



Board of Education Report

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Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy

October 18, 2016

Charter Schools Division

Action Proposed:

Staff recommends denial of the renewal petition for Magnolia Science Academy (MSA or MSA 1), which is located in Board District 6 and Local District Northwest, and adoption of the attached *Findings of Fact In Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy*.

Background:

Magnolia Science Academy was originally approved on November 13, 2001, and was authorized by LAUSD's Board of Education to serve 525 students in grades 6-12. The charter was renewed on March 13, 2012, to serve up to 525 students in grades 6-12.

Magnolia Educational Research Foundation (MERF), dba Magnolia Public Schools, currently operates eight LAUSD-authorized independent charter schools: Magnolia Science Academy, Magnolia Science Academy 2, Magnolia Science Academy 3, Magnolia Science Academy 4, Magnolia Science Academy 5, Magnolia Science Academy 6, Magnolia Science Academy 7, and Magnolia Science Academy Bell.

On August 22, 2016, Magnolia Science Academy submitted a renewal petition application to the Charter Schools Division seeking to renew its independent charter span school to serve 925 students in grades 6-12. The school serves 538 students in grades 6-12 in Board District 6 and Local District Northwest, and is currently located on a private site at 18238 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335.

Upon submission, the District comprehensively reviews each renewal petition application to determine whether the charter school has met the requirements for renewal set forth in California Education Code sections 47605 and 47607. The 60-day statutory timeline for Board action on this renewal petition runs through October 21, 2016.

Based on a comprehensive review and assessment of MSA's renewal petition application and its record of performance, staff has determined that the charter school has not met the requirements for renewal and therefore recommends denial of the renewal petition. Please see attached *Findings of Fact In Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy*.

Statutory Framework

Education Code sections 47605(b) and 47607(b) set forth grounds for denying a renewal petition.

Pursuant to section 47607(b), a charter school seeking renewal must meet at least one of the following minimum academic performance criteria:

- (1) Attained its Academic Performance Index (API) growth target in the prior year or in two of the last

three years both school wide and for all groups of pupils served by the charter school; *or*

- (2) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API in the prior year or in two of the last three years; *or*
- (3) Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API for a demographically comparable school in the prior year or in two of the last three years; *or*
- (4) (A) The entity that granted the charter determines that the academic performance of the charter school is at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools that the charter school pupils would otherwise have been required to attend, as well as the academic performance of the schools in the school district in which the charter school is located, taking into account the composition of the pupil population that is served at the charter school.

(B) The determination made pursuant to this paragraph shall be based upon all of the following:
 - i) Documented and clear and convincing data.
 - ii) Pupil achievement data from assessments, including, but not limited to, the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program established by Article 4 (commencing with Section 60640) for demographically similar pupil populations in the comparison schools.
 - iii) Information submitted by the charter school; *or*
- (5) Qualified for an alternative accountability system pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 52052.

In addition, section 47607(a)(2) provides that charter school renewals are governed by the standards and criteria set forth in Section 47605, and shall include, but not be limited to, a reasonably comprehensive description of any new requirement of charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed.

Section 47605(b) states that "[t]he governing board of the school district shall grant a charter for the operation of a school under this part if it is satisfied that granting the charter is consistent with sound educational practice. The governing board of the school district shall not deny a petition for the establishment of a charter school unless it makes written factual findings, specific to the particular petition, setting forth specific facts to support one or more of the following findings:

- (1) The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the pupils to be enrolled in the charter school.
- (2) The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
- (3) The petition does not contain the number of signatures required by subdivision [47605] (a).
- (4) The petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the conditions described in subdivision (d) [of section 47605].
- (5) The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all of the [fifteen elements set forth in section 47605 (b)(5)].
- (6) The petition does not contain a declaration of whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the

exclusive public employer of the employees of the charter school for purposes of Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code.”

Pursuant to the requirements of SB 1290, the District “shall consider increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the charter school as the most important factor in determining whether to grant a charter renewal.” Ed. Code § 47607(a)(3)(A). In addition, state regulations require the District to “consider the past performance of the school’s academics, finances, and operation in evaluating the likelihood of future success, along with future plans for improvement if any.” 5 CCR § 11966.4.

Grounds for Denial

Staff of the Charter Schools Division and the Office of the General Counsel reviewed the renewal petition application for Magnolia Science Academy. Based on the results of the District review process, staff has assessed that the charter school *has not met* the standards and criteria for renewal. In accordance with SB 1290, staff has given extra consideration to the school’s record of academic performance for students in numerically significant subgroups in making its determination whether to recommend renewal.

As fully discussed in the attached *Findings of Fact In Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy*, staff has determined, in accordance with Education Code sections 47605 and 47607, the following:

- (1) Petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the educational program set forth in the petition.
- (2) The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all of the fifteen elements required in a charter school petition.

SB 1290 Analysis

For reasons more fully set forth in the attached *Findings of Fact In Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy*, staff’s recommendation is consistent with the requirements of SB 1290. Magnolia Science Academy 1’s numerically significant student subgroups are Latino, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, African American, English Learners, and Students with Disabilities. The school’s English Learner subgroup which constitutes 12% of its total student population has demonstrated consistently poor levels of academic performance that show little sign of improvement. On the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics CAASPP Assessments, no English Learner Met or Exceeded the Standards in ELA and Mathematics in either year. In comparing growth, using the same years, on Nearly Met and Not Met bands in ELA CAASPP, data shows that no progress was made in the EL subgroup; 19% of students performed at Nearly Met and 81% of students performed at Not Met in both years. Math CAASPP data shows that some progress was made in the EL subgroup in the Not Met category; 15% of students performed at Nearly Met in the 2014-2015 school year and 19% of students performed at Nearly Met in the 2015-2016 school year, this decreased the Not Met band by 4 percentage points in the 2015-2016 school year. Although the District acknowledges the subgroup academic gains achieved at the school, the continuing operational deficiencies in the performance of the school and MERF, along with the pattern of insufficient responses to inquiries, nonetheless substantially outweigh the extra consideration accorded to subgroup academic growth by SB 1290 and confirm the organization’s persistent failure to successfully operate its schools in accordance with applicable law and the terms of its schools’ charters. Please see the *Findings of Fact in Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy I* for further analysis.

Due Diligence

A due diligence review of the school leader and onsite financial manager is being performed by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Current Magnolia Public Schools Governing Board members completed questionnaires regarding conflicts of interest.

A Public Hearing was held on September 20, 2016.

The petition is available for perusal in the Charter Schools Division and online at the District's Board of Education website at the following link: <http://laschoolboard.org/charterpetitions>.

Expected Outcomes:

Magnolia Science Academy is expected to operate its charter school in a manner consistent with local, state, and federal ordinances, laws and regulations and the terms and conditions set forth in its petition. As noted in the attached *Findings of Fact In Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy*, Magnolia Science Academy's renewal petition does not meet the legal standards and criteria for approval set forth in Education Code section 47605.

Board Options and Consequences:

"Yes" - If the Board adopts the recommendation of denial and the attached *Findings of Fact in Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy*, Magnolia Science Academy would be prevented from operating as an LAUSD authorized charter school effective July 1, 2017. The charter school may appeal the denial to the Los Angeles County Board of Education and the California State Board of Education for authorization by those entities.

"No" - If the Board does not adopt the recommendation of denial of the renewal petition and the attached *Findings of Fact in Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy*, and instead takes specific action to approve the charter petition, Magnolia Science Academy would be authorized to continue to operate as an LAUSD authorized charter school for a charter term beginning July 1, 2017. Within 30 days, the Board requires that the school submit to the Charter Schools Division a revised renewal petition that meets all LAUSD requirements, including but not limited to a reasonably comprehensive description of all fifteen required elements and compliance with current District Required Language.

Policy Implications:

There are no policy implications at this time.

Budget Impact:

There is no budget impact.

Issues and Analysis:

Issues are outlined above and in more detail in the attached *Findings of Fact In Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy*.

Attachments:

Staff Assessment and Recommendation Report
Findings of Fact In Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy

Informatives:

Not applicable

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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STAFF ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT RENEWAL PETITION

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School Name:	Magnolia Science Academy 1			BOARD IS REQUIRED TO TAKE ACTION BY: October 18, 2016
Type of Charter School:	Start-Up Independent			
CMO/Network:	Magnolia Public Schools (MERF)			
Location Code:	8454			
Type of Site(s):	Private Site			
Site Address(es):	18238 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335			
Board District(s):	6	Local District(s):	Northwest	
Grade Levels Currently Served:	6-12	Current Enrollment:	538	
Grade Levels Authorized in Current Charter:	6-12	Enrollment Authorized in Current Charter:	525	
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Denial			
SUMMARY OF STAFF FINDINGS	<p>Based on a comprehensive review of the renewal petition application and the school’s record of performance, staff has determined that the charter school has not met the standards and criteria for renewal. Staff findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the educational program set forth in the petition.</i> ◆ <i>The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all required elements.</i> <p>Please see <i>Findings of Fact in Support of Recommendation of Denial of the Renewal Charter Petition for Magnolia Science Academy 1</i> for further detail. Please also see “Staff Review and Assessment” section below.</p>			
PROPOSED BENCHMARKS:	N/A			

STAFF ASSESSMENT

I. ACTION PROPOSED

Staff recommends denial of the renewal petition for Magnolia Science Academy 1 (“MSA or MSA 1” or “Charter School”), located in Board District 6 and Local District Northwest, to serve 925 students in grades 6-12.

II. CRITERIA FOR RENEWAL

Upon submission, District staff comprehensively reviews each renewal petition application to determine whether the school has met the requirements for renewal set forth in California Education Code sections 47605 and 47607. Once a charter school is determined to be eligible for renewal under § 47607(b), the school must submit a renewal petition application that, upon review, is determined to be **educationally sound, reasonably comprehensive, and demonstrably likely to be successfully implemented.** (Ed. Code §§ 47607(a) and 47605.) Pursuant to the requirements of SB 1290, the District “shall consider increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the charter school as the most important factor in determining whether to grant a charter renewal.” (Ed. Code § 47607(a)(3)(A).) The District “shall consider the past performance of the school’s academics, finances, and operation in evaluating the likelihood of future success, along with future plans for improvement if any.” (5 CCR § 11966.4.) Please see *Policy for Charter School Authorizing* (LAUSD Board of Education, February 7, 2012) for more information.

III. GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

A. School History

	Magnolia Science Academy 1
Initial Authorization	On November 13, 2001 Magnolia Science Academy was initially authorized by LAUSD Board of Education to serve 525 students in grades 6-12.
Most Recent Renewal	The charter was renewed on March 13, 2012, to serve up to 525 students in grades 6-12.
Approved Revisions of Current Charter	A settlement agreement was entered between MPS and LAUSD in March of 2015. There was a major change in leadership in the academic school year 2014-2015. All ties with the Accord Institute were severed for all 8 Magnolia Public Schools. Thus, the management organization had to hire a professional staff of its own to support with the services that Accord previously provided.
Board Benchmarks in Current Charter Term	N/A
Submission of Renewal Petition Application	MSA1 submitted its renewal petition application on August 22, 2016. The 60-day statutory timeline for Board action on the petition runs through October 21, 2016.
Concurrent Request for Material Revision	N/A

B. Educational Program

	Magnolia Science Academy 1
Key Features of Educational Program	<p>MSA1 is a 6-12 span school that offers a Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) instructional program that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Science – MSA has a partnership with Mt. Wilson Observatory where the school’s science department works with their team of scientists to design curricular aligned trips using the NGSS. The school’s Robotics Program is now being offered as an A-G approved course for high school students in addition to being offered daily after school. ◆ Technology – is used to personalize learning and integrate all subjects in project-based learning opportunities in a fun and meaningful way. The technology curriculum develops critical thinking skills as students explore a variety of ways to solve problems in various content areas. ◆ Arts Instruction - focuses on developing students’ creativity, imagination, discipline, and self-expression through drawing and fine arts, music, drama and improvisation, and dance. ◆ College Pathways Program - provides students with the emotional and instrumental support students need to graduate college and career ready. By providing students with college awareness starting in middle school and college guidance throughout high school, students are able to see the importance of advancing their education and becoming positive contributors to society.
Program Components to Meet the Needs of English Learners	<p>MSA1 implements its own English Learner Master Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Teachers implement Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English (SDAIE) to scaffold content area instruction for English learners. ◆ The school uses Rosetta Stone to support language acquisition and FLEX Literacy which is a Reading and Language Arts Intervention system for struggling readers. ◆ Push-in and pull-out services are also provided for either one-on one or small-group instructional support.
Program Components to Meet the Needs of GATE/High Achieving Students	<p>MSA1 identifies GATE students through teacher and/or administrator recommendations as well as work samples in its identification process. GATE teams, comprised of the GATE coordinator or Special Education Teacher, Academic Dean, and General Education teacher, review all pieces of data and then make a determination of eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ MSA1 provides honors and AP classes, enrichment activities (i.e. Academic Decathlon, Robotics, etc.) and the Congressional Award Program (CAP), a voluntary mentorship program designed to help qualified students improve their skills in academic athletics, character education leadership, and voluntary public service.

Special Education SELPA	MSA1 participates in LAUSD SELPA Option 3.
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C. Student Population

School	Total Enroll #	% F/R Meal	% GATE	% EL	% Latino	% White	% Af. Amer.	% Asian	% Fili.	% Am Indian	% Pacific Island	% Two or More
Magnolia Science Academy	540	91%	1%	12%	84%	7%	1%	4%	3%	0%	0%	0%

*As of October 2015 Census Day

D. Charter School Operator

MSA1 is operated by Magnolia Educational and Research Foundation (MERF), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation that also operates 7 other LAUSD-authorized charter schools.

IV. STAFF REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT

Based on a comprehensive review of the renewal petition application and the school’s record of performance, staff has determined that the charter school has not met the standards and criteria for renewal. Please see accompanying *Findings of Fact in Support of Recommendation of Denial of the Renewal Charter Petition for Magnolia Science Academy 1 and Magnolia Science Academy 1 Data Set*. Please also see staff review below.

A. Has the Charter School Presented a Sound Educational Program?

This criterion has not been determined to be a finding.

B. Are Petitioners Demonstrably Likely To Succeed?

For reasons more fully set forth in the Findings of Fact in Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy 1, petitioners are not demonstrably likely to successfully implement the educational program set forth in the renewal petition.

1. *Student Achievement and Educational Performance*

a. Summary

Magnolia Science Academy’s comparative performance on the CAASPP (SBAC) from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016 reflects an 8% increase of students who Met or Exceeded performance standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and a 7% increase of students who Met or Exceeded performance standards in Math. Although Magnolia Science Academy has an overall moderate to strong schoolwide record of academic outcomes, the school’s English Learner subgroup, which constitutes 12% of its total student population, has demonstrated consistently poor levels of academic performance that show little sign of improvement. On the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics CAASPP Assessments, no English Learner Met or Exceeded the Standards in ELA and Mathematics in either year. Magnolia Science Academy achieved a 2014-2015 Cohort Graduation Rate of 98%, which was higher than the LAUSD Similar Schools Median of 88% and the Resident Schools Median of 86%. Historically, under the former API system, in the 2013-2014 school year, the school did not meet growth targets for any of its significant subgroups and earned a Statewide rank of 7 and a Similar Schools rank of 10. Please see attached *Magnolia Science Academy Data Set*.

b. Student Academic Performance in ELA and Math

On the 2015-2016 CAASPP (SBAC) assessment in English Language Arts, 43% of MSA 1's students Met or Exceeded the performance standards, as compared to the Resident Schools Median of 58%. In Math, 31% of MSA 1's students Met or Exceeded the performance standards as compared to the Resident Schools Median of 20%. On the 2014-2015 CAASPP (SBAC) assessment in English Language Arts, 35% of MSA 1's students Met or Exceeded the performance standards, as compared to the Resident Schools Median of 44%. In Math, 24% of MSA 1's students Met or Exceeded the performance standards as compared to the Resident Schools Median of 16%.

