



Annual Performance Report 2023

Alturas Preparatory Academy, Inc.

Mission Statement: Alturas Preparatory Academy promotes academic distinction, while empowering students to be principles and intellectual leaders as they explore, create, investigate and analyze in a safe, engaged, collaborative environment that inspires them to make a genuine difference in their local and global community. Relevant learning opportunities for high-quality education through community partnerships and engagement helps our students develop attitudes and knowledge to succeed in a technologically advanced world.

School Information	Annual Report FY2022-2023	Current: FY 2023-2024
Board Chair/President	Callie Hatch	Callie Hatch
Treasurer	Lee Stimpson	Lee Stimpson
Secretary	Jamie Mayo	Jamie Mayo
Executive Director	Michelle Ball	Michelle Ball
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Business Manager	Marc Carignan	Marc Carignan
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Introduction

COMPLIANCE/AUTHORITY:

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, [I.C. §33-5209A](#) and [I.C. §33-5209C](#) require 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 authorizer's complete performance reports for the schools they oversee each year. The annual performance report serves the following purposes:

1. To provide transparent information about charter school quality to the public;
2. To ensure charter school boards have access to clear expectations and;
3. To inform mid-term authorizing decisions.

RENEWAL (I.C. §33-5209B)

At the end of each 5-year operating term, each school's performance certificate is considered for renewal. As this school's operating contract expires on June 30th, 2026, this report directly impacts the school's renewal recommendation. The authorizer is required to consider the following when making renewal decisions: all annual performance reports issued during the current performance certificate term, the school's current financial status, and any application materials submitted by the school. Renewal decisions must be made prior to March 15th, 2026. Please see the [Renewal Guidance](#) document for more information on the renewal process.

• PERFORMANCE REPORT APPLICATION:

- Each measure included in the IPCSC's framework has a meets standard benchmark. If this school meets standard on all measures of the framework as reflected in the most recent years Annual Performance Report the school is guaranteed renewal. If the school does not meet standard on one or more measures of the school's operating contract, it may be conditionally renewed or non-renewed.

*****Outcomes on this report inform high-stakes decisions, schools are encouraged to use this information to support their strategic planning efforts each year. *****

IPCSC RESOURCES

[IPCSC Performance Framework](#)

[IPCSC Renewal Guidance](#)

[IPCSC Schools](#)

SCHOOL RESOURCES

[APA Performance Certificate](#)

[APA Annual Report Page](#)

Current Certificate Term: 2021-2026

School Overview

Model:	International Baccalaureate
Enrollment Capacity:	672
Grades Served:	6 th -12 th

Key Design Elements:

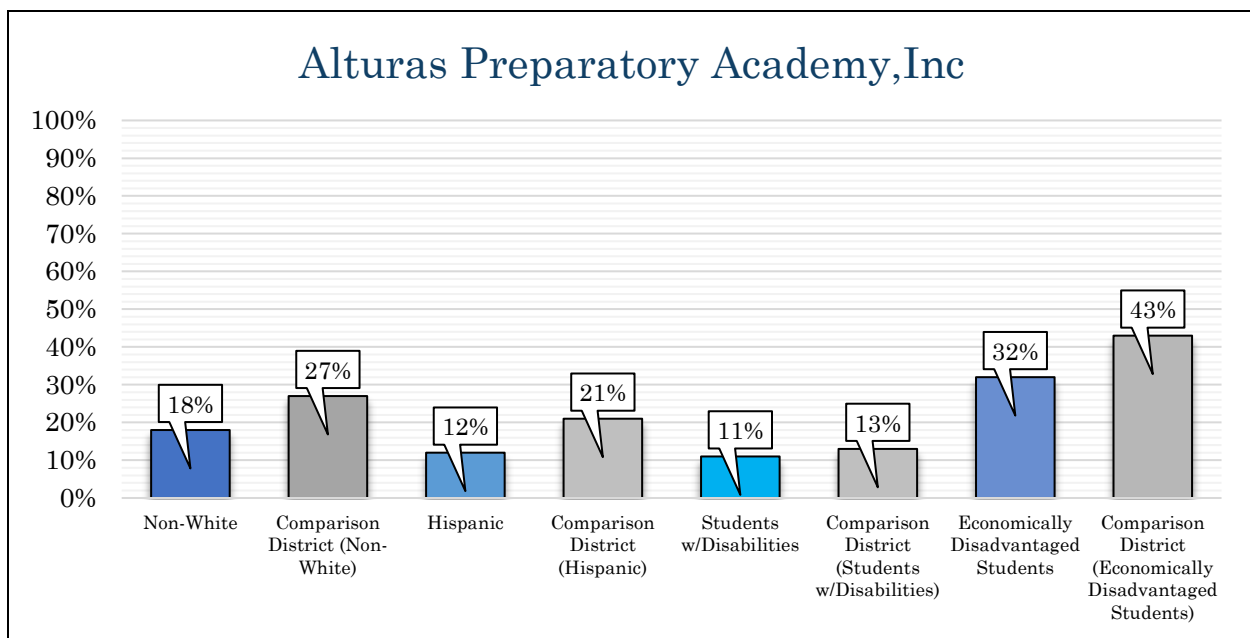
a. The School shall provide a rigorous education with an emphasis on personal development as an International Baccalaureate (IB) school. Students are empowered to become lifelong learners, critical thinkers and compassionate, caring citizens in their local and global communities. This shall be verified by through the Personal Project in Grade 10 as well as the students' reflection on their "Creativity, Activity, and Service.

b. The School shall provide an environment that encourages strong collaboration amongst students at the instructional level using analytical and critical thinking skills. This shall be verified by the administration observing and evaluating the level at which teachers incorporate collaboration with analytical and critical thinking skills and providing feedback. Teachers will reflect on Domain II and Domain III in the Danielson Framework and self-evaluate.

c. The School shall utilize multi-age classrooms as part of the educational program. This shall be verified by classrooms having multiple grade levels with students being taught on instructional level.

d. The School shall use a mastery-based approach to education where students are taught in small groups at instructional levels using best practices. This shall be verified by the administration using the Danielson Framework for Teaching as well as the ELEOT to observe and evaluate best practices in the classroom.

2023 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY:



2022-2023 ANNUAL SNAPSHOT: ACADEMICS

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

RATING LEGEND	DOES NOT MEET STANDARD	APPROACHES STANDARD	MEETS STANDARD	EXCEEDS STANDARD	NOT RATED DUE TO PANDEMIC
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ACADEMIC OUTCOMES:		
Math Proficiency	47%	Exceeds Standard
Math Growth	50%	Meets Standard
ELA Proficiency	63%	Exceeds Standard
ELA Growth	63%	Exceeds Standard
College & Career Readiness 4Yr ACGR		Choose an item.

