-004 Timely Deposits (Compliance)

Additional Analysis on Amendment Request

While STARS 40th day and 120th day data over the past three school years does not indicate the school operating at its current enrollment cap of 500, it does indicate that the school is quickly moving toward that number. The school's 40th day enrollment data indicates a jump of 183 students from the 2017-2018sy to the 2018-2019sy while serving the same grade levels.

Year	Percent of Students Who Returned in Current Year	Percent of Students Who Withdrew In Prior Year	40 th Day Enrollment	120 th Day Enrollment
2016-2017	70.07%	29.67%	212	183
2017-2018	73.44%	27.40%	258	238
2018-2019	76.88%	24.30%	441	381

Explore Academy would still be operating under facility capacity (1,100) even with an enrollment cap of 600 students.