2014-2015 and 2015-2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment Achievement Data

2015-16		English Language Arts				Mathematics			
School	Subgroup	% Standard Not Met	% Standard Nearly Met	% Standard Met	% Exceeds Standard	% Standard Not Met	% Standard Nearly Met	% Standard Met	% Exceeds Standard
Magnolia Science Academy	All Students	26	31	33	10	33	36	16	15
	African American	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Latino	29	33	31	7	35	39	15	11
	English Learners	81	19	0	0	81	19	0	0
	Soc-eco Disadvantaged	28	31	32	9	34	37	16	13
	Students with Disabilities	67	22	10	0	76	16	6	2
Similar Schools Median	All Students	13	21	38	28	35	28	23	13
Resident Schools Median	All Students	16	25	36	22	51	27	13	7
2014-15		English Language Arts				Mathematics			
School	Subgroup	% Standard Not Met	% Standard Nearly Met	% Standard Met	% Exceeds Standard	% Standard Not Met	% Standard Nearly Met	% Standard Met	% Exceeds Standard
Magnolia Science Academy	All Students	32	32	28	7	38	38	15	9
	African American	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Latino	35	32	27	6	42	38	14	6
	English Learners	81	19	0	0	85	15	0	0
	Soc-eco Disadvantaged	33	32	28	7	39	39	14	8
	Students with Disabilities	57	34	9	0	79	19	2	0
Similar Schools Median	All Students	14	25	35	22	38	30	21	10
Resident Schools Median	All Students	21	29	33	11	56	28	12	4

c. Minimum Renewal Eligibility Criteria

Minimum Renewal Criteria (School must meet at least one of the following criteria (Ed. Code § 47607(b).))	Yes/No
Has the charter school attained its Academic Performance Index (API) growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years, both schoolwide and for all significant subgroups?	N/A**
Has the charter school ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API in the prior year or in two of the last three years?	N/A**
Has the charter school ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API for a demographically comparable school in the prior year or in two of the last three years?	N/A**
Has the charter school presented clear and convincing evidence of academic performance that is at least equal to or greater than the academic performance of Resident Schools and District Similar Schools*?	Yes

**"Resident Schools" = Public schools that the charter school students would have otherwise attended based on their

addresses. "District Similar Schools" are LAUSD schools on the CDE's Similar Schools list for this charter school.
 **Not available

d. Student Subgroup Academic Growth

For reasons more fully set forth in the attached *Findings of Fact In Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy I*, staff's recommendation is consistent with the requirements of SB 1290. Magnolia Science Academy 1's numerically significant student subgroups are Latino, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, African American, English Learners, and Students with Disabilities. The school's English Learner subgroup which constitutes 12% of its total student population has demonstrated consistently poor levels of academic performance that show little sign of improvement. On the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics CAASPP Assessments, no English Learner Met or Exceeded the Standards in ELA and Mathematics in either year. In comparing growth, using the same years, on Nearly Met and Not Met bands in ELA CAASPP, data shows that no progress was made in the EL subgroup; 19% of students performed at Nearly Met and 81% of students performed at Not Met in both years. Math CAASPP data shows that some progress was made in the EL subgroup in the Not Met category; 15% of students performed at Nearly Met in the 2014-2015 school year and 19% of students performed at Nearly Met in the 2015-2016 school year, this decreased the Not Met band by 4 percentage points in the 2015-2016 school year. Although the District acknowledges the subgroup academic gains achieved at the school, the continuing operational deficiencies in the performance of the school and MERF, along with the pattern of insufficient responses to inquiries, nonetheless substantially outweigh the extra consideration accorded to subgroup academic growth by SB 1290 and confirm the organization's persistent failure to successfully operate its schools in accordance with applicable law and the terms of its schools' charters. Please see the *Findings of Fact in Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy I* for further analysis.

e. English Learner Reclassification Rates

MSA 1's 2015-2016 reclassification rate of 33% is higher than both Resident Schools Median at 14% and Similar Schools Median at 17%.

MSA's reclassification criteria are the following:

- CELDT – Overall score of 4 or 5 and scores of 3 or higher in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing
- Students must score either a 2 (Nearly Met) or higher on the SBAC or score Basic on the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Reading test (MAP tests are computer adaptive assessments that students take in reading and mathematics)
- Grades of C or higher in English Language Arts class
- Parents notified of potential reclassification and give consent

School	12-13 EL #*	13-14 Reclass #	13-14 Reclass Rate	13-14 EL #	14-15 Reclass #	14-15 Reclass Rate	14-15 EL #	15-16 Reclass #	15-16 Reclass Rate
Magnolia Science Academy	45	26	36%	72	21	29%	64	21	33%
LAUSD Similar Schools Median	349	36	10%	339	57	26%	242	34	17%
Resident Schools Median	279	47	12%	297	61	20%	293	33	14%

f. CAHSEE Passage and Graduation Rates [HS only]

School	2014-15 Grade Span	2012-13 CAHSEE Grade 10 % Passed Math	2012-13 CAHSEE Grade 10 % Passed ELA	2013-14 CAHSEE Grade 10 % Passed Math	2013-14 CAHSEE Grade 10 % Passed ELA	2014-15 Cohort Graduation Rate
Magnolia Science Academy	6-12	95%	93%	98%	95%	98%
LAUSD Similar Schools Median	--	88%	87%	89%	88%	88%
Resident Schools Median	--	88%	87%	87%	83%	86%

g. Annual Oversight Results (Based on Former API System)

	2014-2015	2015-2016
Annual Oversight Evaluation Report Rating in Category of Student Achievement and Educational Performance*	3 Proficient	3 Proficient

*Note: The annual oversight rating represents the Charter Schools Division staff evaluation of the school's performance as outlined in the Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Report on or about the date of the annual oversight visit.

h. Additional Information

None

2. **Governance**

The school has unresolved issues in this category. Please see the *Findings of Fact in Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy I* for further detail.

	2014-2015	2015-2016
Annual Oversight Evaluation Report Rating in Category of Governance*	2 Developing	3 Proficient

*Note: The annual oversight rating represents the Charter Schools Division staff evaluation of the school's performance as outlined in the Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Report on or about the date of the annual oversight visit.

3. **Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations**

a. Summary

The school has unresolved issues in this category. Please see the *Findings of Fact in Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy I* for further detail.

	2014-2015	2015-2016
Annual Oversight Evaluation Report Rating in Category of Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations	3 Proficient	3 Proficient

*Note: The annual oversight rating represents the Charter Schools Division staff evaluation of the school's performance as outlined in the Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Report on or about the date of the annual oversight visit.

b. School Climate and Student Discipline

School	Susp. Event Rate 2013-14	Susp. Event Rate 2014-15	2015-16					2015-16 SUBGROUPS									
			Susp. Event Rate	Single Std. Susp. %	# Enrolled	# Events	# Days	AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS					STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY				
								# Enrolled	# Events 2015-16	# Days 2015-16	Susp. Event Rate 2015-16	Single Std. Susp % 2015-16	# Enrolled	# Events 2015-16	# Days 2015-16	Susp. Event Rate 2015-16	Single Std. Susp % 2015-16
Magnolia Science Academy	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	540	1	5	3	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	84	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
LAUSD Similar Schools Median	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	2340	10	18	110	2	2	1.8%	1.8%	237	18	18	8.4%	0.4%
Resident Schools Median	0.0%	0.9%	1.4%	1.1%	1434	20	32	58	3	4	5.8%	4.9%	260	32	32	12.3%	2.6%

c. Access and Equity

School	Total Enroll #	% F/R Meal	% GATE	% EL	% Latino	% White	% Af. Amer.	% Asian	% Fili.	% Am Indian	% Pacific Island	% Two or More
Magnolia Science Academy	540	91%	1%	12%	84%	7%	1%	4%	3%	0%	0%	0%
LAUSD Similar Schools Median	2340	72%	3%	10%	63%	11%	4%	8%	2%	0%	0%	1%
Resident Schools Median	1434	85%	5%	19%	83%	6%	4%	3%	3%	0%	0%	1%

*As of October 2015 Census Day

d. Special Education

School	OCT 2015 Enroll #	Sp Ed Enroll #	Sp Ed Enroll %	% High Incidence	% Low Incidence	# AUT	# DB	# DEAF	# ED	# EMD	# HOH	# MR	# OHI*	# OI	# SLD*	# SLI*	# TBI	# VI
Magnolia Science Academy	540	85	16%	89%	11%	7	--	--	--	--	2	--	9	--	60	7	--	--
LAUSD Similar Schools Median	2340	232	9%	79%	21%	28	--	--	4	--	2	6	27	2	121	2	1	11
Resident Schools Median	1434	211	15%	77%	22%	26	--	1	3	--	3	1	34	2	138	3	2	2

e. Additional Information

None

4. ***Fiscal Operations***

Magnolia Science Academy's record of performance and related information demonstrate that the school has had positive net assets and positive net income for the last four years. The school has unresolved issues in this category. Its financial operations are still being reviewed by the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT). Please see the *Findings of Fact in Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy 3*.

a. Summary

Magnolia Science Academy has achieved the ratings of Proficient and Developing in the category of Fiscal Operations on its annual oversight evaluation reports for the last two years.

During the 2015-2016 oversight visit, the CSD noted that the school and the CMO need to more consistently follow its board-approved fiscal policies and procedures. Examples of this include that invoices be paid in a timely manner to avoid incurring late fees and interest charges, payments be supported by check requests, requisitions, or contracts, vendors be identified on the purchase orders, vendors be part of the organization's approved list, three quotes be required for purchases exceeding the \$5,000 limit, and payments above the \$5,000 threshold be borne with the principal's and the CFO's signatures. The CSD will continue to monitor through oversight.

	2014-2015	2015-2016
Annual Oversight Evaluation Report Rating in Category of Fiscal Operations	3 Proficient	2 Developing

*Note: The annual oversight rating represents the Charter Schools Division staff evaluation of the school's performance as outlined in the Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Report on or about the date of the annual oversight visit.

b. Fiscal Condition

According to the 2014-2015 independent audit report, the school had positive net assets of \$2,227,218 and net income of \$3,302. The 2015-2016 Unaudited Actuals indicate positive net assets and positive net income.

	2011-2012 (Audited Actuals)	2012-2013 (Audited Actuals)	2013-2014 (Audited Actuals)	2014-2015 (Audited Actuals)	2015-2016 (Unaudited Actuals)
Net Assets	\$923,215	\$1,415,789	\$2,223,916	\$2,227,218	\$3,197,834
Net Income/Loss	(\$175,459)	\$492,574	\$808,127	\$3,302	\$970,616
Transfers In/Out	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Prior Year Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The Magnolia Education & Research Foundation (MERF) is the CMO for Magnolia Science Academy and seven other academies authorized by LAUSD. Some of the academies (MSA 4, 6 and 7) were insolvent at points prior to fiscal year 2013-2014, partly because of state funding delays. To help financially struggling academies, MERF facilitated loans between academies and did not charge some academies its full management fees. As of June 2015, the independent audit report showed that MSA 6 had an outstanding loan of \$181,177 owed to MERF.

The 2014/15 audit report also revealed the following intra-company receivables from MERF as of June 30, 2015:

- MSA 2 - \$103,066
- MSA 3 - \$307,336
- MSA 5 - \$180,692
- MSA 7 - \$133,118
- MSA 8 - \$148,920

Per the audit report as of June 30, 2015, intra-company receivables result from a net cumulative difference between resources provided by MERF to the Charter Schools and reimbursement for those resources from the Charter Schools to MERF, and cash transfers for cash flow purposes.

c. 2014 – 2015 Independent Audit Report

Audit Opinion: Unmodified
Material Weakness: None Reported
Deficiency/Finding: None Reported

d. Other Significant Fiscal Information

On or about March 20, 2015, LAUSD and MERF entered into a Settlement Agreement whereby parties agreed to resolve the petition for writ of mandate and complaint for

injunction and declaratory relief filed by MERF when the District rescinded the conditional renewals of Magnolia Science Academies 6, 7, and 8. To date, MERF has not fully complied with the terms of the Settlement Agreement. Please see *Findings of Fact in Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy*.

C. Is the Petition Reasonably Comprehensive?

For reasons more fully set forth in the Findings of Fact in Support of Denial of the Renewal Petition for Magnolia Science Academy 1, the petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all required elements.

D. Does the Petition Contain the Required Affirmations, Assurances, and Declarations?

This criterion has not been determined to be a finding.

CRITERIA SUMMARY

A charter school that has operated for at least four years is eligible for renewal only if the school has satisfied at least one of the following criteria prior to receiving a charter renewal: Attained its Academic Performance Index (API) growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years, both school wide and for all groups of pupils served by the charter school; ranked 4 to 10 on the API statewide or similar schools rank in the prior year or in two of the last three years **both schoolwide and for all groups of pupils served by the charter school** (SB 1290). The academic performance of the charter school must be at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools that the charter school pupils would otherwise have been required to attend, as well as the academic performance of the schools in the school district in which the charter school is located, taking into account the composition of pupil population served at the charter school (Ed. Code 47607).

Schoolwide Academic Performance Index (API)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Base API	800	807	805
Growth API	807	805	797
Growth Target	A	A	A
Growth	7	-2	-8
Met Schoolwide Growth Target	Yes	Yes	No
Met All Student Groups Target	No	No	No
Base API State Rank	8	8	8
Base API Similar Schools Rank	10	10	10
2013 Growth API State Rank	--	--	7
2013 Growth API Similar Schools Rank	--	--	10

Subgroup API	2010-11			2011-12			2012-13		
	Growth Target	Growth	Met Target	Growth Target	Growth	Met Target	Growth Target	Growth	Met Target
African American or Black	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
American Indian or Alaska Native	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Filipino	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Latino	5	7	Yes	5	-4	No	5	-7	No
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	A	2	Yes	--	--	--	--	--	--
Two or More Races	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
English Learners	5	-20	No	5	-28	No	5	-101	No
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	5	4	No	5	-5	No	5	2	No
Students with Disabilities	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

"--" indicates that the subgroup is not numerically significant or the school was not open, therefore will have not API score or target information. "A" indicates the school or student groups scored at or above the statewide performance target of 800 in the 2012 Base. "B" indicates the school did not have a valid 2012 Base API and will not have any growth or target information.