Comments:

College & Career outcomes are unavailable at this time and will be evaluated when the data is publicly released.

2022-2023 ANNUAL SNAPSHOT-OPERATIONS

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OPERATIONAL OUTCOMES: BOARD STEWARDSHIP	
Governance Structure	Meets Standard
Governance Oversight	Meets Standard
Governance Compliance	Meets Standard

OPERATIONAL OUTCOMES: MANAGEMENT	
Student Services	Meets Standard
Data Security/Transparency	Meets Standard
Facility & Services	Meets Standard
Operational Compliance	Meets Standard

Comments:

2022-2023 ANNUAL SNAPSHOT-FINANCIAL

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FINANCIAL OUTCOMES: NEAR TERM MEASURES		
Current Ratio	4.38	Exceeds Standard
Unrestricted Days Cash	193	Exceeds Standard
Default	None	Meets Standard
Enrollment Variance	94%	Approaches Standard

FINANCIAL OUTCOMES: SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES		
Total Margin	3.0%	Meets Standard
Cash Flow	\$283,637	Meets Standard
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.29	Meets Standard
Debt Asset Ratio	0.67	Meets Standard
Financial Compliance	Yes	Meets Standard

Comments:

Academic Outcomes

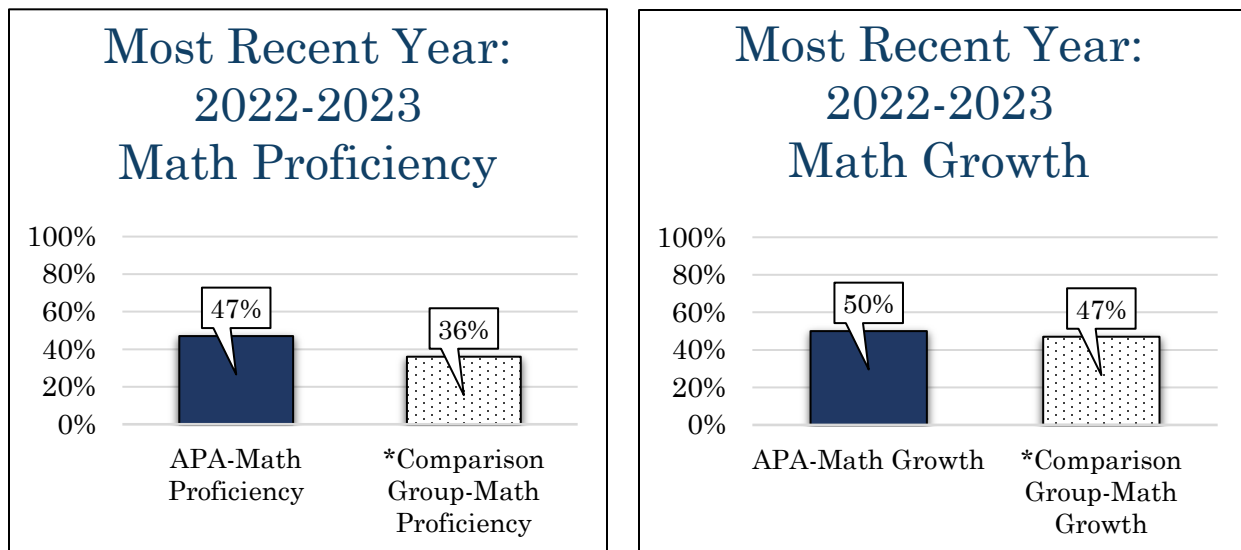
MATH PROFICIENCY & MATH GROWTH

Why This Matters:

The IPCSC must determine whether the academic performance at the school represents a favorable return on the investment of public dollars. For context, the IPCSC considers the school's performance in relation to other educational choices available to families. A school that performs as well or better than the average of its comparison group on the statewide mathematics assessment (ISAT) meets the IPCSC standard on both the math proficiency and math growth measures.

If this standard is not yet met, the school should focus its strategic planning on improving mathematics achievement outcomes to ensure the school will earn a next operational term. If the standard is met, strategic planning may focus on whatever data points will best establish and sustain an exemplary school of the specific model for which the school is chartered.

Comparison Group: Idaho Falls District (091)



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*Please see the [Performance Framework Rubrics](#) for details regarding how each measure is rated.

MEASURE	PROFICIENCY RATING	APPLICABLE RUBRIC DESCRIPTION
MATH PROFICIENCY	Exceeds Standard	The school's proficiency rate is greater than one standard deviation above the mean of the identified comparison group.

MEASURE	GROWTH RATING	APPLICABLE RUBRIC DESCRIPTION
MATH GROWTH	Meets Standard	The percentage of students in grades 3-8 who did not achieve proficiency on the current year's assessment but who did make adequate growth toward proficiency is equal to the mean of the identified comparison group.

