

Albuquerque Sign Language Academy (ASLA) Enrollment Cap Increase Amendment Request  
Charter Schools Division (CSD) Analysis and Recommendation  
Public Education Commission (PEC) Meeting, August 19, 2022

ASLA submitted a request to amend its contract by increasing its enrollment cap from 200 to 300 students.

ASLA has approximately 30 students on its waiting list each year, and the school anticipates applications will increase if the enrollment cap is approved and there are more places available.

Currently, the school is providing instruction at three separate locations. The main campus has a capacity of only 100 students and serves elementary students. Middle and high school students receive instruction at two different locations.

The school has received a \$12 million grant from the Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) to fund the construction. If the enrollment cap increase is approved, the PSCOC grant will increase to \$30 million.

The school has a robust plan to expand enrollment if the amendment is approved, and has submitted all necessary documentation to meet CSD requirements.

ASLA is implementing the terms of its mission and educational program as identified in their contract.

The school was in the lower 50% of state charter schools (NM Vistas score of 41) but with their population of two-thirds students with disabilities, the school meets the criteria for the Supplemental Accountability Model and therefore meets the academic criteria for approval of the request.

The CSD recommends approval of the amendment request.