	API Comparison					
	2011 Base API	2012 Growth API	11-12 Growth	2012 Base API	2013 Growth API	12-13 Growth
Magnolia Science Academy	807	805	-2	805	797	-8
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE	747	770	23	770	778	8
Resident Schools Median	714	725	11	735	744	9

	2012-13 CST Comparison			
	English Language Arts		Mathematics	
	Basic, Below Basic & Far Below Basic	Proficient & Advanced	Basic, Below Basic & Far Below Basic	Proficient & Advanced
Magnolia Science Academy	46%	54%	59%	42%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE	41%	59%	73%	27%
Resident Schools Median	54%	47%	81%	19%

	AYP Comparison								
	2012 AYP			2013 AYP			2014 AYP		
	# Criteria	# Met	% Met	# Criteria	# Met	% Met	# Criteria	# Met	% Met
Magnolia Science Academy	17	9	53%	17	9	53%	--	--	--
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE	22	15	68%	18	12	81%	18	13	61%
Resident Schools Median	21	11	55%	21	12	57%	21	13	62%

Magnolia Science Academy
2012 BASE API AND 2013 GROWTH API DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

This page displays the 2012 Base API, 2013 Growth API, school ranks and the demographic information from the 2013 Growth API report.

An asterisk (*) indicates that the school does not have a valid 2012 Base API or 2013 Growth API. *Note: The 2013 statewide and similar schools ranks are the final set of ranks reported.*

These ranks are based on the 2013 Growth API data.

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	2013 Enrolled # on 1st Day of Testing	2013 Conf	2012 Base API	2013 Growth API	2013 State Rank	2013 Similar Schools Rank	Met 2013 Sch-wide Target	Met 2013 Subgroup Targets	% Free/Reduced Lunch	% Sp Ed	% GATE	% EL	% RFP	% Latino	% White	% Af. Amer	% Asian	% Fili Indian	% Am Indian	% Pacific Island	% Two or More	School Demographic Characteristics											
																									XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	432	6-12	805	797	7	10	No	No
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE																																				
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	2581	9-12	789	808	8	10	Yes	No	67	11	32	15	37	63	15	5	13	4	0	0	0	0											
E	5	8701	International Studies Learning Center at Legacy High School Campus	742	6-12	731	758	5	3	Yes	No	84	7	19	11	47	97	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0											
C	5	8750	John Marshall Senior High	1954	9-12	738	758	5	4	Yes	No	67	10	30	14	45	62	12	2	10	13	1	0	0	0											
W	1	8760	Middle College High	319	9-12	801	807	8	10	Yes	No	81	0	24	1	32	65	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0											
NE	3	8786	North Hollywood Senior High	2216	9-12	770	778	6	8	Yes	No	73	9	29	13	42	70	16	4	7	2	1	0	0	0											
C	2	8853	Orthopaedic Hospital	661	9-12	780	786	7	9	Yes	No	88	3	23	7	74	95	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0											
NE	6	8893	Van Nuys Senior High	2142	9-12	762	767	6	7	Yes	No	100	11	32	16	44	62	11	5	14	8	0	0	0	0											
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median																																				
				1954	--	770	778	6	8	--	--	81	9	29	13	44	65	11	4	7	2	0	0	0	0											
Resident Schools																																				
NW	6	8814	Reseda Senior High	1344	9-12	752	748	5	9	No	No	64	15	17	16	42	74	12	6	4	3	0	0	0	0											
NW	3	8259	William Mulholland Middle	1447	6-8	713	716	2	2	No	No	80	17	15	19	42	87	5	5	2	1	0	0	0	0											
NW	3	8283	Northridge Middle	863	6-8	769	744	3	9	No	No	100	21	12	20	46	83	5	4	5	2	0	0	0	0											
NW	3	8513	Northridge Academy High	794	9-12	744	764	6	8	Yes	Yes	68	14	15	8	36	64	20	5	4	6	1	1	0	0											
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	2581	9-12	789	808	8	10	Yes	No	67	11	32	15	37	63	15	5	13	4	0	0	0	0											
NW	3	8898	Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences	925	9-12	686	724	4	3	Yes	Yes	64	15	19	7	33	63	18	7	5	7	1	0	0	0											
NW	4	8406	John A. Sutter Middle	1305	6-8	735	764	4	8	Yes	No	100	19	14	18	43	83	4	5	6	2	0	0	0	0											
NE	6	8142	Robert Fulton College Preparatory	1775	6-12	648	657	2	2	Yes	No	73	15	10	26	48	90	2	3	2	3	0	0	0	0											
XR	3	8557	Birmingham Community Charter High	2256	9-12	722	734	4	8	Yes	No	86	12	9	14	43	81	7	7	2	2	0	0	0	0											
NW	3	8571	Canoga Park Senior High	1319	9-12	696	694	3	8	No	No	73	15	12	23	45	84	5	5	3	2	0	0	0	0											
NE	6	8636	John H. Francis Polytechnic	2217	9-12	746	753	5	10	Yes	No	100	11	14	17	54	91	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0											
Resident Schools Median																																				
				1344	--	735	744	4	8	--	--	73	15	14	17	43	83	5	5	4	3	0	0	0	0											

Magnolia Science Academy
OCTOBER 2015 CALPADS DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

This page displays K-12 enrollment number and percentages of select subgroups as of October 2015 Census Day.

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	Total Enroll #	% F/R Meal	% GATE	% EL	% Latino	% White	% Af. Amer.	% Asian	% Fili.	% Am Indian	% Pacific Island	% Two or More
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	540	91%	1%	12%	84%	7%	1%	4%	3%	0%	0%	0%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE															
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	3202	65%	5%	11%	60%	17%	5%	13%	4%	0%	0%	1%
E	5	8701	International Studies Learning Center at Legacy High School Comp	863	90%	0%	8%	99%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
C	5	8750	John Marshall Senior High	2340	72%	3%	10%	59%	14%	1%	13%	10%	0%	0%	1%
W	1	8760	Middle College High	387	72%	0%	1%	61%	1%	36%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
NE	3	8786	North Hollywood Senior High	2610	72%	4%	11%	70%	15%	4%	8%	2%	0%	0%	1%
C	2	8853	Orthopaedic Hospital	839	90%	0%	6%	93%	1%	3%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
NE	6	8893	Van Nuys Senior High	2594	77%	6%	12%	63%	11%	4%	13%	8%	0%	0%	1%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median				2340	72%	3%	10%	63%	11%	4%	8%	2%	0%	0%	1%
Resident Schools															
NW	6	8814	Reseda Senior High	1597	79%	7%	19%	77%	10%	4%	4%	3%	0%	0%	0%
NW	3	8259	William Mulholland Middle	1162	91%	4%	23%	87%	6%	4%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%
NW	3	8283	Northridge Middle	839	90%	8%	28%	80%	6%	4%	6%	3%	0%	1%	1%
NW	3	8513	Northridge Academy High	1072	71%	1%	5%	67%	18%	3%	3%	7%	0%	0%	1%
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	3202	65%	5%	11%	60%	17%	5%	13%	4%	0%	0%	1%
NW	3	8898	Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences	1201	61%	2%	6%	59%	22%	5%	3%	7%	1%	0%	2%
NW	4	8406	John A. Sutter Middle	862	91%	4%	26%	83%	4%	4%	6%	2%	0%	0%	1%
NE	6	8142	Robert Fulton College Preparatory	1769	91%	7%	24%	88%	2%	3%	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%
XR	3	8557	Birmingham Community Charter High	3278	85%	5%	11%	83%	7%	4%	2%	3%	0%	0%	1%
NW	3	8571	Canoga Park Senior High	1434	82%	7%	22%	84%	6%	4%	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%
NE	6	8636	John H. Francis Polytechnic	2875	89%	4%	14%	92%	3%	1%	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Resident Schools Median				1434	85%	5%	19%	83%	6%	4%	3%	3%	0%	0%	1%

**Magnolia Science Academy
RECLASSIFICATION RATES**

This page displays the number of English learners (ELs) on Census Day, the number of students reclassified since the prior Census Day, and the reclassification rate for each specified year. The reclassification rate, displayed in percentage, is calculated by dividing the number reclassified by the number of prior year ELs. These data have historically been collected as of Spring Census Day. However, beginning in 2013-14, the state moved the collection of official EL and Reclassification counts from Spring Census to Fall Census. The 2012-13 EL total displayed on this page is the Spring Census (March 2013) count which remains to be the official EL count for that year. The 2013-14 reclassification rate is calculated by dividing the 2013-14 Fall Census reclassified count by the 2012-13 Fall Census (October 2012) EL count which is not displayed on this page.

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	12-13 EL #*	13-14 Reclass #	13-14 Reclass Rate	13-14 EL #	14-15 Reclass #	14-15 Reclass Rate	14-15 EL #	15-16 Reclass #	15-16 Reclass Rate
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	45	26	36%	72	21	29%	64	21	33%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE												
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	448	61	12%	402	93	23%	332	49	15%
E	5	8701	International Studies Learning Center at Legacy High School Comp	91	14	13%	89	25	28%	69	17	25%
C	5	8750	John Marshall Senior High	389	37	8%	345	88	26%	242	40	17%
W	1	8760	Middle College High	3	0	0%	4	2	50%	1	4	400%
NE	3	8786	North Hollywood Senior High	349	36	9%	339	57	17%	285	34	12%
C	2	8853	Orthopaedic Hospital	54	10	15%	55	21	38%	40	18	45%
NE	6	8893	Van Nuys Senior High	389	46	10%	414	88	21%	371	56	15%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median				349	36	10%	339	57	26%	242	34	17%
Resident Schools												
NW	6	8814	Reseda Senior High	277	39	12%	297	61	21%	293	33	11%
NW	3	8259	William Mulholland Middle	279	47	15%	294	55	19%	224	49	22%
NW	3	8283	Northridge Middle	174	61	27%	194	41	21%	187	27	14%
NW	3	8513	Northridge Academy High	70	12	15%	85	17	20%	72	24	33%
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	448	61	12%	402	93	23%	332	49	15%
NW	3	8898	Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences	84	11	11%	88	16	18%	67	15	22%
NW	4	8406	John A. Sutter Middle	232	61	22%	290	77	27%	240	28	12%
NE	6	8142	Robert Fulton College Preparatory	481	63	12%	493	86	17%	435	61	14%
XR	3	8557	Birmingham Community Charter High	496	50	11%	416	0	0%	412	76	18%
NW	3	8571	Canoga Park Senior High	370	29	7%	358	63	18%	321	22	7%
NE	6	8636	John H. Francis Polytechnic	502	47	8%	491	108	22%	439	63	14%
Resident Schools Median				279	47	12%	297	61	20%	293	33	14%

Magnolia Science Academy RECLASSIFICATION OF ENGLISH LEARNERS

This page displays the number of English learners (ELs) on Census Day, the number of students reclassified since the prior Census Day, and the reclassification rate for each specified year. The reclassification rate, displayed in percentage, is calculated by dividing the number reclassified by the number of prior year ELs. These data have historically been collected as of Spring Census Day. However, beginning in 2013-14, the state moved the collection of official EL and Reclassification counts from Spring Census to Fall Census. The 2012-13 EL total displayed on this page is the Spring Census (March 2013) count which remains to be the official EL count for that year. The 2013-14 reclassification rate is calculated by dividing the 2013-14 Fall Census reclassified count by the 2012-13 Fall Census (October 2012) EL count which is not displayed on this page.

2015-16	2014-15 # EL	2015-16 # Reclassified	2015-16 Reclassification Rate	Change from Prior Year
Magnolia Science Academy	64	21	32.8%	3.6%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median	242	34	16.5%	-9.0%
Resident Schools Median	293	33	0	-5.6%
District	164,349	19,952	12.1%	-4.5%

2014-15	2013-14 # EL	2014-15 # Reclassified	2014-15 Reclassification Rate
Magnolia Science Academy	72	21	29.2%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median	339	57	25.5%
Resident Schools Median	297	61	20.0%
District	179,322	29,694	16.6%

2013-14	2012-13 # EL	2013-14 # Reclassified	2013-14 Reclassification Rate
Magnolia Science Academy	45	26	36.1%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median	349	36	10.0%
Resident Schools Median	279	47	12.1%
District	170,797	25,532	13.9%

**Magnolia Science Academy
K-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS (DECEMBER 2015 CASEMIS REPORT)**

This page displays the K-12 enrollment total (as of October 2015) and the number of K-12 special education students in total, by incidence category, and by eligibility as reported on the December 2015 California Special Education Management Information System (CASEMIS) Report. High incidence eligibilities are indicated by an asterisk (*).

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	OCT 2015 Enroll #	Sp Ed Enroll #	Sp Ed Enroll %	% High Incidence	% Low Incidence	# AUT	# DB	# DEAF	# ED	# EMD	# HOH	# MR	# OH**	# OI	# SLD* SLI*	# TBI	# VI
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	540	85	16%	89%	11%	7	--	--	--	--	2	--	9	--	60	7	--
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE																				
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	3202	313	10%	82%	18%	41	--	--	3	--	1	--	34	--	217	6	--
E	5	8701	International Studies Learning Center at Legacy High School Compl	863	68	8%	90%	10%	5	--	--	--	--	1	--	9	1	50	2	--
C	5	8750	John Marshall Senior High	2340	232	10%	61%	39%	31	--	--	4	--	4	10	20	2	121	1	2
W	1	8760	Middle College High	387	3	1%	33%	67%	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
NE	3	8786	North Hollywood Senior High	2610	247	9%	79%	21%	25	--	--	9	--	2	--	37	2	152	5	1
C	2	8853	Orthopaedic Hospital	839	31	4%	87%	13%	2	--	--	--	--	1	--	7	1	19	1	--
NE	6	8893	Van Nuys Senior High	2594	239	9%	79%	21%	37	--	--	4	--	2	1	35	--	155	--	1
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median																				
				2340	232	9%	79%	21%	28	--	--	4	--	2	6	27	2	121	2	11
Resident Schools																				
NW	6	8814	Reseda Senior High	1597	321	20%	55%	45%	50	--	--	30	--	--	--	38	3	138	1	--
NW	3	8259	William Mulholland Middle	1162	141	12%	77%	23%	18	--	1	--	--	5	--	19	2	86	4	--
NW	3	8283	Northridge Middle	839	177	21%	75%	25%	15	--	--	1	--	--	--	14	--	117	2	2
NW	3	8513	Northridge Academy High	1072	175	16%	80%	20%	30	--	--	--	--	1	--	39	2	101	--	1
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	3202	313	10%	82%	18%	41	--	--	3	--	1	--	34	--	217	6	--
NW	3	8898	Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences	1201	211	18%	72%	28%	20	--	--	3	--	--	1	36	2	113	2	--
NW	4	8406	John A. Sutter Middle	862	172	20%	77%	22%	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	1	117	4	--
NE	6	8142	Robert Fulton College Preparatory	1769	274	15%	88%	12%	26	--	--	3	--	1	--	31	3	207	2	--
XR	3	8557	Birmingham Community Charter High	3278	400	12%	83%	17%	41	--	--	7	--	4	1	68	1	261	4	--
NW	3	8571	Canoga Park Senior High	1434	210	15%	80%	20%	18	--	--	4	--	--	1	15	1	154	--	--
NE	6	8636	John H. Francis Polytechnic	2876	378	13%	77%	23%	30	--	--	3	--	4	9	45	3	247	--	2
				1434	211	15%	77%	22%	26	--	1	3	--	3	1	34	2	138	3	2

Magnolia Science Academy
2012-13 CALIFORNIA STANDARDS-TEST (CST) ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATH RESULTS