Academic Outcomes

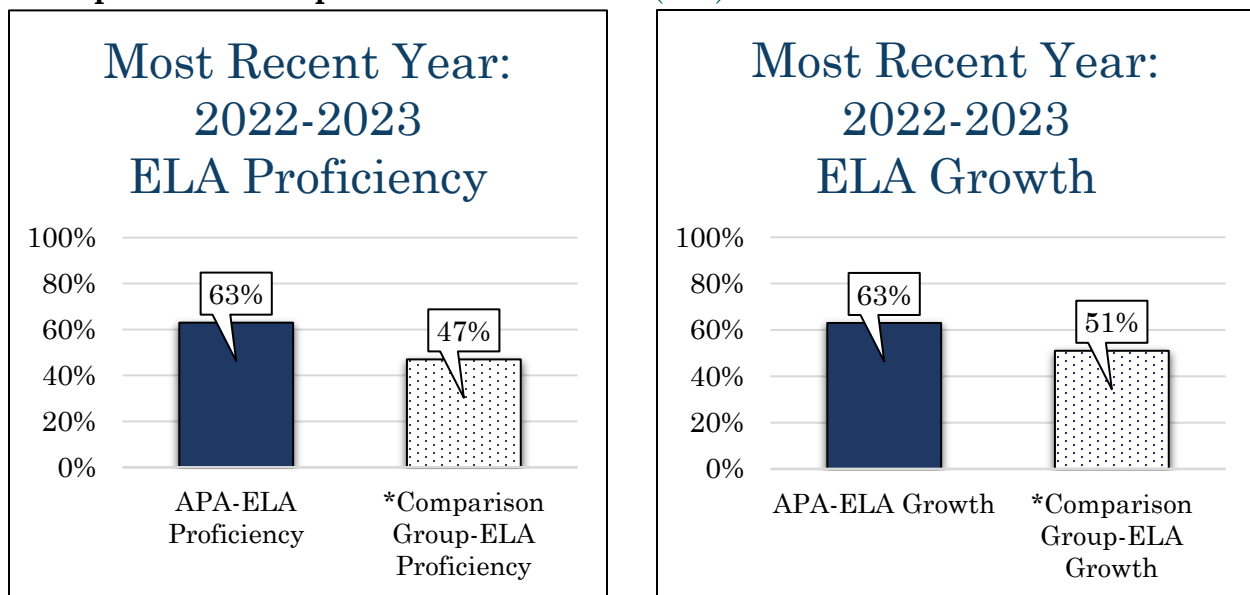
ELA PROFICIENCY & ELA GROWTH

Why This Matters:

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If this standard is not yet met, the school should focus its strategic planning on improving these outcomes to ensure the school will earn a next operational term. If the standard is met, strategic planning may focus on whatever data points will best establish and sustain an exemplary school of the specific model for which the school is chartered.

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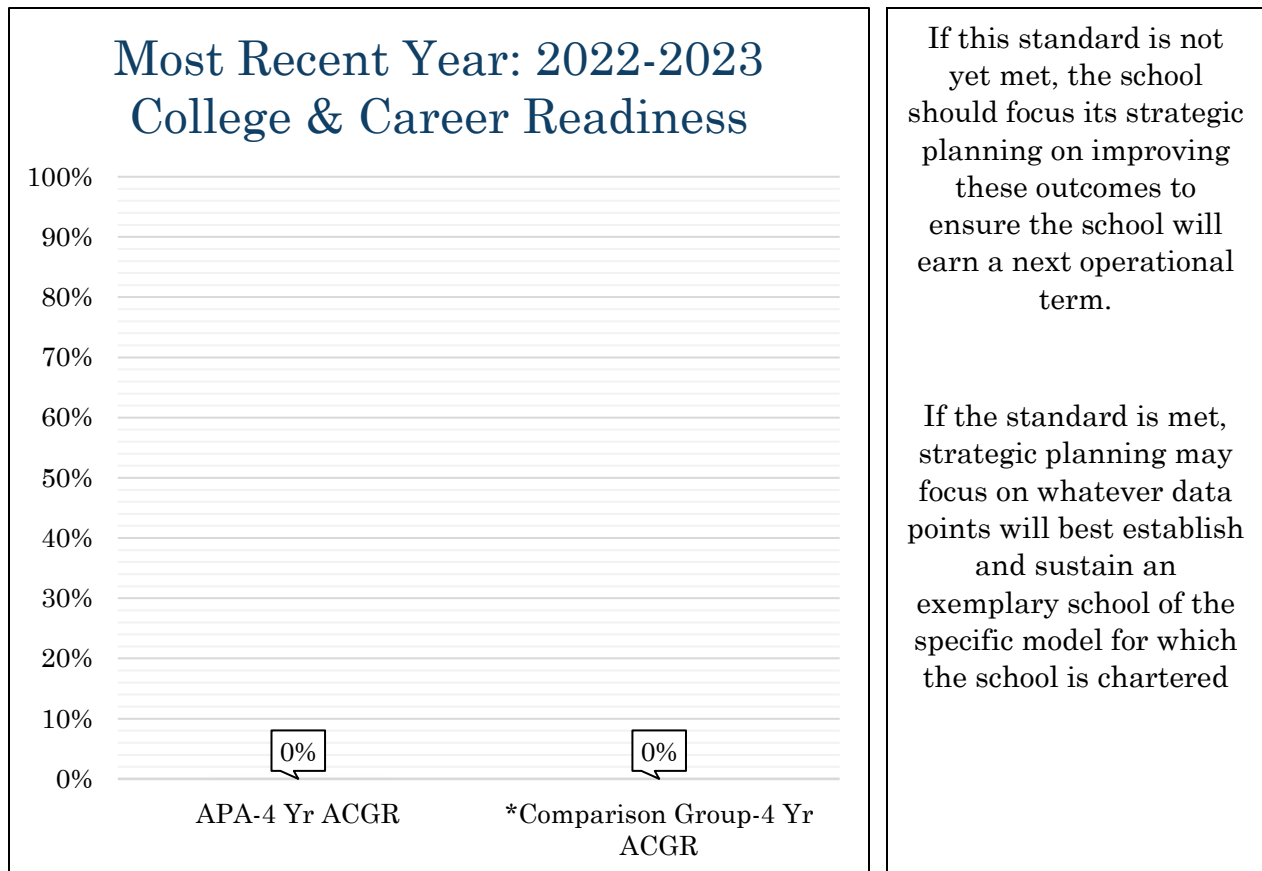
Academic Outcomes

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Why This Matters:

The IPCSC must determine whether the academic performance at the school represents a favorable return on the investment of public dollars. For context, the IPCSC considers the school's performance in relation to other educational choices available to families. A school with a 4-year graduation rate equal to or greater than the average of its comparison group meets the IPCSC standard.

Comparison Group: Idaho Falls District (091)



