

Idaho Public Charter School Commission

Annual Performance Report 2020

PCSC School: Elevate Academy

Mission Statement: *Elevate Academy is a 6th-12th learning environment committed to serving at-risk students. Through purposeful instruction students will take responsibility for leading their own lives and studying a career track that may include vocational and college paths or a combination thereof. By owning their educational pathway, students will become contributing members of their community and local economy upon graduation*

School Location:	114 W. Chicago St., Caldwell, ID 83606
School Phone:	208-779-4086
Comparison Group:	All Alternative Schools in Idaho
Opening Year:	2019
Current Term:	August 16, 2018- June 30, 2024
Model:	Alternative/Career Technical Education
Grades Served:	6-12
Enrollment Capacity:	487
Enrollment (Projected):	314
Mid Term ADA (Actual):	286
FY20 Full-Term ADA:	297

School Leadership

Chair	Kellie Foreman
Vice-Chair	Amy Rojas
Board Member	Brad Ward
Board Member	Amia Bicandi-Bow
Board Member	Erick Bullock
Board Member	Brooke Stevenson
Board Member	Rick Tuha
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Introduction

Charter schools in Idaho operate on 5-year terms as defined in a [Performance Certificate](#) executed between the school's board and its authorizer. In addition, Idaho law requires that every certificate include a framework describing the expectations the school must meet in order to earn a next operational term. It also requires that charter school authorizers complete performance reports for the schools they oversee each year. The annual performance report serves the following purposes:

1. To provide transparent, data-driven information about charter school quality to the public;
2. To ensure charter school boards have access to clear expectations and are provided maximum opportunity to correct any deficiencies prior to the school's renewal year; and
3. To inform mid-term authorizing decisions (such as consideration of amendments).

This report, based on the performance framework adopted by the PCSC on October 8, 2020, reflects how the school's outcomes during the most recently completed school year measure up against the expectations established in the framework. At the end of each 5-year term, the authorizer reviews the school's annual reports and financial data to inform its decision to renew, conditionally renew, or non-renew, the school for a subsequent term of operation.

Each measure included in the PCSC's framework has a meets standard benchmark. A school that meets standard on all measures at the end of its current operational term is guaranteed an unconditional renewal. A school that does not meet standard on at least one measure at the end of its current operational term may be conditionally renewed or non-renewed. Because the outcomes on this report inform high-stakes decisions, schools are encouraged to use this information to support their strategic planning efforts each year.

COVID-19 NOTE: Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, statewide assessments were canceled in the spring of 2020. No academic evaluation has been made in this report due to absent and incomplete data. The academic outcomes overview page only includes graduation rate (if applicable), though the measure is not rated.

The [performance framework](#) rubrics provide detail on calculations and data sources.

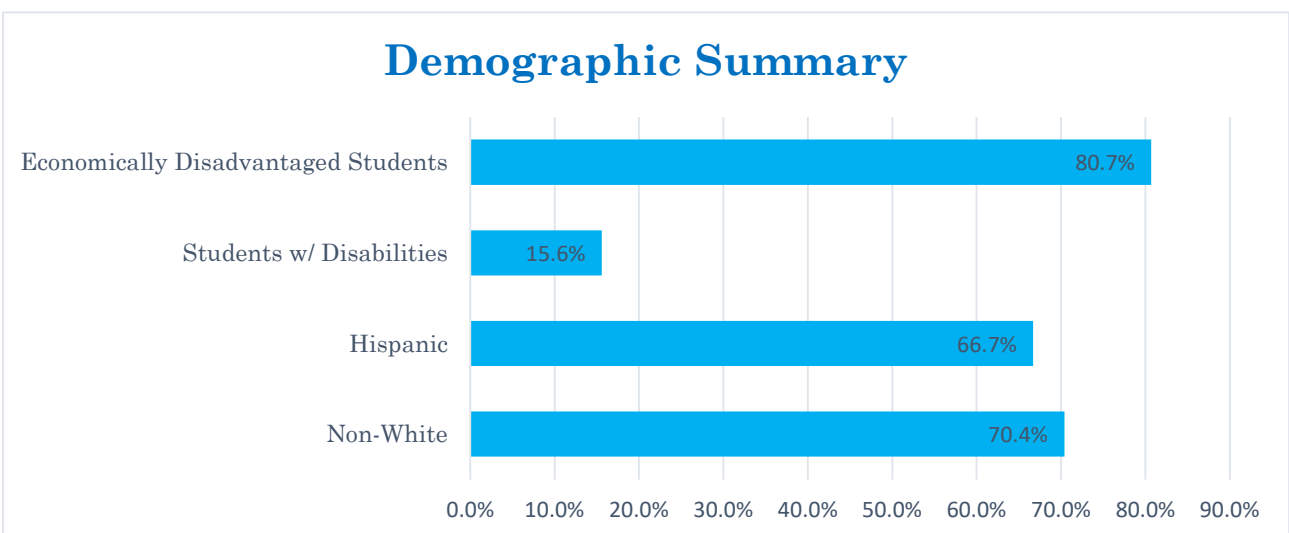
Each authorized chartering entity shall annually publish and make available to the public a performance report for each public charter school it oversees, in accordance with the performance framework set forth in the performance certificate and section 33-5209(C)(2), Idaho Code.