LD	BD	Loc. Code	School Name	2013 CST ELA							2013 CST MATH								
				# Tested	% Far Below Basic	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Prof /Adv	% Adv	% B/BB/FB B	% Prof /Adv	% Far Below Basic	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Prof	% Adv	% B/BB/FB B	% Prof /Adv	
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	421	5%	10%	31%	32%	22%	46%	54%	420	3%	23%	33%	26%	16%	59%	42%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE																			
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	2406	5%	10%	24%	29%	32%	39%	61%	2258	7%	23%	25%	29%	16%	55%	45%
E	5	8701	International Studies Learning Center at Legacy	709	6%	11%	34%	34%	16%	51%	50%	704	11%	29%	33%	21%	6%	73%	27%
C	5	8750	John Marshall Senior High	1835	8%	11%	25%	30%	26%	44%	56%	1720	18%	37%	22%	17%	7%	77%	24%
W	1	8760	Middle College High	318	0%	5%	28%	46%	21%	33%	67%	313	18%	43%	25%	13%	2%	86%	15%
NE	3	8786	North Hollywood Senior High	2135	7%	9%	25%	30%	29%	41%	59%	2130	14%	32%	26%	18%	10%	72%	28%
C	2	8853	Orthopaedic Hospital	658	3%	7%	30%	39%	21%	40%	60%	648	14%	39%	25%	18%	3%	78%	21%
NE	6	8893	Van Nuys Senior High	2004	8%	11%	23%	25%	32%	42%	57%	1978	16%	31%	20%	22%	11%	67%	33%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median				1835	6%	10%	25%	30%	26%	41%	59%	1720	14%	32%	25%	18%	7%	73%	27%
Resident Schools																			
NW	6	8814	Reseda Senior High	1233	5%	10%	32%	34%	19%	47%	53%	1140	20%	37%	24%	15%	4%	81%	19%
NW	3	8259	William Mulholland Middle	1295	6%	16%	37%	28%	13%	59%	41%	1322	11%	34%	28%	19%	8%	73%	27%
NW	3	8283	Northridge Middle	741	4%	14%	43%	29%	10%	61%	39%	766	3%	23%	32%	30%	11%	58%	41%
NW	3	8513	Northridge Academy High	741	2%	8%	32%	40%	18%	42%	58%	739	11%	39%	31%	16%	3%	81%	19%
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	2406	5%	10%	24%	29%	32%	39%	61%	2258	7%	23%	25%	29%	16%	55%	45%
NW	3	8898	Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences	845	2%	6%	34%	36%	21%	42%	57%	851	29%	42%	21%	8%	1%	92%	9%
NW	4	8406	John A. Sutter Middle	1197	7%	13%	37%	30%	13%	57%	43%	1208	4%	16%	30%	38%	12%	50%	50%
NE	6	8142	Robert Fulton College Preparatory	1603	12%	19%	37%	22%	9%	68%	31%	1622	21%	36%	25%	15%	3%	82%	18%
XR	3	8557	Birmingham Community Charter High	2060	6%	13%	35%	32%	15%	54%	47%	1994	12%	43%	29%	14%	2%	84%	16%
NW	3	8571	Canoga Park Senior High	1198	9%	15%	34%	29%	14%	58%	43%	1158	17%	39%	25%	16%	3%	81%	19%
NE	6	8636	John H. Francis Polytechnic	1917	5%	11%	35%	31%	18%	51%	49%	1829	10%	32%	28%	23%	6%	70%	29%
Resident Schools Median				1233	5%	13%	35%	30%	15%	54%	47%	1208	11%	36%	28%	16%	4%	81%	19%

Magnolia Science Academy
2011-12 CALIFORNIA STANDARDS-TEST (CST) ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATH RESULTS

LD	BD	Loc. Code	School Name	2012 CST ELA							2012 CST MATH								
				# Tested	% Far Below Basic	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Prof	% Adv	% B/BB/F BB	% Prof /Adv	# Tested	% Far Below Basic	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Prof	% Adv	% B/BB/F BB	% Prof /Adv
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	457	4%	10%	27%	34%	25%	41%	59%	457	6%	22%	25%	30%	17%	53%	47%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE																			
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	2466	6%	12%	24%	27%	30%	42%	57%	2175	6%	17%	27%	34%	16%	50%	50%
E	5	8701	International Studies Learning Center at Legacy	709	6%	13%	34%	28%	19%	53%	47%	717	12%	33%	30%	21%	5%	75%	26%
C	5	8750	John Marshall Senior High	1982	9%	14%	27%	25%	25%	50%	50%	1845	21%	34%	23%	16%	6%	78%	22%
W	1	8760	Middle College High	275	1%	5%	31%	37%	25%	37%	62%	273	22%	37%	32%	9%	1%	91%	10%
NE	3	8786	North Hollywood Senior High	2190	7%	11%	26%	25%	32%	44%	57%	2157	16%	31%	27%	18%	9%	74%	27%
C	2	8853	Orthopaedic Hospital	643	3%	6%	31%	38%	22%	40%	60%	634	16%	35%	29%	17%	3%	80%	20%
NE	6	8893	Van Nuys Senior High	2017	10%	13%	22%	23%	31%	45%	54%	1892	17%	26%	23%	22%	13%	66%	35%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median				1982	6%	12%	27%	27%	25%	44%	57%	1845	16%	33%	27%	18%	6%	75%	26%
Resident Schools																			
NW	6	8814	Resseda Senior High	1303	7%	12%	31%	28%	23%	50%	51%	1165	14%	34%	28%	17%	6%	76%	23%
NW	3	8259	William Mulholland Middle	1471	7%	15%	33%	27%	17%	55%	44%	1499	12%	31%	31%	19%	8%	74%	27%
NW	3	8283	Northridge Middle	740	4%	13%	36%	33%	14%	53%	47%	758	4%	18%	30%	36%	11%	52%	47%
NW	3	8513	Northridge Academy High	778	3%	10%	33%	33%	22%	46%	55%	763	13%	41%	29%	14%	3%	83%	17%
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	2466	6%	12%	24%	27%	30%	42%	57%	2175	6%	17%	27%	34%	16%	50%	50%
NW	3	8898	Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences	779	8%	12%	32%	28%	19%	52%	47%	775	27%	39%	23%	9%	1%	89%	10%
NW	4	8406	John A. Sutter Middle	1320	10%	18%	33%	25%	14%	61%	39%	1321	6%	20%	32%	30%	11%	58%	41%
NE	6	8142	Robert Fulton College Preparatory	1792	11%	21%	37%	22%	10%	69%	32%	1784	21%	40%	24%	12%	3%	85%	15%
XR	3	8557	Birmingham Community Charter High	1752	6%	13%	35%	31%	15%	54%	46%	1592	17%	42%	28%	12%	2%	87%	14%
NW	3	8571	Canoga Park Senior High	1249	10%	18%	32%	25%	15%	60%	40%	1223	20%	37%	24%	15%	3%	81%	18%
NE	6	8636	John H. Francis Polytechnic	1843	6%	13%	31%	30%	19%	50%	49%	1770	14%	32%	27%	21%	7%	73%	28%
Resident Schools Median				1320	7%	13%	33%	28%	17%	53%	47%	1321	14%	34%	28%	17%	6%	76%	23%

**Magnolia Science Academy
HIGH SCHOOL DATA**

This page displays the CAHSEE pass rates and graduation rates of the specified school year as published by the California Department of Education (CDE).

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	2014-15 Grade Span	2012-13 CAHSEE Grade 10 % Passed Math	2012-13 CAHSEE Grade 10 % Passed ELA	2013-14 CAHSEE Grade 10 % Passed Math	2013-14 CAHSEE Grade 10 % Passed ELA	2014-15 Cohort Graduation Rate
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	6-12	95%	93%	98%	95%	98%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE									
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	9-12	92%	87%	88%	87%	85%
E	5	8701	International Studies Learning Center at Legacy High School Con	6-12	84%	89%	92%	89%	92%
C	5	8750	John Marshall Senior High	9-12	88%	83%	89%	85%	84%
W	1	8760	Middle College High	9-12	95%	96%	94%	96%	99%
NE	3	8786	North Hollywood Senior High	9-12	86%	87%	83%	84%	88%
C	2	8853	Orthopaedic Hospital	9-12	92%	94%	94%	95%	95%
NE	6	8893	Van Nuys Senior High	9-12	86%	86%	88%	88%	86%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median					--	88%	87%	89%	88%
Resident Schools									
NW	6	8814	Reseda Senior High	9-12	90%	86%	85%	82%	84%
NW	3	8259	William Mulholland Middle	6-8	--	--	--	--	--
NW	3	8283	Northridge Middle	6-8	--	--	--	--	--
NW	3	8513	Northridge Academy High	9-12	92%	91%	88%	87%	94%
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	9-12	92%	87%	88%	87%	85%
NW	3	8898	Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences	9-12	86%	90%	89%	92%	91%
NW	4	8406	John A. Sutter Middle	6-8	--	--	--	--	--
NE	6	8142	Robert Fulton College Preparatory	6-12	71%	71%	73%	70%	83%
XR	3	8557	Birmingham Community Charter High	9-12	86%	87%	84%	83%	91%
NW	3	8571	Canoga Park Senior High	9-12	71%	70%	83%	76%	75%
NE	6	8636	John H. Francis Polytechnic	9-12	94%	88%	90%	83%	87%
Resident Schools Median					--	88%	87%	87%	86%

**Magnolia Science Academy
OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION EVENTS**

This page displays the out-of-school suspension event rates for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, and suspension events, days and rates for 2015-2016 school year based on schools' self-reported monthly suspensions.

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	2013-14			2014-15			2015-16			2015-16 SUBGROUPS			STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY			
				Susp. Event Rate	Susp. Event Rate	Susp. Event Rate	Susp. Event Rate	Susp. Event Rate	# Enrolled	# Events	# Days	# Enrolled	# Events	# Days	# Enrolled	# Events	# Days	Susp. Event Rate	Susp. Event Rate
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	540	1	5	3	0	0	0.0%	84	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE																			
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	0.0%	3.0%	1.4%	3202	44	66	146	4	4	2.7%	330	66	77	20.0%	77	4.2%
E	5	8701	International Studies Learning Center at Legacy High School Comp	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	863	1	1	3	0	0	0.0%	67	1	7	1.5%	7	0.0%
C	5	8750	John Marshall Senior High	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	2340	11	21	35	0	0	0.0%	237	21	26	8.9%	26	0.4%
W	1	8760	Middle College High	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	387	6	10	140	6	10	4.3%	3	10	10	33.3%	10	0.0%
NE	3	8786	North Hollywood Senior High	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	2610	11	18	114	2	2	1.8%	284	18	18	6.3%	18	1.8%
C	2	8853	Orthopaedic Hospital	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	839	1	1	27	0	0	0.0%	31	1	1	3.2%	1	0.0%
NE	6	8893	Van Nuys Senior High	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	2594	10	23	110	5	8	4.5%	274	23	23	8.4%	23	0.7%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median																			
				0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	2340	10	18	110	2	2	1.8%	237	18	18	8.4%	18	0.4%
Resident Schools																			
NW	6	8814	Reseda Senior High	0.0%	1.1%	2.1%	1597	34	58	69	4	9	5.8%	349	58	59	16.6%	59	2.3%
NW	3	8259	William Mulholland Middle	0.0%	1.1%	2.6%	1162	30	38	41	3	3	7.3%	183	38	139	20.8%	139	3.3%
NW	3	8283	Northridge Middle	0.0%	0.4%	1.5%	839	13	32	30	3	7	10.0%	177	32	32	18.1%	32	4.0%
NW	3	8513	Northridge Academy High	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	1072	4	11	37	0	0	0.0%	172	11	11	6.4%	11	0.6%
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High	0.0%	3.0%	1.4%	3202	44	66	146	4	4	2.7%	330	66	77	20.0%	77	4.2%
NW	3	8898	Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences	0.0%	0.4%	0.7%	1201	8	15	64	3	5	4.7%	213	15	16	7.0%	16	0.9%
NW	4	8406	John A. Sutter Middle	1.1%	2.8%	2.3%	862	20	24	33	2	3	6.1%	176	24	25	13.6%	25	2.8%
NE	6	8142	Robert Fulton College Preparatory	0.0%	0.6%	1.3%	1769	22	33	58	3	4	5.2%	269	33	40	12.3%	40	2.6%
XR	3	8557	Birmingham Community Charter High	0.0%	3.5%	2.7%	3278	87	114	145	13	19	9.0%	416	35	48	8.4%	48	6.0%
NW	3	8571	Canoga Park Senior High	0.0%	0.9%	1.2%	1434	17	24	63	4	5	6.3%	260	24	24	9.2%	24	1.9%
NE	6	8636	John H. Francis Polytechnic	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	2876	1	5	29	0	0	0.0%	386	5	5	1.3%	5	0.0%
Resident Schools Median																			
				0.0%	0.9%	1.4%	1434	20	32	58	3	4	5.8%	260	32	32	12.3%	32	2.6%

Suspension Events: The number of suspensions issued by the school
Suspension Days: The total number of days issued for all suspension events
Suspension Event Rate: The rate is calculated by dividing the total number of suspension events for the school or subgroup by the total enrollment of the school or subgroup (events/enrollment)
Single Student Suspension %: The percent of students in the school or subgroup that have been suspended one or more times (Students suspended/enrollment)

**Magnolia Science Academy
TITLE III ACCOUNTABILITY DATA**

The Title III program assists LEAs to develop and enhance their capacity to provide high-quality instructional programs designed to prepare ELs to enter all-English instructional settings. Title III Accountability ensures that LEAs assist ELs in overcoming language barriers and meeting academic achievement outcomes as demonstrated by meeting the Annual Measureable Academic Objectives (AMAO) targets.