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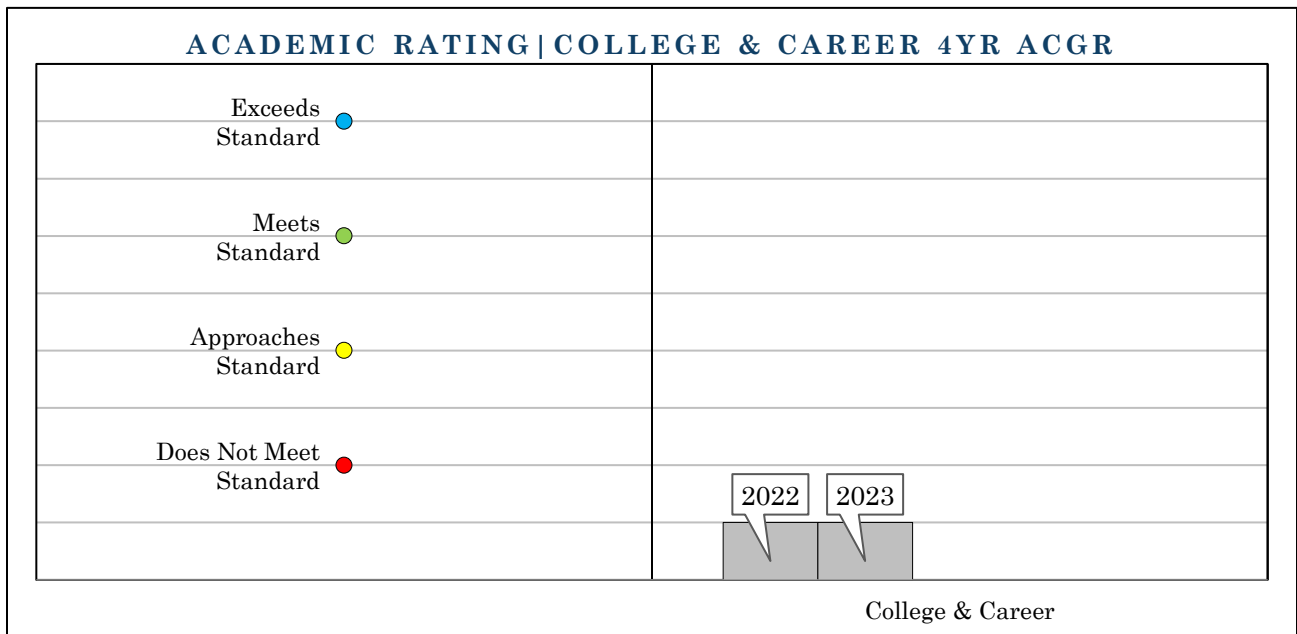
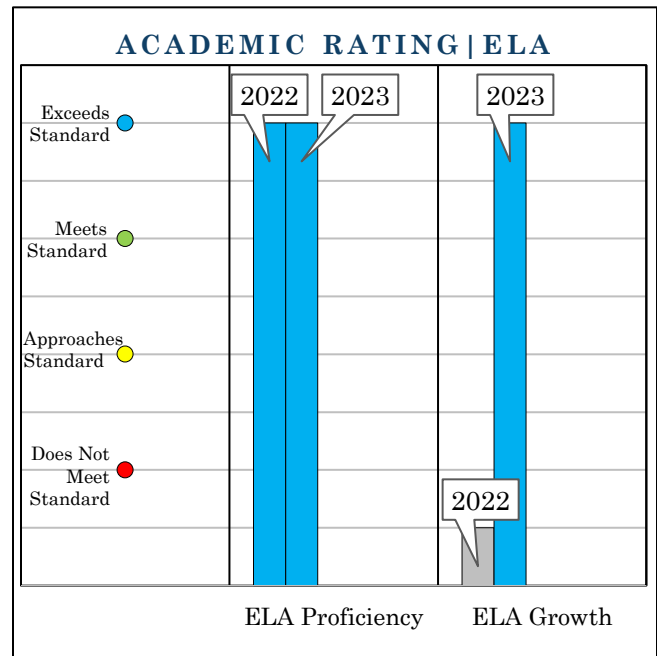
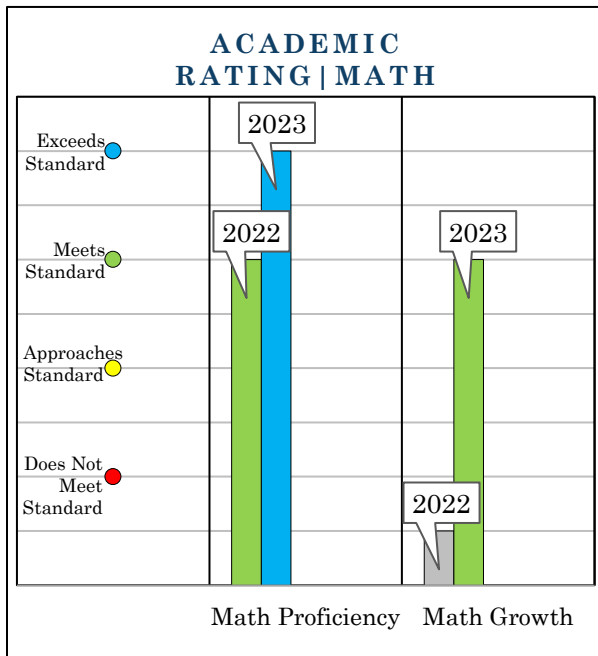
MEASURE	COLLEGE & CAREER RATING	APPLICABLE RUBRIC DESCRIPTION
College & Career Readiness	Choose an item.	Choose an item.

Historical Performance: Academics

The charts below provide an overview of a school's performance throughout their current (5) year certificate term. Schools are encouraged to consider how this data might be used to drive strategic planning as the school approaches its next renewal decision.

*During the 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 school years academic ratings were waived by the IPCSC due to the pandemic's impact on academic data. In the charts below, you will find these years have a grayed-out rating bar.

*Growth data and ratings were unavailable for the FY20, FY21 & FY22 school year, and grayed out in the chart below.



Operational Outcomes

BOARD STEWARDSHIP

Why This Matters:

At the highest level, the success of a charter school is driven by the ability of its governing board to govern effectively. The measures in this section help identify the strengths and challenges faced by the school's board. *Please see the [Performance Framework Rubrics](#) for details regarding how each measure is rated.

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Standard Rating: Meets Standard	
Governance Structure Measure	Data/Evidence Source
The board bylaws are compliant with ID law.	Most recently reviewed Bylaws 2/5/2021. *Please provide an updated copy to IPCSC staff if any amendments have been made since this review date.
The school's articles of incorporation are current.	Most recently updated on 5/10/2021.
The board does operate in compliance with its bylaws.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Investigations were not conducted into 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:	

Standard Rating: Meets Standard	
Governance Oversight Measure	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:	

Standard Rating: Meets Standard	
Governance Compliance Measure	Data/Evidence Source
The IPCSC 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:	

Operational Outcomes

MANAGEMENT

Why This Matters:

The systems and structures that support school operations are an important part of the school's overall success. The measures in this section help identify the strengths and challenges that impact the school's day-to-day operations.