School Overview

Key Design Elements

- Elevate Academy will serve At-risk students.
- Elevate Academy will offer multiple pathways that focus on skill attainment.
- Elevate Academy will operate on a year-round calendar.
- Elevate Academy will focus on personal development of each student through a focused curriculum.

DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY



Annual Snapshot



Schools are encouraged to use this information for strategic planning and to ensure that any identified weaknesses are addressed in advance of renewal consideration.

ACADEMIC	
Math Proficiency	<i>Not Applicable (2020)</i>
ELA Proficiency	<i>Not Applicable (2020)</i>
Literacy Proficiency	<i>Not Applicable (2020)</i>
Math Growth	<i>Not Applicable (2020)</i>
ELA Growth	<i>Not Applicable (2020)</i>
4-Year Grad Rate	<i>Not Applicable (2020)</i>

FINANCIAL HEALTH (NEAR TERM MEASURES)	
Current Ratio	<i>Meets Standard</i>
Unrestricted Days Cash	<i>Meets Standard</i>
Default	<i>Meets Standard</i>
Enrollment Variance	<i>Approaches Standard</i>

BOARD STEWARDSHIP	
Governance Structure	<i>Meets Standard</i>
Governance Oversight	<i>Meets Standard</i>
Governance Compliance	<i>Meets Standard</i>

FINANCIAL HEALTH (SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES)	
Total Margin	<i>Meets Standard</i>
Cash Flow	<i>Meets Standard</i>
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	<i>Meets Standard</i>
Debt Asset Ratio	<i>Meets Standard</i>
Financial Compliance	<i>Meets Standard</i>

MANAGEMENT	
Student Services	<i>Meets Standard</i>
Data Security/Transparency	<i>Meets Standard</i>
Facility & Services	<i>Meets Standard</i>
Operational Compliance	<i>Meets Standard</i>

Academic Outcomes: 2020

Proficiency

(Data Source: NA FY20)

Math Proficiency	Standard Rating
Math proficiency data is not available for FY20.	N/A
ELA Proficiency	Standard Rating
ELA proficiency data is not available for FY20.	N/A
IRI Spring Proficiency	Standard Rating
IRI spring proficiency data is not available for FY20	N/A
Comments/ Context: <i>Academic ratings are <u>not applicable for 2020 outcomes.</u></i>	

Growth

(Data Source: NA FY20)

Math Growth	Standard Rating
Math growth data is not available for FY20.	N/A
ELA Growth	Standard Rating
ELA growth data is not available for FY20.	N/A
Comments/ Context: <i>Academic ratings are <u>not applicable for 2020 outcomes.</u></i>	

College and Career Readiness

(Data Source: NA FY20)

4-Year Graduation Rate (ACGR)	Standard Rating
(4-Year) ACGR.	N/A
Comments/ Context: <i>Academic ratings are <u>not applicable for 2020 outcomes.</u> Elevate Academy does not yet serve 12th grade.</i>	

Operational Outcomes: Board Stewardship

STANDARD RATING: MEETS STANDARD	
Governance Structure	Data/Evidence Source
The board bylaws are compliant with ID law.	Bylaws 1/16/18 *Please provide an updated copy if any amendments have been made.
The school's articles of incorporation are current.	Articles of Incorporation initially filed on 7/26/17. Most recently updated on 8/5/20.
The board does operate in compliance with its bylaws.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Investigations were not conducted into either ethical behavior or conflict of interest regarding any board director this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The board did not experience Open Meeting Law violations that needed to be cured this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Comments/ Context: This school will be eligible for an "exceeds standard" rating after 3 years of operations.	

STANDARD RATING: MEETS STANDARD	
Governance Oversight	Data/Evidence Source
The board did review academic data in a timely and thorough manner.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The board did review financial reports in a timely and thorough manner.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The board did maintain compliant policies.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The board did engage in strategic planning.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The board did conduct a compliant evaluation of their school leader or management organization.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Comments/ Context: This school will be eligible for an "exceeds standard" rating after 3 years of operations.	