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	School Type	AMAO 1 - Annual Growth						AMAO 2 - Attaining English Proficiency							
					Number of Annual CELDT Takers	Number in Cohort	Percent in Cohort with Prior CELDT Scores	Number Met AMAO 1	Percent Met AMAO 1 2014-15	Percent Met AMAO 1 2013-14	Less than 5 years			5 Years or More				
											Number Attain Eng Prof. Level	Percent Attain Eng Prof. Level 2014-15	Percent Attain Eng Prof. Level 2013-14	Number Attain Eng Prof. Level	Percent Attain Eng Prof. Level 2014-15	Percent Attain Eng Prof. Level 2013-14		
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	Span Schools (Not Magnets)	63	0	0.0%	--	--	--	7	--	--	56	19	33.9%	46.6%	
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE																		
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High School	Senior High School	287	274	95.5%	160	58.4%	57.7%	124	15	12.1%	26.8%	193	84	43.5%	41.8%
E	5	8701	International Studies Learning Center	Span Schools (Not Magnets)	66	66	100.0%	30	45.5%	69.8%	1	--	--	--	65	26	40.0%	50.6%
C	5	8750	John Marshall Senior High	Senior High School	240	237	98.8%	112	47.3%	56.3%	76	18	23.7%	30.4%	181	62	34.3%	36.6%
W	1	8760	Middle College High School	Senior High School	4	4	100.0%	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	4	--	--	--
NE	3	8786	North Hollywood Senior High	Senior High School	249	248	99.6%	114	46.0%	43.9%	104	10	9.6%	14.1%	179	51	28.5%	34.2%
C	2	8853	Orthopaedic Hospital Senior High Medical Magnet	Magnet/Self Contained (Senior)	37	36	97.3%	27	75.0%	68.8%	5	--	--	--	32	20	62.5%	68.0%
NE	6	8893	Van Nuys Senior High	Senior High School	305	303	99.3%	162	53.5%	56.4%	162	25	15.4%	14.4%	181	71	39.2%	45.5%
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median																		
					240	237	99.3%	113	50.4%	57.1%	76	17	13.8%	20.6%	179	57	39.6%	43.7%
Resident Schools																		
NW	6	8814	Reseda Senior High	Senior High School	210	207	98.6%	79	38.2%	50.8%	110	8	7.3%	21.3%	139	34	24.5%	37.0%
NW	3	8259	William Mulholland Middle School	Middle School	207	207	100.0%	107	51.7%	51.7%	62	11	17.7%	11.5%	171	64	37.4%	43.8%
NW	3	8283	Northridge Middle School	Middle School	170	170	100.0%	86	50.6%	45.7%	48	9	18.8%	25.0%	142	46	32.4%	32.7%
NW	3	8513	Northridge Academy Senior High	Senior High School	76	76	100.0%	46	60.5%	48.8%	11	8	72.7%	--	65	30	46.2%	32.1%
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High School	Senior High School	287	274	95.5%	160	58.4%	57.7%	124	15	12.1%	26.8%	193	84	43.5%	41.8%
NW	3	8898	Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences	Senior High School	43	41	95.3%	28	68.3%	44.3%	11	7	63.6%	--	32	19	59.4%	32.1%
NW	4	8406	John A Sutter Middle School	Middle School	238	238	100.0%	108	45.4%	52.4%	43	7	16.3%	27.5%	211	61	28.9%	39.2%
NE	6	8142	Robert Fulton College Preparatory School	Span Schools (Not Magnets)	394	393	99.7%	161	41.0%	44.2%	131	20	15.3%	17.0%	301	80	26.6%	28.6%
XR	3	8557	Birmingham Community Charter High School	Senior High School	336	336	100.0%	173	51.5%	48.9%	146	23	15.8%	13.3%	248	97	39.1%	32.6%
NW	3	8571	Canoga Park Senior High	Senior High School	174	172	98.9%	97	56.4%	52.1%	86	11	12.8%	11.0%	115	40	34.8%	32.2%
NE	6	8636	John H Francis Polytechnic Senior High	Senior High School	381	380	99.7%	166	43.7%	48.1%	139	19	13.7%	11.2%	287	90	31.4%	36.9%
					210	207	99.7%	107	51.5%	48.9%	86	11	15.8%	17.0%	171	61	34.8%	32.7%

Magnolia Science Academy
2014-15 and 2015-16 Smarter Balanced Assessment Achievement Data

2015-16		English Language Arts						Mathematics					
LD	BD	Loc Code	School	Subgroup	% Standard Not Met	% Standard Nearly Met	% Standard Met	% Exceeds Standard	% Standard Not Met	% Standard Nearly Met	% Standard Met	% Exceeds Standard	
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	All Students	26	31	33	10	33	36	16	15	
				African American	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
				Latino	29	33	31	7	35	39	15	11	
				English Learners	81	19	0	0	81	19	0	0	
				Socio-economically Disadvantaged	28	31	32	9	34	37	16	13	
				Students with Disabilities	67	22	10	0	76	16	6	2	
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE													
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High School	All Students	9	22	38	31	33	28	27	12	
E	5	8701	International Studies Learning Center	All Students	24	26	35	15	41	28	20	11	
C	5	8750	John Marshall Senior High	All Students	15	19	36	30	40	24	23	13	
W	1	8760	Middle College High School	All Students	0	15	54	31	31	35	32	1	
NE	3	8786	North Hollywood Senior High	All Students	19	22	32	27	38	25	20	18	
C	2	8853	Orthopaedic Hospital Senior High Medical Magnet	All Students	6	19	47	28	34	30	22	14	
NE	6	8893	Van Nuys Senior High	All Students	13	21	43	23	35	28	25	13	
			LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median	All Students	13	21	38	28	35	28	23	13	
Resident Schools													
NW	6	8814	Reseda Senior High	All Students	15	25	36	24	46	24	20	11	
NW	3	8259	William Mulholland Middle School	All Students	37	28	27	7	52	25	13	9	
NW	3	8283	Northridge Middle School	All Students	45	26	23	5	55	24	13	8	
NW	3	8513	Northridge Academy Senior High	All Students	16	21	36	27	41	33	21	5	
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High School	All Students	9	22	38	31	33	28	27	12	
NW	3	8898	Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences	All Students	12	20	45	22	54	30	12	4	
NW	4	8406	John A Sutter Middle School	All Students	41	33	23	3	57	25	13	5	
NE	6	8142	Robert Fulton College Preparatory School	All Students	45	31	20	4	64	27	8	2	
XR	3	8557	Birmingham Community Charter High School	All Students	14	22	40	24	44	31	19	7	
NW	3	8571	Canoga Park Senior High	All Students	13	24	38	26	51	29	13	7	
NE	6	8636	John H Francis Polytechnic Senior High	All Students	22	26	33	19	44	25	19	12	
			Resident Schools Median	All Students	16	25	36	22	51	27	13	7	

Magnolia Science Academy
2014-15 and 2015-16 Smarter Balanced Assessment Achievement Data

2014-15		English Language Arts				Mathematics					
LD	BD	Loc Code	School	Subgroup	% Standard Met	% Standard Nearly Met	% Standard Met	% Standard Not Met	% Standard Nearly Met	% Standard Met	% Exceeds Standard
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	All Students	32	32	28	38	38	15	9
				African American	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
				Latino	35	32	27	42	38	14	6
				English Learners	81	19	0	85	15	0	0
				Socio-economically Disadvantaged	33	32	28	39	39	14	8
				Students with Disabilities	57	34	9	79	19	2	0
LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE											
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High School	All Students	12	24	33	37	31	22	10
E	5	8701	International Studies Learning Center	All Students	35	26	29	47	30	16	7
C	5	8750	John Marshall Senior High	All Students	17	22	35	38	22	24	16
W	1	8760	Middle College High School	All Students	14	28	39	57	30	12	1
NE	3	8786	North Hollywood Senior High	All Students	11	25	34	35	29	18	18
C	2	8853	Orthopaedic Hospital Senior High Medical Magnet	All Students	9	19	50	41	33	21	6
NE	6	8893	Van Nuys Senior High	All Students	18	27	35	35	27	23	14
			LAUSD Similar Schools from CDE Median	All Students	14	25	35	38	30	21	10
Resident Schools											
NW	6	8814	Reseda Senior High	All Students	18	29	40	61	23	12	4
NW	3	8259	William Mulholland Middle School	All Students	44	31	21	61	21	12	5
NW	3	8283	Northridge Middle School	All Students	41	35	21	58	29	9	4
NW	3	8513	Northridge Academy Senior High	All Students	15	29	35	47	28	21	5
NW	3	8590	Grover Cleveland Charter High School	All Students	12	24	33	37	31	22	10
NW	3	8898	Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences	All Students	8	24	49	51	31	15	3
NW	4	8406	John A Sutter Middle School	All Students	51	29	18	56	29	11	5
NE	6	8142	Robert Fulton College Preparatory School	All Students	52	29	16	68	23	7	2
XR	3	8557	Birmingham Community Charter High School	All Students	24	34	31	67	20	10	3
NW	3	8571	Canoga Park Senior High	All Students	20	27	42	55	32	11	2
NE	6	8636	John H Francis Polytechnic Senior High	All Students	21	31	34	43	26	23	9
			Resident Schools Median	All Students	21	29	33	56	28	12	4

PLOC	School Name	Board District	Test	Grade	Subgroup ID	Students with Scores	Percentage Standard Not Met	Percentage Standard Nearly Met	Percentage Standard Met	Percentage Standard Exceeded
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	ELA	6	EL	16	81%	19%	0%	0%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	ELA	7	EL	7				
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	ELA	8	EL	6				
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	ELA	11	EL	3				
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	MATH	6	EL	16	88%	13%	0%	0%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	MATH	7	EL	7				
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	MATH	8	EL	6				
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	MATH	11	EL	3				
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	ELA	6	RFEP	45	24%	27%	33%	16%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	ELA	7	RFEP	53	25%	36%	36%	4%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	ELA	8	RFEP	58	24%	38%	31%	7%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	ELA	11	RFEP	47	9%	30%	45%	17%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	MATH	6	RFEP	45	29%	33%	20%	18%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	MATH	7	RFEP	53	26%	51%	13%	9%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	MATH	8	RFEP	58	38%	31%	12%	19%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	MATH	11	RFEP	47	19%	40%	26%	15%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	ELA	6	SPED	15	80%	13%	7%	0%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	ELA	7	SPED	12	58%	42%	0%	0%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	ELA	8	SPED	14	71%	14%	14%	0%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	ELA	11	SPED	8				
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	MATH	6	SPED	15	93%	0%	0%	7%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	MATH	7	SPED	12	58%	33%	8%	0%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	MATH	8	SPED	14	79%	14%	7%	0%
8454	Magnolia Sci Acad	6	MATH	11	SPED	8				

MAGNOLIA CHARTER SCHOOLS
2012 BASE API AND 2013 GROWTH API DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

This page displays the 2012 Base API, 2013 Growth API, school ranks and the demographic information from the 2013 Growth API report.

An asterisk (*) indicates that the school does not have a valid 2012 Base API or 2013 Growth API. *Note: The 2013 statewide and similar schools ranks are the final set of ranks reported. These ranks are based on the 2013 Growth API data.*

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	2013 Enrolled # on 1st Day of Testing	Conf	2012 Base API	2013 Growth API	2013 State Rank	2013 Similar Schools Rank	Met 2013 Sch-wide Target	Met 2013 Subgroup Targets	School Demographic Characteristics											
												% Free/ Reduced Lunch	% Sp Ed	% GATE	% EL	% RFP	% Latino	% White	% Af. Amer	% Asian	% Fili Indian	% Pacific Island	% Two or More
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	432	6-12	805	797	7	10	No	No	88	12	0	10	50	76	10	1	5	6	0	0
XR	3	8461	Magnolia Science Academy 2	365	6-12	759	756	4	5	No	No	67	16	0	15	31	71	13	5	4	4	0	1
XR	7	8464	Magnolia Science Academy 3	372	6-12	785	748	3	8	No	No	72	10	0	5	19	44	2	51	1	1	0	1
XR	4	8011	Magnolia Science Academy 4	182	6-12	767	761	5	7	No	No	76	12	0	8	30	60	18	16	2	2	0	1
XR	6	8012	Magnolia Science Academy 5	236	6-12	843	759	4	5	No	No	85	9	0	17	48	81	6	3	5	5	0	0
XR	1	8013	Magnolia Science Academy 6	126	6-8	845	828	7	7	Yes	No	48	10	0	3	14	50	20	15	3	6	2	1
XR	3	8014	Magnolia Science Academy 7	116	K-5	906	904	9	10	Yes	Yes	73	16	1	15	20	61	23	2	5	5	0	3
XR	5	5166	Magnolia Science Academy Bell	490	6-8	714	763	4	5	Yes	Yes	94	7	0	16	47	98	2	0	0	0	0	0
Schools Median				301	--	795	762	5	7	--	--	75	11	0	13	31	66	12	4	4	5	0	1

MAGNOLIA CHARTER SCHOOLS
OCTOBER 2015 CALPADS DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

This page displays K-12 enrollment number and percentages of select subgroups as of October 2015 Census Day.

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	Total Enroll #	% F/R Meal	% GATE	% EL	% Latino	% White	% Af. Amer.	% Asian	% Fili.	% Am Indian	% Pacific Island	% Two or More
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	540	91%	1%	12%	84%	7%	1%	4%	3%	0%	0%	0%
XR	3	8461	Magnolia Science Academy 2	487	79%	2%	13%	82%	9%	3%	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%
XR	7	8464	Magnolia Science Academy 3	455	81%	1%	5%	49%	2%	44%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%
XR	4	8011	Magnolia Science Academy 4	184	76%	1%	9%	78%	8%	10%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
XR	6	8012	Magnolia Science Academy 5	148	89%	4%	28%	82%	8%	5%	1%	4%	0%	0%	1%
XR	1	8013	Magnolia Science Academy 6	165	84%	1%	15%	85%	3%	10%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
XR	3	8014	Magnolia Science Academy 7	291	74%	2%	32%	66%	19%	5%	5%	3%	0%	0%	2%
XR	5	5166	Magnolia Science Academy Bell	493	94%	1%	14%	93%	6%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Schools Median				373	83%	1%	14%	82%	7%	5%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%

**MAGNOLIA CHARTER SCHOOLS
RECLASSIFICATION RATES**

This page displays the number of English learners (ELs) on Census Day, the number of students reclassified since the prior Census Day, and the reclassification rate for each specified year. The reclassification rate, displayed in percentage, is calculated by dividing the number reclassified by the number of prior year ELs. These data have historically been collected as of Spring Census Day. However, beginning in 2013-14, the state moved the collection of official EL and Reclassification counts from Spring Census to Fall Census. The 2012-13 EL total displayed on this page is the Spring Census (March 2013) count which remains to be the official EL count for that year. The 2013-14 reclassification rate is calculated by dividing the 2013-14 Fall Census reclassified count by the 2012-13 Fall Census (October 2012) EL count which is not displayed on this page.

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	12-13 EL #*	13-14 Reclass #	13-14 Reclass Rate	13-14 EL #	14-15 Reclass #	14-15 Reclass Rate	14-15 EL #	15-16 Reclass #	15-16 Reclass Rate
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	45	26	36%	72	21	29%	64	21	33%
XR	3	8461	Magnolia Science Academy 2	56	9	15%	68	12	18%	66	20	30%
XR	7	8464	Magnolia Science Academy 3	18	9	28%	27	0	0%	35	18	51%
XR	4	8011	Magnolia Science Academy 4	14	1	5%	25	0	0%	28	3	11%
XR	6	8012	Magnolia Science Academy 5	41	8	18%	48	10	21%	34	2	6%
XR	1	8013	Magnolia Science Academy 6	8	1	14%	12	3	25%	19	8	42%
XR	3	8014	Magnolia Science Academy 7	42	15	40%	96	23	24%	74	0	0%
XR	5	5166	Magnolia Science Academy Bell	76	19	19%	87	16	18%	74	21	28%
Schools Median				42	9	19%	58	11	20%	50	13	29%

**MAGNOLIA CHARTER SCHOOLS
RECLASSIFICATION OF ENGLISH LEARNERS**

This page displays the number of English learners (ELs) on Census Day, the number of students reclassified since the prior Census Day, and the reclassification rate for each specified year. The reclassification rate, displayed in percentage, is calculated by dividing the number reclassified by the number of prior year ELs. These data have historically been collected as of Spring Census Day. However, beginning in 2013-14, the state moved the collection of official EL and Reclassification counts from Spring Census to Fall Census. The 2012-13 EL total displayed on this page is the Spring Census (March 2013) count which remains to be the official EL count for that year. The 2013-14 reclassification rate is calculated by dividing the 2013-14 Fall Census reclassified count by the 2012-13 Fall Census (October 2012) EL count which is not displayed on this page.