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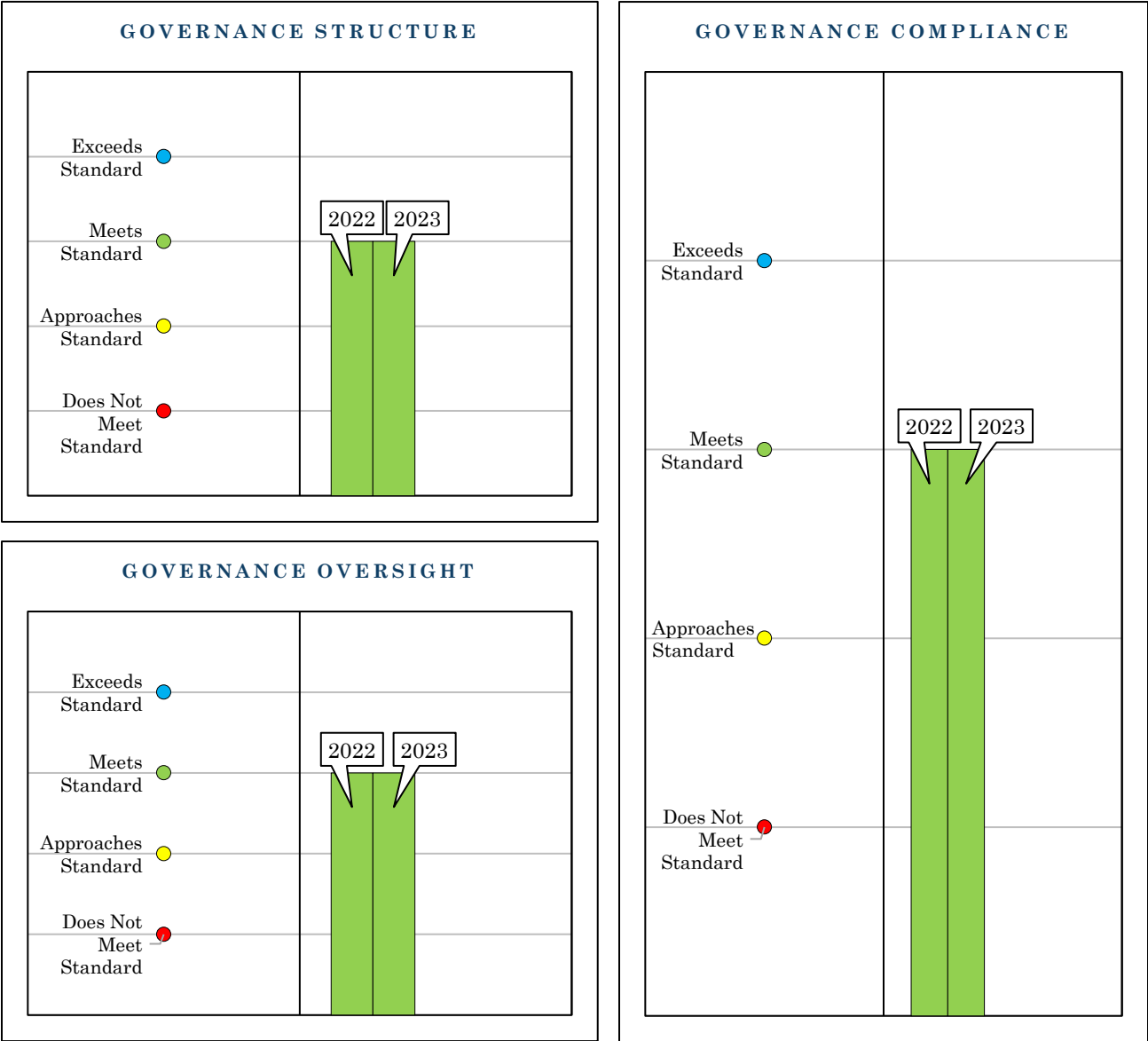
Standard Rating: Meets Standard	
Student Services	Data/Evidence Source
The school's English Language Learners program is in good standing.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The school's Special Education program is in good standing.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The school's college and career readiness program is in good standing.	Continuous Improvement Plan 2022-2023
The school's Federal Programs is in good standing	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Comments/ Context:	

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:	

Standard Rating: Meets Standard	
Facility and Services	Data/Evidence Source
The school's occupancy certificate is current.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Safety inspections and evacuation drills are compliant.	Fire Inspection: 9/15/2021 Building Inspection: 9/26/2022
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:	