STANDARD RATING: MEETS STANDARD	
Governance Compliance	Data/Evidence Source
The PCSC did not issue courtesy letters to the school noting compliance concerns this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Another investigative body was not notified of concerns at this school this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Comments/ Context: This school will be eligible for an "exceeds standard" rating after 3 years of operations.	

Operational Outcomes: Management

STANDARD RATING: MEETS STANDARD	
Student Services	Data/Evidence Source
The school's English Language Learners program is in good standing.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The school's Special Education program is in good standing.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The school's college and career readiness program are in good standing.	Continuous Improvement Plan 2019-2020
Comments/ Context: This school will be eligible for an "exceeds standard" rating after 3 years of operations.	

STANDARD RATING: MEETS STANDARD	
Data Security and Information Transparency	Data/Evidence Source
The school's website is compliant and updated appropriately.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The school did not experience issues involving data security this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The school did not experience compliance issues with public records requests.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Comments/ Context: This school will be eligible for an "exceeds standard" rating after 3 years of operations.	

STANDARD RATING: MEETS STANDARD	
Facility and Services	Data/Evidence Source
The school's occupancy certificate is current.	*No instances of non-compliance documented. <i>Please provide an updated copy for the 2020-2021 school year to PCSC staff.</i>
Safety inspections and evacuation drills are compliant.	*No instances of non-compliance documented. <i>Please provide an updated copy for the 2020-2021 school year to PCSC staff.</i>
The school does provide daily transportation for students.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The school does provide a National School Lunch Program.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Comments/ Context: This school will be eligible for an "exceeds standard" rating after 3 years of operations.	

STANDARD RATING: MEETS STANDARD	
Operational Compliance	Data/Evidence Source
Required reports were submitted accurately and on time.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The enrollment process is compliant.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The teachers are properly credentialed.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Corrective action plans were not issued by the SDE this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Comments/ Context: This school will be eligible for an "exceeds standard" rating after 3 years of operations.	

Financial Outcomes

(Primary Data Source: FY20 Financial Audit.)

Near Term Measures		STANDARD RATING
The school has a current ratio of more than 1.5	Current Ratio 4.54	Meets Standard
The school has between 30- and 60-days cash and one-year trend is positive	52 Days	Meets Standard
The school is not in default of any financial obligations and did not experience any instances of default during the fiscal year.	No Default	Meets Standard
Enrollment variance was between 90% and 95%. This school will be eligible for an “exceeds standard” rating after 3 years of operations.	Enrollment Variance 91.09%	Approaches Standard
Comments/Context		

Sustainability Measures		STANDARD RATING
Aggregated 3-year Total Margin is positive and the most recent year Total Margin is positive. This school will be eligible for an “exceeds standard” rating after 3 years of operations.	CY Total Margin 18.9% 3-Year Aggregated 18.9%	Meets Standard
Multi-Year Cumulative Cash Flow is positive, and Cash Flow is positive in the most recent year. This school will be eligible for an “exceeds standard” rating after 3 years of operations.	Most Recent Year \$715,065.00 3-Year \$715,065.00	Meets Standard
The school’s debt service coverage ratio is 1.5 or greater.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio 2.97	Meets Standard
The school’s Debt to Asset Ratio is less than 0.9. This school will be eligible for an “exceeds standard” rating after 3 years of operations.	Debt/Asset Ratio 0.39	Meets Standard
Comments/ Context:		

STANDARD RATING: MEETS STANDARD	
Financial Operations	Data and/or Evidence Source
The school’s finances are managed in compliance with GAAP.	*No instances of non-compliance documented Financial Audit 9/1/2020
Expenditures and contracts are posted online appropriately.	The school’s expenditure webpage was reviewed quarterly. No instances of non-compliance documented.
The school maintains compliant internal controls.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
The school is not operating under a Notification of Fiscal Concern.	NA
The school is not operating under a Notification of Possible or Imminent Closure.	NA
Comments/Context This school will be eligible for an “exceeds standard” rating after 3 years of operations.	

Longitudinal Snapshot

Operational Outcomes: Board Stewardship

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Governance Structure	MEETS STANDARD	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Governance Oversight	MEETS STANDARD	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Governance Compliance	MEETS STANDARD	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE

“Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out.”
-Anonymous

Operational Outcomes: Management

“Education is the MOST powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
-Nelson Mandela

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Student Services	MEETS STANDARD	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Data Security & Transparency	MEETS STANDARD	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Facility & Services	MEETS STANDARD	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Operational Compliance	MEETS STANDARD	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE	DATA NOT AVAILABLE