	2014-15 # EL	2015-16 # Reclassified	2015-16 Reclassification Rate	Change from Prior Year
2015-16				
Schools Median	50	13	0	9.7%
District	164,349	19,952	12.1%	-4.5%

	2013-14 # EL	2014-15 # Reclassified	2014-15 Reclassification Rate
2014-15			
Schools Median	58	11	19.6%
District	179,322	29,694	16.6%

	2012-13 # EL	2013-14 # Reclassified	2013-14 Reclassification Rate
2013-14			
Schools Median	42	9	18.7%
District	170,797	25,532	13.9%

**MAGNOLIA CHARTER SCHOOLS
K-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS (DECEMBER 2015 CASEMIS REPORT)**

This page displays the K-12 enrollment total (as of October 2015) and the number of K-12 special education students in total, by incidence category, and by eligibility as reported on the December 2015 California Special Education Management Information System (CASEMIS) Report. High incidence eligibilities are indicated by an asterisk (*).

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	OCT 2015 Enroll #	Sp Ed Enroll #	Sp Ed Enroll %	% High Incidence	% Low Incidence	# AUT	# DB	# DEAF	# ED	# EMD	# HOH	# MR	# OHI*	# OI	# SLD*	# SLI*	# TBI	# VI
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	540	85	16%	89%	11%	7	--	--	--	--	2	--	9	--	60	7	--	--
XR	3	8461	Magnolia Science Academy 2	487	86	18%	91%	9%	5	--	--	--	--	1	--	24	1	51	3	--	--
XR	7	8464	Magnolia Science Academy 3	455	48	11%	90%	10%	3	--	--	1	--	1	--	7	--	34	2	--	--
XR	4	8011	Magnolia Science Academy 4	184	25	14%	84%	16%	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	--	12	3	--	--
XR	6	8012	Magnolia Science Academy 5	148	28	19%	93%	7%	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	4	--	20	2	--	--
XR	1	8013	Magnolia Science Academy 6	165	27	16%	78%	22%	2	--	--	--	--	4	--	11	--	9	1	--	--
XR	3	8014	Magnolia Science Academy 7	291	36	12%	94%	6%	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	8	23	--	--
XR	5	5166	Magnolia Science Academy Bell	493	53	11%	85%	15%	6	--	--	--	--	1	--	4	1	37	4	--	--
Schools Median				373	42	15%	89%	11%	4	--	--	1	--	1	--	7	1	27	3	--	--

MAGNOLIA CHARTER SCHOOLS
2012-13 CALIFORNIA STANDARDS-TEST (CST) ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATH RESULTS

LD	BD	Loc. Code	School Name	2013 CST ELA										2013 CST MATH					
				# Tested	% Far Below Basic	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Prof	% Adv	% B/BB/F BB	% Prof /Adv	# Tested	% Far Below Basic	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Prof	% Adv	% B/BB/F BB	% Prof /Adv
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	421	5%	10%	31%	32%	22%	46%	54%	420	3%	23%	33%	26%	16%	59%	42%
XR	3	8461	Magnolia Science Academy 2	352	6%	12%	33%	30%	18%	51%	48%	350	10%	30%	29%	23%	7%	69%	30%
XR	7	8464	Magnolia Science Academy 3	372	5%	15%	30%	38%	13%	50%	51%	371	14%	35%	27%	17%	7%	76%	24%
XR	4	8011	Magnolia Science Academy 4	181	5%	8%	31%	34%	21%	44%	55%	178	13%	30%	24%	24%	10%	67%	34%
XR	6	8012	Magnolia Science Academy 5	225	4%	14%	42%	27%	13%	60%	40%	227	5%	29%	27%	30%	9%	61%	39%
XR	1	8013	Magnolia Science Academy 6	126	2%	6%	30%	34%	28%	38%	62%	126	3%	26%	35%	23%	13%	64%	36%
XR	3	8014	Magnolia Science Academy 7	116	1%	0%	25%	35%	39%	26%	74%	116	1%	3%	9%	37%	50%	13%	87%
XR	5	5166	Magnolia Science Academy Bell	473	5%	11%	40%	31%	13%	56%	44%	473	7%	25%	30%	28%	10%	62%	38%
Schools Median				289	5%	11%	31%	33%	20%	48%	53%	289	6%	28%	28%	25%	10%	63%	37%

MAGNOLIA CHARTER SCHOOLS
2011-12 CALIFORNIA STANDARDS-TEST (CST) ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATH RESULTS

LD	BD	Loc. Code	School Name	2012 CST ELA										2012 CST MATH						
				# Tested	% Far Below Basic	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Prof	% Adv	% B/BB/F BB	% Prof /Adv	% Tested	% Far Below Basic	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Prof	% Adv	% B/BB/F BB	% Prof /Adv	
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	457	4%	10%	27%	34%	25%	41%	59%	457	6%	22%	25%	30%	17%	53%	47%	
XR	3	8461	Magnolia Science Academy 2	307	4%	13%	34%	24%	25%	51%	49%	307	16%	35%	24%	20%	5%	75%	25%	
XR	7	8464	Magnolia Science Academy 3	270	4%	10%	28%	37%	21%	42%	58%	270	9%	32%	31%	20%	9%	72%	29%	
XR	4	8011	Magnolia Science Academy 4	160	9%	8%	34%	21%	29%	51%	50%	160	8%	33%	25%	21%	13%	66%	34%	
XR	6	8012	Magnolia Science Academy 5	188	2%	6%	32%	37%	22%	40%	59%	190	5%	9%	28%	33%	25%	42%	58%	
XR	1	8013	Magnolia Science Academy 6	154	1%	5%	19%	39%	36%	25%	75%	154	6%	18%	37%	25%	13%	61%	38%	
XR	3	8014	Magnolia Science Academy 7	71	1%	7%	21%	32%	38%	29%	70%	71	1%	0%	8%	45%	45%	9%	90%	
XR	5	5166	Magnolia Science Academy Bell	473	8%	15%	34%	27%	16%	57%	43%	473	14%	33%	28%	18%	8%	75%	26%	
Resident Schools Median				229	4%	9%	30%	33%	25%	42%	59%	230	7%	27%	27%	23%	13%	64%	36%	

**MAGNOLIA CHARTER SCHOOLS
HIGH SCHOOL DATA**

This page displays the CAHSEE pass rates and graduation rates of the specified school year as published by the California Department of Education (CDE).

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	2014-15 Grade Span	2012-13 CAHSEE Grade 10 % Passed Math	2012-13 CAHSEE Grade 10 % Passed ELA	2013-14 CAHSEE Grade 10 % Passed Math	2013-14 CAHSEE Grade 10 % Passed ELA	2014-15 Cohort Graduation Rate
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	6-12	95%	93%	98%	95%	98%
XR	3	8461	Magnolia Science Academy 2	6-12	97%	87%	83%	83%	100%
XR	7	8464	Magnolia Science Academy 3	6-12	89%	81%	62%	71%	98%
XR	4	8011	Magnolia Science Academy 4	6-12	88%	90%	88%	91%	88%
XR	6	8012	Magnolia Science Academy 5	6-12	85%	92%	87%	96%	--
XR	1	8013	Magnolia Science Academy 6	6- 8	--	--	--	--	--
XR	3	8014	Magnolia Science Academy 7	K- 5	--	--	--	--	--
XR	5	5166	Magnolia Science Academy Bell	6- 8	--	--	--	--	--
Schools Median				--	89%	90%	87%	91%	98%

**MAGNOLIA CHARTER SCHOOLS
OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION EVENTS**

This page displays the out-of-school suspension event rates for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, and suspension events, days and rates for 2015-2016 school year based on schools' self-reported monthly suspensions.

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	2015-16				2015-16 SUBGROUPS				STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY									
				Susp. Event Rate 2013-14	Susp. Event Rate 2014-15	Susp. Event Rate	Single Std. Susp. %	# Enrolled	# Events	# Days	# Enrolled	# Events 2015-16	# Days 2015-16	Susp. Event Rate 2015-16	Single Std. Susp % 2015-16	# Enrolled	# Events 2015-16	# Days 2015-16	Susp. Event Rate 2015-16	Single Std. Susp % 2015-16	
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	540	1	5	3	5	84	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
XR	3	8461	Magnolia Science Academy 2	1.6%	1.3%	0.6%	0.6%	487	3	12	14	0	82	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
XR	7	8464	Magnolia Science Academy 3	2.3%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	455	0	0	198	0	47	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
XR	4	8011	Magnolia Science Academy 4	6.9%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	184	0	0	19	0	24	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
XR	6	8012	Magnolia Science Academy 5	2.9%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	148	0	0	7	0	28	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
XR	1	8013	Magnolia Science Academy 6	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	165	1	1	17	1	27	0	0	5.9%	5.9%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
XR	3	8014	Magnolia Science Academy 7	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	291	0	0	14	0	34	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
XR	5	5166	Magnolia Science Academy Bell	0.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	493	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Schools Median				1.2%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	373	0	0	14	0	41	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%

Suspension Events: The number of suspensions issued by the school

Suspension Days: The total number of days issued for all suspension events

Suspension Event Rate: The rate is calculated by dividing the total number of suspension events for the school or subgroup by the total enrollment of the school or subgroup (events/enrollment)

Single Student Suspension %: The percent of students in the school or subgroup that have been suspended one or more times (students suspended/enrollment)

MAGNOLIA CMO
TITLE III ACCOUNTABILITY DATA

The Title III program assists LEAs to develop and enhance their capacity to provide high-quality instructional programs designed to prepare ELs to enter all-English instructional settings. Title III Accountability ensures that LEAs assist ELs in overcoming language barriers and meeting academic achievement outcomes as demonstrated by meeting the Annual Measureable Academic Objectives (AMAO) targets.

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	School Type	AMAO 1 - Annual Growth					AMAO 2 - Attaining English Proficiency						
					Number of Annual CELDT Takers	Number in Cohort	Percent with Prior CELDT Scores	Number Met AMAO 1	Percent Met AMAO 1 2014-15	Percent Met AMAO 1 2013-14	Number in Cohort	Number Attain Eng Prof. Level	Percent Attain Eng Prof. Level 2014-15	Number in Cohort	Number Attain Eng Prof. Level	Percent Attain Eng Prof. Level 2013-14
XR	6	8454	Magnolia Science Academy	Span Schools (Not Magnets)	63	0	0.0%	--	--	7	--	--	56	19	33.9%	46.6%
XR	3	8461	Magnolia Science Academy #2	Span Schools (Not Magnets)	65	0	0.0%	--	56.0%	14	7	50.0%	51	22	43.1%	41.7%
XR	7	8464	Magnolia Science Academy #3	Span Schools (Not Magnets)	29	16	55.2%	--	--	1	--	--	29	12	41.4%	--
XR	4	8011	Magnolia Science Academy #4	Span Schools (Not Magnets)	16	13	81.3%	8	61.5%	2	--	--	22	8	36.4%	--
XR	6	8012	Magnolia Science Academy #5	Span Schools (Not Magnets)	27	22	81.5%	4	18.2%	12	0	0.0%	22	4	18.2%	46.3%
XR	1	8013	Magnolia Science Academy #6	Middle School	20	0	0.0%	--	--	7	--	--	15	7	46.7%	--
XR	3	8014	Magnolia Science Academy #7	Elementary School	90	90	100.0%	53	58.9%	91	35	38.5%	5	--	--	--
XR	5	5166	Magnolia Science Academy Bell @ South Region MS #2A	Middle School	75	0	0.0%	--	--	3	--	--	72	30	41.7%	31.7%
CMO Schools Median					46	7	27.6%	8	58.9%	7	7	38.5%	76	12	41.4%	44.0%

**FINDINGS OF FACT IN SUPPORT OF DENIAL OF THE
RENEWAL CHARTER PETITION FOR
MAGNOLIA SCIENCE ACADEMY
BY THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT #163-16/17
October 18, 2016

I. INTRODUCTION.

On August 22, 2016, the Los Angeles Unified School District (“District”) received a charter petition (“Petition”) from Magnolia Education and Research Foundation (“MERF”) (dba as Magnolia Public Schools), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, for the renewal of Magnolia Science Academy (“MSA,” “MSA-1,” or “Charter School”) charter petition for a term of five years. (Exhibit 1, Petition). The school serves 538 students in grades 6-12 in Board District 6 and Local District Northwest, and is currently located on a private site at 18238 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335.

II. STANDARD OF REVIEW FOR A RENEWAL CHARTER.

The Charter Schools Act of 1992 (“Act”) governs the creation of charter schools in the State of California. The Act includes Education Code section 47605, subdivision (b), which sets out the standards and criteria for petition review, and provides that a school district governing board in considering whether to grant a charter petition “shall be guided by the intent of the Legislature that charter schools are and should become an integral part of the California educational system and that establishment of charter schools should be encouraged.”

The Act further provides that renewals and material revisions of charter petitions are governed by the same standards and criteria set forth in Education Code section 47605 “and shall include but not be limited to, a reasonably comprehensive description of any new requirement of charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed.” (Ed. Code § 47607, subd. (a)(2).)

According to the California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 11966.4, subdivision (a)(1), a charter school must also provide documentation with its petition for renewal showing that it has satisfied at least one of the following academic performance criteria specified in Education Code section 47607, subdivision (b):

1. Attained its Academic Performance Index (API) growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years, or in the aggregate for the prior three years; or
2. Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API in the prior year or in two of the last three years; or

3. Ranked in deciles 4 to 10, inclusive, on the API for a demographically comparable school in the prior year or in two of the last three years; or
4. The entity that granted the charter determines that the academic performance of the charter school is at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools that the charter school pupils would otherwise have been required to attend, as well as the academic performance of the schools in the school district in which the charter school is located, taking into account the composition of the pupil population that is served at the charter school. This determination shall be based upon all of the following: a) documented and clear and convincing data; b) pupil achievement data from assessments, including, but not limited to, the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program established by Article 4 (commencing with Section 60640) for demographically similar pupil populations in the comparison schools; and c) information submitted by the charter school; or
5. Qualified for an alternative accountability system pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 52052.

Section 47605(b) states that “[t]he governing board of the school district shall grant a charter for the operation of a school under this part if it is satisfied that granting the charter is consistent with sound educational practice. The governing board of the school district shall not deny a petition for the establishment of a charter school unless it makes written factual findings, specific to the particular petition, setting forth specific facts to support one or more of the following findings:

- 1) The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the pupils to be enrolled in the charter school.
- 2) The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
- 3) The petition does not contain the number of signatures required by subdivision [47605] (a).
- 4) The petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the conditions described in subdivision (d) [of section 47605].
- 5) The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all of the [fifteen elements set forth in section 47605 (b) (5)].
- 6) The petition does not contain a declaration of whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the employees of the charter school for purposes of Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code.”

State regulations provide:

A petition for renewal submitted pursuant to Education Code section 47607 shall be considered by the district governing board upon receipt of the petition with all of the requirements set forth in this subdivision:

- 1) Documentation that the charter school meets at least one of the criteria specified in Education Code section 47607(b).
- 2) A copy of the renewal charter petition including a reasonably comprehensive description of how the charter school has met all new charter school requirements enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed. (Title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 11966.4, subdivision (a).)

Pursuant to the requirements of SB 1290, the District “shall consider increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the charter school as the most important factor in determining whether to grant a charter renewal.” (Ed. Code § 47607(a) (3) (A).)