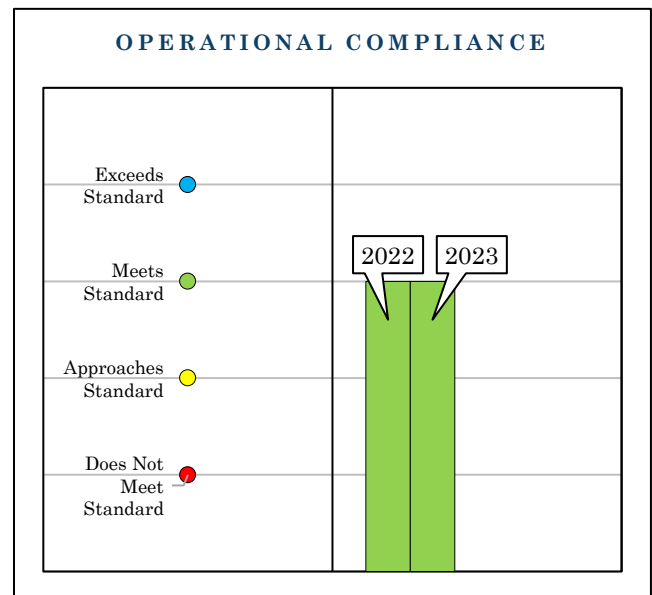
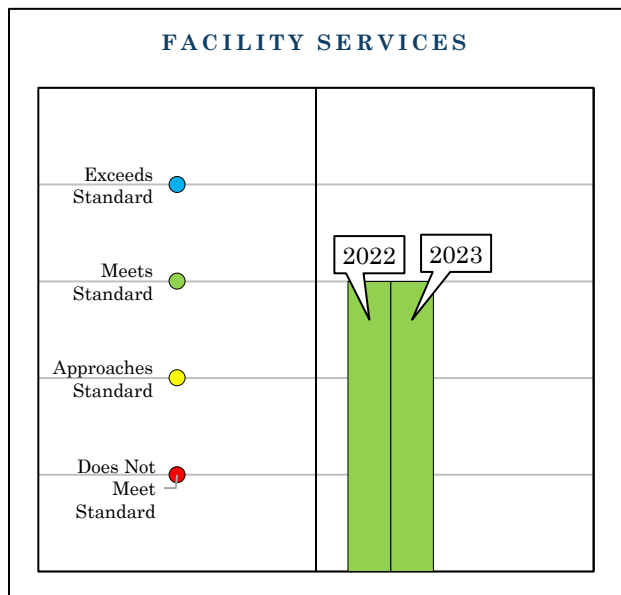
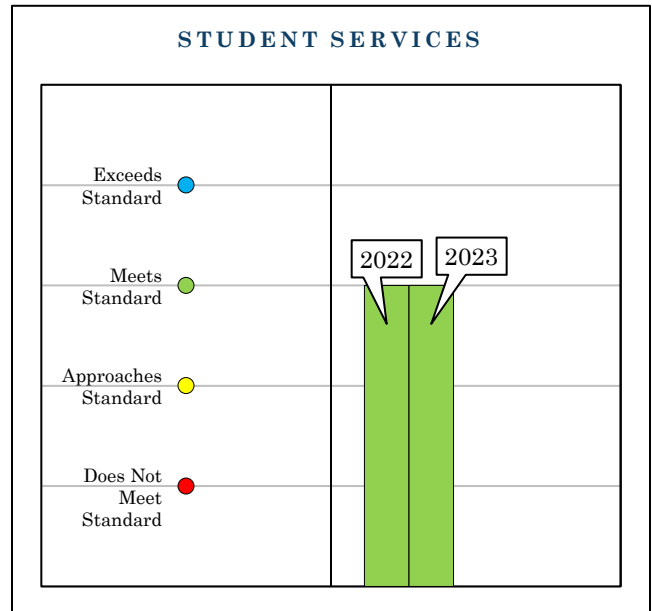
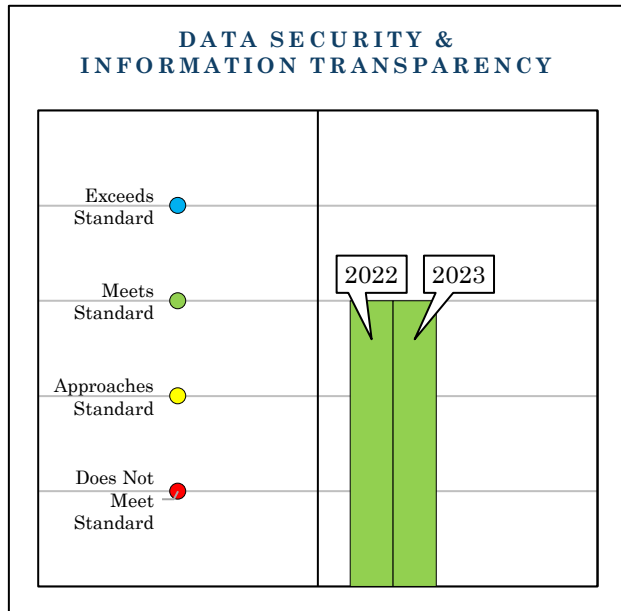
Standard Rating: Meets Standard	
Operational Compliance	Data/Evidence Source
Required reports were submitted accurately and on time.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The enrollment process is compliant.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
The teachers are properly credentialed.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Corrective action plans were not issued by the SDE this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.
Comments/ Context:	

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Historical Performance: Management Measures

The charts below provide an overview of a school's performance throughout their current (5) year certificate term. Schools are encouraged to consider how this data might be used to drive strategic planning as the school approaches its next renewal decision.



Financial Outcomes

NEAR TERM MEASURES

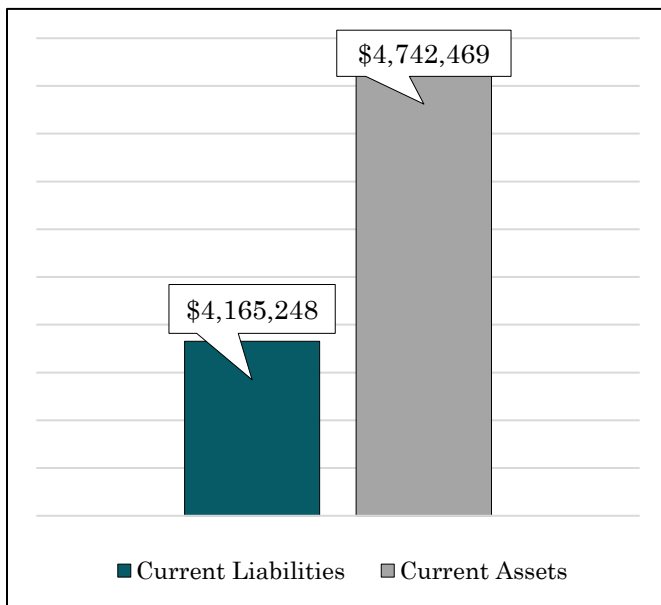
These measures evaluate whether a school is likely to meet its financial obligations in the next year. Data sources include but are not limited to the school's fiscal audit, state agency reporting, and school reporting requirements.

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Current Ratio

The school has a current ratio of more than 1.5.	Current Ratio: 4.38	Exceeds Standard
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Why This Matters:

Current Ratio is a comparison of a school's financial obligations due within one year (current liabilities) to the cash and investments held by the school (current assets).

A school with more assets than liabilities (a Current Ratio greater than 1.0) would be able to meet its financial obligations for the next year without relying on future revenue.

A school with more liabilities than assets

(a Current Ratio of less than 1.0) is dependent on revenue it has not yet received to meet existing financial obligations.

Unrestricted Days Cash

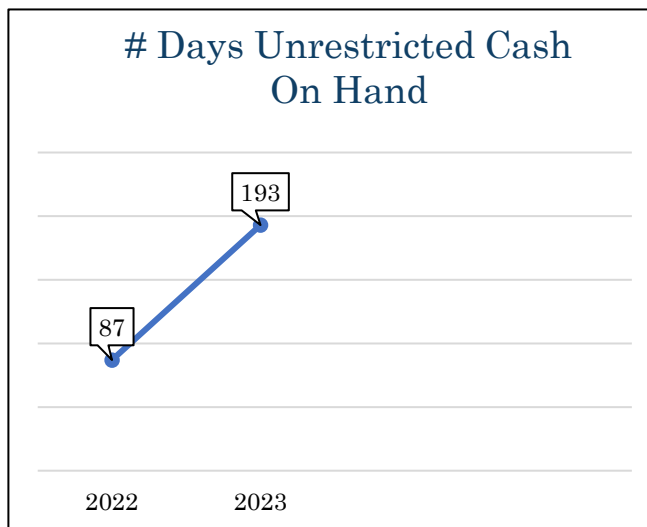
The school has more than 60 days cash on hand.	193 Days	Exceeds Standard
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Why this Matters:

This measure estimates a school's average daily cost of operations and considers the number of days a school could operate using only its available cash and investments.