In addition, state regulations require the District to “consider the past performance of the school’s academics, finances, and operation in evaluating the likelihood of future success, along with future plans for improvement if any.” (5 CCR § 11966.4.)

III. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

As discussed above, charter schools that have operated for at least four years must first meet one of the minimum academic performance criteria listed in Education Code section 47607, subdivision (b) or Education Code sections 52052(e)(2)(F) and 52052(e)(4) before the renewal request is analyzed further. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 11966.4; Ed. Code, § 47607, subd. (b).)

A. Summary

District staff has concluded that Magnolia Science Academy has met at least one of the minimum academic performance criteria pursuant to Education Code section 47607, subdivision (b), in that the Charter School presented clear and convincing evidence of academic performance that is at least equal to or greater than the academic performance of Resident Schools¹ and District Similar Schools.² (Exhibit 2, Magnolia Science Academy Data Set).

The school’s 2015-2016 CAASPP (SBAC) results show levels of academic performance that are below the Resident Schools Median in English Language Arts (ELA) and above the Resident Schools Median in Mathematics. Internal assessment data show moderate levels of academic achievement and growth both schoolwide and for the school’s numerically significant subgroups. Historically, under the former API system, in the 2013-2014 and 2012-2013 school years, the Charter School earned a Statewide rank of 7 and 8 respectively, and a Similar Schools rank of 10

¹ “Resident Schools” are the public schools that the Charter School’s students would have otherwise attended based on their addresses.

² “District Similar Schools” are LAUSD schools on the CDE’s Similar Schools list for this Charter School.

both years. (Exhibit 2 - Magnolia Science Academy Data Set and Exhibit3 - Magnolia Science Academy SBAC Data).

In 2015-2016, MSA-1's English Learner reclassification rate of 33% was higher than both the Similar and Resident School Median rates. In 2014-2015, Magnolia Science Academy's reclassification rate was 29%. (Exhibit 2, Magnolia Science Academy Data Set).

B. Student Academic Performance in ELA and Math

On the 2015-2016 CAASPP (SBAC) assessment in English Language Arts, 43% of MSA-1's students Met or Exceeded the performance standards, which is lower than the Resident Schools Median of 58%. In Math, 31% of MSA-1 students Met or Exceeded the performance standards, which is higher than the Resident Schools Median of 20%. On the 2014-2015 CAASPP (SBAC) assessment in English Language Arts, 35% of MSA-1's students Met or Exceeded the performance standards, which is less than the Resident Schools Median of 44%. In Math, 24% of MSA-1's students Met or Exceeded the performance standards as compared to the Resident Schools Median of 16%. (Exhibit 3 - Magnolia Science Academy SBAC Data).

C. Student Subgroup Academic Growth

Pursuant to the requirements of SB 1290, the District "shall consider increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the charter school as the most important factor in determining whether to grant a charter renewal." (Ed. Code § 47607(a) (3) (A).)

The District has reviewed and considered increases in academic achievement for all groups of pupils at MSA-1 with the recognition that this performance is the most important factor when deciding whether to renew the charter. MSA-1 serves the following numerically significant pupil subgroups: 84% Latinos, 91% Students who Qualify for Free and Reduced Meal, 12% English Learners, and 16% Students with Disabilities. (Exhibit 2 - Magnolia Science Academy Data Set).

The Charter School's record of academic performance does indicate that MSA-1's numerically significant student subgroups have achieved growth in academic performance except for the English Learner subgroup. Based on the past two years of CAASPP (SBAC) data, Latino students showed an increase of 5 percentage points in ELA and 6 percentage points in Math. Socioeconomically Disadvantaged students showed an increase of 6 percentage points in ELA and 7 percentage points in Math. Students with Disabilities increased 1 percentage point in ELA and 6 percentage points in Math. However, the English Learner subgroup made no gains. That is, in both years, no English Learner students Met and Exceeded Standards in both ELA and Math. (Exhibit 3 - Magnolia Science Academy SBAC Data).

As part of the District's extra consideration of MSA-1's increases in academic achievement, an analysis of MSA-1's 2016 CAASPP (SBAC) subgroup performance compared to subgroup performance of District resident schools ("Resident Schools") has been performed. When comparing the percentage of students who Met or Exceeded the performance standards, the Latino subgroup in ELA is lower than 7 out of 11 Resident Schools; in Math, MSA-1 exceeds 9 out of 11 Resident Schools. For the English Learner subgroup in ELA, MSA-1 is lower than 7

out of 10 Resident Schools; in Math, at 0% of students who Met or Exceeded the performance standards, MSA-1 was equal to 5 Resident Schools and lower than the other 5. It should be noted that one Resident School had less than 10 English learners taking the CAASPP assessment which resulted in a score of an asterisk (*) in the category of English learner. For the Socio-economically Disadvantaged subgroup in ELA, MSA-1 is lower than 7 out of 11 Resident Schools; in Math, the Charter School exceeds 8 out of 11 Resident Schools. Finally, for the Students with Disabilities subgroup in ELA, MSA-1 is lower than 7 out of 11 Resident Schools; in Math, the Charter School exceeds 8 out of 11 Resident Schools. (Exhibit 4, Magnolia Science Academy SBAC Resident Schools Subgroup Data).

Schoolwide 2016 CAASPP (SBAC) assessment data confirms that the performance of the Charter School is lower than the performance of the Resident Schools Median in ELA (43% compared to 58%). Conversely, the performance of the Charter School is higher than the performance of Resident Schools Median in Math (31% compared to 20%). (Exhibit 3, Magnolia Science Academy SBAC Data).

As stated in the comment to SB 1290, “This bill specifies that a charter authorizer must consider increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the school, as measured by the [Academic Performance Index (API)], ‘as the most important factor’ for renewal and revocation. This does not mean the charter school is automatically not renewed or revoked, but it does mean that the charter authority must consider this information as the most important factor in making its decision. In other words, the charter authority must give extra weight to this factor when it considers all the factors for renewal or revocation.”

The cumulative gravity of the Charter School’s Charter Management Organization’s [Magnolia Educational Research Foundation (MERF)] operational deficiencies and its ongoing pattern of failing to respond adequately to District inquires as noted in these findings of fact substantially outweighs the academic growth achieved by the Charter School’s student subgroups. MERF’s continued and repeated failure to timely respond to reasonable requests for information and documentation from the District and FCMAT limited the District’s ability to fully oversee the fiscal and business operations of MERF and the District authorized charter schools operated by MERF. The ability of the District to perform its oversight function is essential for the District to ensure compliance with laws and proper use of public funds by one of its authorized charter schools.

IV. STAFF SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION.

After a careful and thorough review of the Petition and all supporting documentation provided by Petitioner, District staff recommends that the District Governing Board adopt these Findings of Fact for the Denial of the Magnolia Science Academy Charter Renewal based on the following grounds:

- (1) Petitioner is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the programs set forth in the Petition; (Ed. Code § 47605(b)(2);

- (2) The Petition does not contain a reasonably comprehensive description of all required elements. (Ed. Code § 47605(b)(5).)

V. FINDINGS OF FACT FOR DENIAL.

A. MSA-1 is Demonstrably Unlikely to Successfully Implement the Programs Set Forth in the Petition

The District’s oversight of MSA-1 has revealed that MSA-1 is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the programs in the petition, for reasons including the following:

1. Failure to Respond To Reasonable Inquiries Interfere with the District’s Oversight of the School:

For reasons including the following, MERF violated the terms of its District authorized charters and the requirement of Education Code section 47604.3 requiring that it “promptly respond to all reasonable inquiries, including, but not limited to, inquiries regarding financial records, from its chartering authority” interfering with the District’s oversight of the school and thereby impeding a full and timely assessment of the organization’s fiscal and business operations.

a. Failure to Timely Respond to FCMAT’s Document Requests:

On or about March 20, 2015, the District and MERF entered into a Settlement Agreement whereby the parties agreed to resolve a lawsuit filed by MERF when the District rescinded the conditional renewals of Magnolia Science Academy 6, 7, and 8. The terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement require that “MERF agrees to be subject to fiscal oversight during fiscal year 2015-16 by the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT), or a reasonably equivalent fiscal organization, which would oversee MERF’s fiscal operations.” (Exhibit 5, Settlement Agreement).

In furtherance of the Settlement Agreement, MERF entered into a Study Agreement with FCMAT dated August 25, 2015. (See Exhibit 6, Attachment to Letter from FCMAT to the District dated September 14, 2016.) The Study Agreement’s scope of work included monthly fiscal oversight services for the 2015-16 fiscal year in accordance with MERF’s Settlement Agreement with the District, which was attached to the Study Agreement and made part of its terms. In a letter dated September 14, 2016, FCMAT explained, “The premise of the monthly review was that, based on the sample of monthly financial transactions selected for review and testing, there would likely be a higher number of exceptions early in the process and with regular feedback from FCMAT, the number of exceptions would diminish as the fiscal year progressed. The hope was that the review for June 2016 would reflect that Magnolia was consistent with best practices and its gradual improvement in financial reporting was acceptable to LAUSD.” (Exhibit 6.)

Contrary to the above-referenced agreements, MERF did not timely provide FCMAT with all documents requested. As FCMAT indicated in the September 14 letter,

“The only way for the process outlined above to work was that Magnolia needed to be timely in providing FCMAT with all documents requested...Magnolia has not performed timely as required, and FCMAT has continued to work with Magnolia to obtain the documents requested for July 2015 transactions. Given the significant delays by Magnolia, FCMAT has been unable to perform its obligations and has documented such to Magnolia and LAUSD in its management letters. Given Magnolia’s noncompliance with the terms of the study agreement and agreed upon protocols, on June 9, 2016, FCMAT informed Magnolia that we could not complete the engagement. It was apparent to both Magnolia and FCMAT that there was no point in conducting monthly reviews for the 2015-16 fiscal year since the purpose of the monthly reviews was to provide timely feedback and for Magnolia to implement FCMAT’s recommendations and demonstrate improvement over the course of the year.” (Exhibit 6).

As a result, FCMAT could not conduct its review on a timely basis and the District had little information about the fiscal performance of the MERF’s charter schools needed for conducting monthly fiscal oversight during the 2015-16 fiscal year. The following are examples of MERF’s failure to timely respond to FCMAT’s reasonable requests for information and documents:

- On November 6, 2015, FCMAT sent its first management letter to Magnolia Public Schools’ Chief Financial Officer, reiterating the scope of review and documenting that FCMAT sent an initial document list to Magnolia staff and requested that all items be posted to FCMAT’s SharePoint document repository by September 23, 2015. The letter also noted that the FCMAT study team met with Magnolia staff members to discuss the scope of work and documents needed for FCMAT to complete its monthly fiscal oversight. After several follow-up requests for the necessary documents, Magnolia staff posted some documents on SharePoint but not all of the documents as of October 30, 2015. Accordingly, FCMAT was unable to complete the monthly fiscal oversight for period July 1 to October 30, 2015. (Exhibit 7, Letter to Magnolia Public Schools from FCMAT, November 6, 2015).
- On January 8, 2016, more than six months into the fiscal year, FCMAT sent its second management letter to MERF memorializing that “as of December 30, 2015 all of the documents originally requested on September 17, 2015 had not yet been posted.” The letter also memorialized a conference call between MERF management and FCMAT on January 7, 2016, during which MERF indicated all available outstanding documents would be posted by January 11, 2016, at which time FCMAT would “begin to complete monthly fiscal oversight as indicated in the study agreement.” As would become apparent, MERF did not fulfill its commitment to FCMAT to provide requested documents. (See Exhibit 8, Letter to Magnolia Public Schools from FCMAT, January 8, 2016).

- FCMAT sent MERF management letters for February and March 2016. (Exhibit 9, FCMAT management letters, February 17 and March 21, 2016). Although MERF provided responses to some documents which FCMAT indicated it will review, on April 22, 2016, FCMAT indicated that it did not receive answers to some follow-up questions and documents had not been answered. (Exhibit 10, FCMAT management letter, April 22, 2016).
- On June 13, 2016, at nearly the end of the fiscal year during which MERF was supposed to have benefited from feedback from FCMAT, the District wrote to FCMAT and MERF questioning the status of the fiscal oversight required in the Settlement Agreement. As explained in the letter, “In the monthly management letters prepared by FCMAT and reviewed by LAUSD we find that there is little information about the fiscal performance of the schools. The primary issue appears to be the lack of documentation submitted to FCMAT by MERF.” (See Exhibit 11, Letter from LAUSD to FCMAT, June 13, 2016).
- On August 3, 2016, FCMAT entered into an Amended Study Agreement with MERF at MERF’s request. The Amended Study Agreement’s scope of work was truncated to include review of July 2015, followed by reviews of sample financial transactions and reports for August 2015, May 2016 and June 2016 for MSA-6, MSA-7, and Magnolia Science Academy 8 (MSA-8). Subsequently on August 23, 2016 and September 14, 2016, respectively, MERF and FCMAT informed the District that the organizations entered into an Amended Study Agreement, wherein FCMAT agreed to complete its review of July 2015 for all eight MERF schools authorized by the District and then conduct reviews of a sample of financial transactions and various financial reports for August 2015, May 2016 and June 2016 for MSA-6, MSA -7, and MSA-8. (Exhibit 6, FCMAT Letter to LAUSD, September 14, 2016).
- On August 22, 2016, the District wrote to MERF requesting the following by August 31, 2016: “Written communication from FCMAT that they have received all of the documentation required to fulfill the contract; Written documentation that MERF and FCMAT have agreed to meet ALL provisions of the original contract; [and] A copy of the final report from FCMAT after completion of the contract.” To date, the District has not received a final report from FCMAT. (Exhibit 12, Letter to Caprice Young from LAUSD, August 22, 2016).

By failing to perform its obligations under the Settlement Agreement, including, but not limited to, its failure to provide timely documentation requested by FCMAT based on the Study Agreement, MERF violated the terms of the Settlement Agreement and accordingly its District authorized charters and the requirement of Education Code section 47604.3 requiring that it “promptly respond to all reasonable inquiries, including, but not limited to, inquiries regarding financial records, from its chartering authority.” MERF’s continued and repeated failure to timely respond to reasonable requests for information and documentation from the District and FCMAT

limited the District's ability to fully oversee the fiscal and business operations of MERF and the District authorized charter schools operated by MERF.

b. Failure to Timely Respond to OIG's Document/Information Requests:³ MERF has continued in its pattern of providing insufficient and incomplete responses to documentation to the OIG. Examples of MERF's failure to timely respond to OIG's reasonable requests for information and documents include:

- On July 29, 2014, OIG sent MERF a letter requesting twenty-nine distinct categories of records and information. MERF sent a series of responses to OIG on August 4, 2014; August 11, 2014; August 17, 2014; and September 8, 2014. Despite its responses, MERF did not provide OIG with a complete set of the records and information it had requested. In an attempt to access needed records, OIG was forced to obtain certain banking records by way of subpoena and seek the assistance of the California Department of Education.
- On August 22, 2016, over two years after OIG's original request, MERF sent another response that failed to account for and provide the requested records and information. Among other things, MERF failed to provide the following requested items:
 - Corporate documents related to MERF and all affiliates, including, but not limited to, MPM Sherman Way LLC and Magnolia Properties Management Inc.
 - QuickBooks files for all entities, including, but not limited to, MPM Sherman Way LLC
 - Identification of owners, partners, and members of all affiliates, including, but not limited to, MPM Sherman Way LLC and Magnolia Properties Management Inc.
 - Payroll registers, 1099s, and W-2s
 - MERF policies and procedures manual, accounting manual, and related policies
- With regards to immigration related expenses, MERF has spent approximately \$1,036,417 in processing employment related immigration applications, including but not limited to legal fees and expenses for H-1B visas from 2002-2015.

³ In anticipation of Petitioner's contention that the Settlement Agreement resolved issues including any pending investigation by the OIG, the Settlement Agreement did not set aside any further inquiries/investigation by the OIG. Paragraph 10 of the Settlement Agreement states: "The District agrees not to raise issues contained in the State's Joint Legislative Audit Committee's ("JLAC") audit that were previously contained in the District's staff reports or VLS report. However, the District reserves its right to issue notices of concern and/or initiate revocation proceedings pursuant to Education Code section 47607 in the event that the JLAC audit or *the OIG's investigation on MERF* reveals any misappropriation of funds or new concerns unrelated to the District's prior review by the OIG. In the event the District issues a notice of concern or initiates revocation proceedings, MERF shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to cure those alleged violations and/or concerns." (Exhibit 5, Settlement Agreement, emphasis added). The language in the Settlement Agreement explicitly references an OIG investigation outside the parameters the Parties resolved.

Although MERF has provided the District with some information, it has declined to provide the back-up documentation such as H-1B visa applications, H-1B visas granted, invoices and receipts for H-1B visa related expenses, and other immigration related applications, which would allow the OIG to determine whether the expenditures were appropriate.

- In its correspondence on August 22, 2016, MERF stated it would only make the following documents and information available for OIG to review at MERF's site (contrary to assertions by MERF related to some, but not all, categories, OIG has never received complete copies of these documents):
 - Lease agreements, discounted notes, contracts
 - Ownership of property leased or used
 - Source documents, e.g., invoices, receipts, etc., for bank records
 - Subsidiary journals for accounts receivable, intercompany loans, and adjusting journal entries, including source documents
 - Loan documents
 - Backup documents, loan agreements, Board approvals for inter-company and intra-company loans
 - List of donations and pledges
 - Grant applications
 - Grant awards and accounting of fund expenditure
 - Recruitment activities
 - Employment contracts
 - List of current vendors, contractors, and subcontractors
 - Current vendor and facility contracts
 - MPS student enrollee data

- On August 5, 2016, State Superintendent Tom Torlakson sent a correspondence to MERF requesting a series of documentation in order to respond to a complaint received by the California Department of Education regarding MERF. In that letter, Superintendent Torlakson noted that it is the CDE's understanding that the OIG has requested a series of documents from each of the MPS charter school's inception to the present date and that it is their understanding that MPS has declined to release these documents. (See Exhibit 13, Letter to Umit Yapanel and Caprice Young from Tom Torlakson, August 5, 2016).

By failing to provide timely documentation originally requested by the OIG back on July 29, 2014, MERF impeded the ability of the District to fully exercise general and fiscal oversight and responsibility in order to monitor the fiscal condition of MERF pursuant to Education Code section 47604.32, and violated the terms of its District authorized charters and the requirement of Education Code section 47604.3 requiring that it "promptly respond to all reasonable inquiries, including, but not limited to, inquiries regarding financial records, from its chartering authority."

2. Inconsistent Adherence to Board Approved Fiscal Policies and Procedures:

During the 2015-2016 oversight visit, the CSD noted that the school and the CMO need to more consistently follow its board-approved fiscal policies and procedures. Examples of this include that invoices be paid in a timely manner to avoid incurring late fees and interest charges, payments be supported by check requests, requisitions, or contracts, vendors be identified on the purchase orders, vendors be part of the organization's approved list, three quotes be required for purchases exceeding the \$5,000 limit, and payments above the \$5,000 threshold be borne with the principal's and the CFO's signatures.

B. The petition does not contain a reasonably comprehensive description of all of the elements required in Education Code section 47605 (b) based on the following findings of fact:⁴

• **Governance Structure (Element 4)**

The petition does not contain a reasonably comprehensive description of the charter school's governance structure.

- The petition allows for the delegation of Board duties/responsibilities to employees of MPS and unspecified entities that should be retained, including, but not limited to, hiring and evaluating the CEO; approving award of contracts in excess of delegated authority; and approving resolutions for requesting material revisions. Petition does not demonstrate the Board's control of its fiduciary duty to the Charter School's by not clearly distinguishing between the responsibilities that are retained by the Board and those which can be delegated.
- The Charter School fails to provide sufficient assurance that the Charter School will comply with the Brown Act. While the petition specifies that the Charter School will comply with the Brown Act, both the petition and the Magnolia Education and Research Foundation (dba Magnolia Public Schools) corporate Board's Bylaws allow the corporate Board to conduct a meeting by teleconference without having at least a quorum of the members of the Board participate from locations within the boundaries of Los Angeles Unified School District, and may allow for practices that run contrary to fundamental principle of the Brown Act that all meetings of the public body be open and accessible to interested stakeholders.
- The Charter School's corporate Board Bylaws submitted with the petition allow for practices that may run contrary to conflict of interest laws including

⁴ Petitioner submitted the renewal petition on August 22, 2016. Petitioner originally communicated to the Charter Schools Division that it would not adhere to the District's Required Language. On September 19, 2016, Petitioner communicated that it decided to include the District Required Language in the Petition. Although the petition submitted does not have all the District Required Language, the District is construing Petitioner's September 19 communication as an agreement to include the required language. Accordingly, the reasonably comprehensive findings raised in this section pertain to remaining issues in the Petition. For this sections' findings of fact, please refer to Exhibit 1, Petition.

Government Code section 1090 et seq. and District policies applicable to the Charter School. For instance, the Bylaws in Article XII, section 1 allow for approval of transactions in which a non-director designated employee (e.g., officers and other key decision-making employees) directly or indirectly has a material financial interest as the non-director designated employee files a statement of economic interest with the Corporation in conformance with the Conflict of Interest Code (see Conflict of Interest Policy section II, “Designated Employees” and page 1, 2nd paragraph of the Conflict of Interest Code). However, if an officer or key decision-making employee has a material interest in a contract/transaction entered into by the Board, this would not suffice to avoid violation of Govt. Code 1090 et seq. and District policies applicable to the Charter School.

- The petition and Charter School’s corporate board Bylaws (See specifically Article VII, sections 5 and 6) inconsistently specify how corporate Board Directors are selected. Also, although the petition specifies that Magnolia’s governance structure provides for staggered terms which is accomplished through the Corporate Bylaws by appointing members of the Board at different times and for staggered terms, the process as described is not reflected in the Bylaws.

- **Employee Qualifications (Element 5)**

The petition does not contain a reasonably comprehensive description of employee qualifications.

The petition includes an identical list of qualifications for a few key Charter School positions described in Element 5, including the Principal, even though some differentiation is expected since the positions have differing responsibilities, for example Dean of Academics, Dean of Students and Dean of Culture. Also, the petition does not describe the educational degree qualifications of all the key positions identified in the petition, as required for Element 5 in the District’s Charter School Renewal Petition Independent Guide.

- **Admission Requirements (Element 8)**

The petition does not contain a reasonably comprehensive description of the charter school’s admission requirements.

- The petition does not include a reasonably comprehensive description of the manner in which the Charter School will implement a public random drawing process in the event that applications for enrollment exceed school capacity. Among other deficiencies, the petition does not describe how preference will be granted in the lottery to the student categories listed in the petition, and unclearly identifies where the lottery will be held.
- The petition does not sufficiently describe the procedures the Charter School will follow to determine waiting list priorities based upon lottery results and to enroll students from the waiting list or the means by which

the Charter School will notify parents/guardians of students who have been offered a seat as a result of the lottery or from the waiting list following a lottery, and the procedures and timelines under which parents/guardians must respond in order to secure admission.

- **Suspension and Expulsion Procedures (Element 10)**

The petition does not contain a reasonably comprehensive description of the charter school's student suspension and expulsion procedures.

- The petition's description of the Charter School's procedures for the discipline of students seems to conflict with the District's 2013 School Discipline Policy and School Climate Bill of Rights (applicable to LAUSD-authorized charter schools through Board's adoption of this Resolution) prohibiting student suspension and expulsion for "willful defiance." Specifically, the petition states that a Charter School student may be suspended or expelled for engaging in "repeated violations, defined as three or more, of the school's behavioral expectations..." The petition does not define behavioral expectations. Magnolia Public Schools Student/Parent Handbook ("Handbook") provides that the behavior expectations include: "Be Respectful," including "[f]ollow the teacher's directions." The Handbook defines "Behaving Disrespectfully towards Teachers or Staff" as: "Disrespect (i.e. arguing, talking back, etc.) and insubordination (failure to comply with directives) toward any member of the faculty or staff will not be tolerated." Violation of these behavioral expectations amounts to discipline on the grounds of "willful defiance" which is contrary to the District's 2013 School Discipline Policy and School Climate Bill of Rights. Moreover, the petition is inconsistent with Education Code section 48900(k) (1) which states that except as provided in Section 48910, a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 3, inclusive, shall not be suspended for disruption of school activities or willful defiance and that pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, shall not be grounds for expulsion.
- Since the Charter School's list of offenses for which suspension and recommended expulsion is discretionary includes "causing...serious physical injury to another person" there is concern that the Charter School's students may not be held accountable for their commission of such and offense and the safety of students, staff, and visitors to the school may be jeopardized.
- The listed offenses for student suspension and expulsion provided in the petition is inconsistent with the lists included in the Handbook. Clearly described/outlined grounds for which a student may (discretionary) and must (non-discretionary) is necessary to avoid inconsistent, capricious, and unfair student disciplinary practices and necessary to afford students adequate due process

- The petition does not provide a reasonably comprehensive description of the Charter School's student suspension and expulsion procedures. For instance, the petition inconsistently describes who acts as hearing body for student expulsion hearing, does not describe suspension appeal hearing procedures, and does not sufficiently describe its special procedures for expulsion hearings involving sexual assault or battery offenses. Clearly described/outlined procedures are necessary to avoid inconsistent, capricious, and unfair student disciplinary practices, and necessary to afford students adequate due process.

V. RECOMMENDATION

Based on the foregoing, Staff recommends that the Renewal Petition be denied for the following reasons: (1) it is demonstrably unlikely that the Petitioners will successfully implement the program set forth in the Petition; and (2) the Petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of certain required elements set forth in Education Code section 47605, subdivision (b)(5)(A-O).

In reviewing the Charter School's Renewal Petition, the District has considered increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the charter school as the most important factor in determining whether to grant the charter renewal. As stated in the comment to SB 1290, "This bill specifies that a charter authorizer must consider increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the school, as measured by the [Academic Performance Index (API)], 'as the most important factor' for renewal and revocation. This does not mean the charter school is automatically not renewed or revoked, but it does mean that the charter authority must consider this information as the most important factor in making its decision. In other words, the charter authority must give extra weight to this factor when it considers all the factors for renewal or revocation."

In regard to increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the charter school: MSA-1 serves the following numerically significant pupil subgroups: 84% Latinos, 91% Students who Qualify for Free and Reduced Meal, 12 % English Learners, and 16% Students with Disabilities.

1. The Charter School's record of academic performance does indicate that most of MSA-1's numerically significant student subgroups have achieved growth in academic performance. However, the English learner subgroup made no gains in ELA and Math

Based on the past two years of CAASPP (SBAC) data:

- Latino students showed an increase of 5 percentage points in ELA and 6 percentage points in Math.
- Socioeconomically Disadvantaged students showed an increase of 6 percentage points in ELA and 7 percentage points in Math.
- Students with Disabilities increased 1 percentage point in ELA and 6 percentage points in Math.

- The English learner subgroup made no gains. That is, in both years, no students Met and Exceeded Standards in both ELA and Math
2. As part of the District’s extra consideration of MSA-1’s increases in academic achievement, an analysis of MSA-1’s 2016 CAASPP (SBAC) subgroup performance compared to subgroup performance of District resident schools (“Resident Schools”) had been performed:
- For the Latino subgroup in ELA, MSA-1 exceeds 5 out of 11 Resident Schools; in Math, MSA-1 exceeds 9 out of 11 Resident Schools
 - For the English learner subgroup in ELA, MSA-1 is equal to 3 out of 10 Resident Schools; in Math, MSA-1 exceeds 5 out of 10 Resident Schools. (It should be noted that one Resident School had less than 10 English learners taking the CAASPP which resulted in a score of an asterisk (*) in the category of English learner).
 - For the Socio-economically Disadvantaged subgroup in ELA, MSA-1 exceeds 4 out of 11 Resident Schools; in Math, MSA-1 exceeds 8 out of 11 Resident Schools.
 - For Students with Disabilities subgroup in ELA, MSA-1 exceeds 4 out of 11 Resident Schools; in Math, MSA-1 exceeds 8 out of 11 Resident Schools.
3. Schoolwide 2016 CAASPP (SBAC) assessment data confirms that the performance of MSA-1 is lower than the performance of the Resident Schools median in ELA (43% compared to 58%). Conversely, the performance of MSA-1 is higher than the performance of Resident Schools median in Math (31% compared to 20%).

And, District further finds:

1. As described in the Charter Petition Review Checklist and Staff Report, the Petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions in several essential elements, including:
 - a. The governance structure of the school (Ed. Code, § 47605(b)(5)(C));
 - b. A description of the individuals to be employed by the charter school (Ed. Code, § 47605(b)(5)(E)); and
 - c. The admissions requirements of the school. (Ed. Code, §47605(b)(5)(H).)
 - d. The suspension and expulsion procedures of the charter school (Ed. Code, § 47605(b)(5)(J).
2. The Petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the Petition, due to the organization’s continued and repeated failure to timely respond to reasonable requests for information and documentation from the District and limiting the District’s ability to fully oversee the fiscal condition of MERF and the District authorized charter schools operated by MERF.

District staff gives the greater single weight to the consideration of the academic metrics and increases for the school and its subgroups. Although MSA-1’s academic performance has

demonstrated gains in most subgroups, it is noted that there was a lack of academic progress for English Learners, a population targeted for recruitment by Petitioners and comprises 12% of its student population. The cumulative gravity of the Charter School's Charter Management Organization's operational deficiencies and its ongoing pattern of failing to respond adequately to District inquires as noted in these findings of fact nonetheless substantially outweighs the academic growth achieved by some of the Charter School's student subgroups. In addition to confirming MERF's lack of capacity to operate in accordance with applicable law and the terms of the charter schools it operates, MERF's continued and repeated failure to timely respond to reasonable requests for information and documentation from the District and FCMAT impeded the District's ability as authorizer to fully exercise its oversight responsibilities in order to monitor the fiscal condition of MERF and the District authorized charter schools operated by MERF. The ability of the District to perform its oversight function is essential for the District to ensure compliance with laws and proper use of public funds by one of its authorized charter schools.

CONCLUSION

In order to deny the Petition on the grounds set forth above, Education Code section 47605, subdivision (b), requires the Board to make "written factual findings, specific to the particular petition, setting forth specific facts to support one or more" grounds for denying the Petition. Should the Board decide to deny the Petition, District Staff recommends that the Board adopt these Findings of Fact as its own.