A school with at least 60 days cash on hand would be able to meet its immediate financial obligations with available cash, buying the time it might take to access other current assets.

Occasionally, a planned purchase may decrease this number temporarily. In those cases, 30-60 days cash on hand with an upward trend is acceptable. A school with less than 15 days cash on hand is in financial distress and is at risk of automatic closure.



Default

The school is not in default of any financial obligations, and did not experience any instances of minor default (such as late payments) during the fiscal year.	Meets Standard
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Why this Matters:

This measure identifies whether a school has defaulted on any of its financial obligations. Default can mean many things. Examples of default include: paying bills late, failing to make payroll, or inaccurately filing reports required for funding. Default can also include a failure to meet any additional requirements of long-term debt as established by the lender (such as meeting a specific enrollment target or maintaining a greater amount of cash on hand than the IPCSC requires).

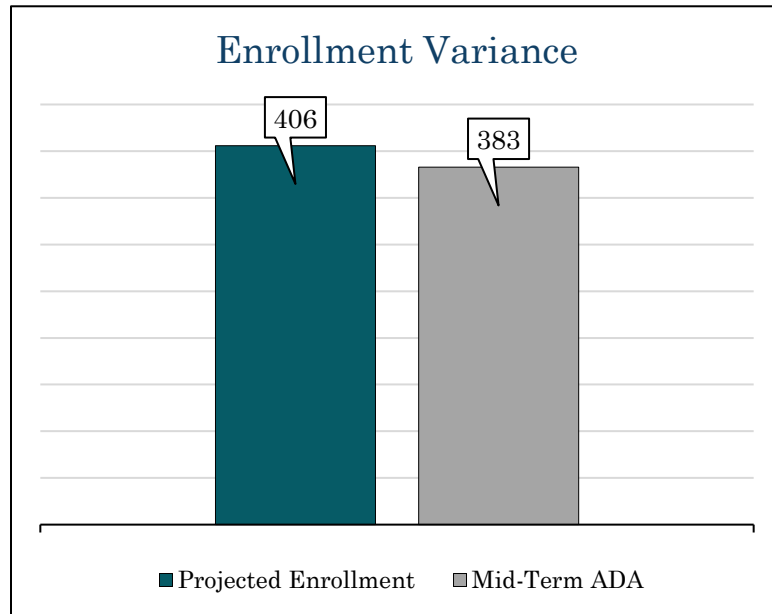
Any act of default can result in disruption of services, loans being called due, or funding that is inaccurate or withheld.

Comments/Context:

*No instances of non-compliance documented.

Enrollment Variance

The school achieved and sustained between 90% and 94.9% of its projected enrollment during the most recently completed school year.	Enrollment Variance: 94%	Approaches Standard
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Why this Matters:

The Enrollment Variance measure considers what percentage of a school's projected enrollment was achieved. As the majority of a public school's funding is generated by student enrollment, this measure reflects a school's ability to execute its budget to plan.

A school that achieves at least 95% of its projected enrollment will likely experience few bumps

and may make minor adjustments. A school that achieves less than 95% of projected enrollment is likely to face budget challenges requiring more significant budget amendments and may be in financial distress.

Financial Outcomes

SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES

These measures help determine whether a school is likely to remain financially stable into the future. Data sources include but are not limited to the school's fiscal audit, state agency reporting, and school reporting requirements. *Please see the [Performance Framework Rubrics](#) for details regarding how each measure is rated.

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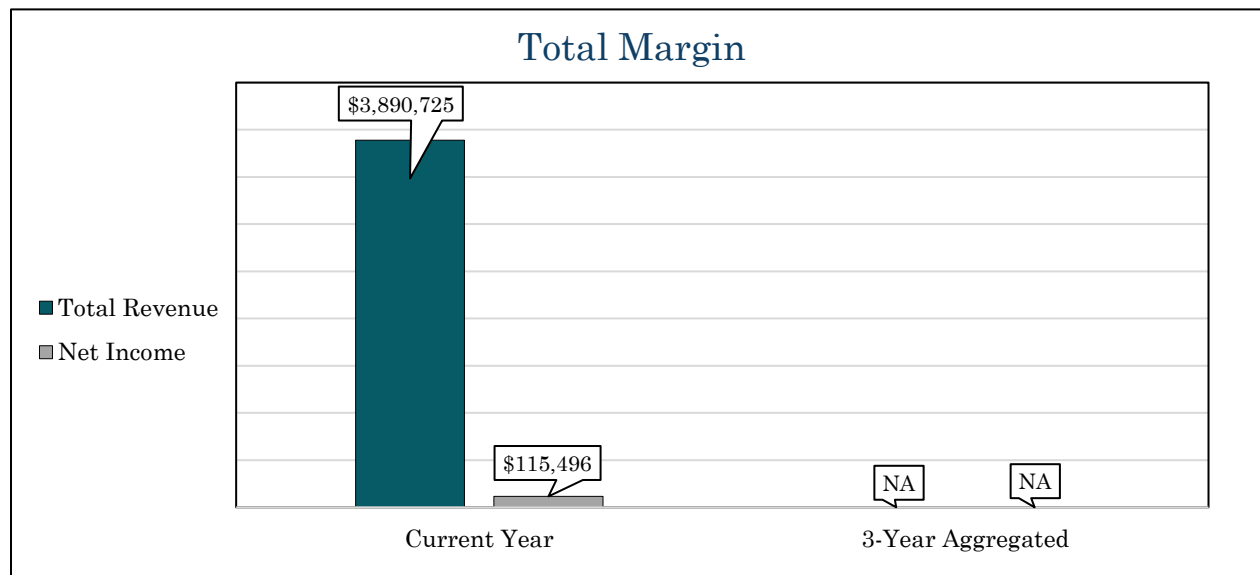
Total Margin

The school is in its first or second year of operations. As such, an aggregate 3-year total margin cannot be calculated, but the school's most recent year total margin is positive.	CY Total Margin: 3.0% 3-Year Aggregated: NA	Meets Standard
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Why this Matters:

The Total Margin compares a school's total revenue to its net income. Specifically, this measure identifies what percentage of a school's total revenue in a given year was not expended during that year. A school with a positive total margin spent less than it brought in. That is, the school is living within its means and can plan for future purchases and investments.

An occasional negative total margin may indicate that a planned or necessary purchase has taken place. This is not necessarily a negative indicator. However, if the Total Margin is chronically negative or severe decreases appear, the school may be in financial distress. Aggregating this margin over three years helps to identify these long-term trends.



Comments/Context:

*For the purposes of this calculation, pension liability is excluded from the school's net income.

Cash Flow

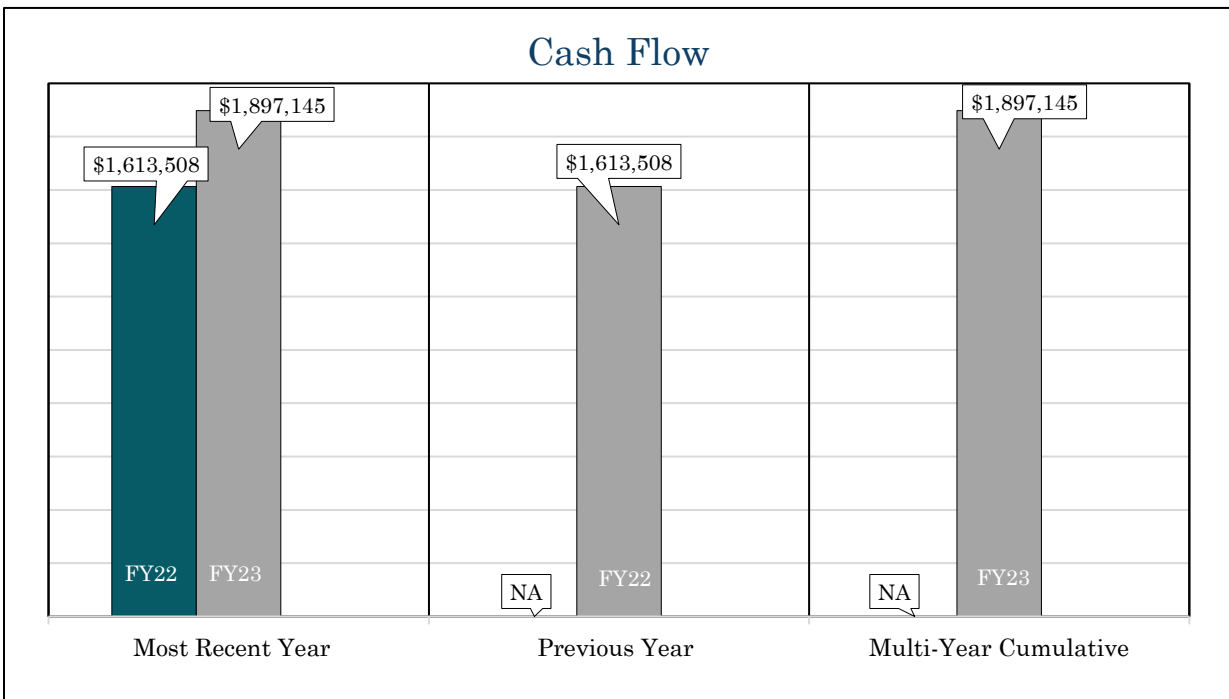
The school is in its first or second year of operations. As such the multi-year cash flow cannot be calculated; however, the school's most recent year cash flow is positive.	Most Recent Year: \$283,637 Previous Year: NA Multi-Year: NA	Meets Standard
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Why this Matters:

The Cash Flow measure considers the change in a school's cash balance over time. A school with a positive cash flow is increasing its reserves and is likely able to fund future projects and purchases.

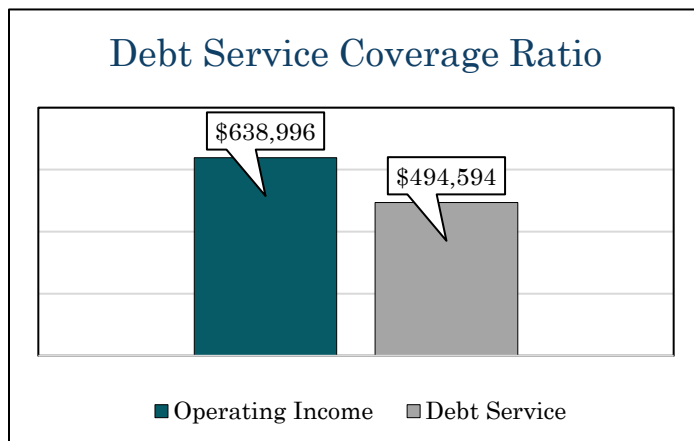
A school with a negative cash flow is using its existing reserves to fund general operations and is not likely to have the financial flexibility to fund future plans.

A multi-year cumulative cash flow helps to identify long-term trends.



Debt Service Coverage Ratio

Debt Service Coverage Ratio is between 1.1 and 1.49.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio: 1.29	Meets Standard
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Why this Matters:

This measure evaluates a school's ability to make payments on debt due in a given year using only that year's income. This helps determine whether a school has more debt than it can manage.

A school with more Operating Income than Debt Service (a Debt Service

Coverage Ratio greater than 1) can meet the financial obligations of their debt. A school with more Debt Service than Operating Income (a ratio of less than 1) is reliant on either reserves or revenues anticipated in future years to meet its debt obligations.

Debt to Asset Ratio

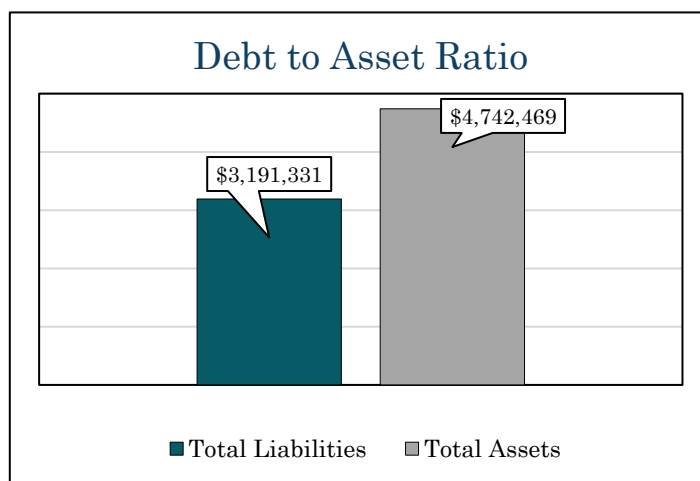
The school's Debt to Asset Ratio is less than 0.9.	Debt/Asset Ratio: 0.67	Meets Standard
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Why This Matters:

The Debt to Asset Ratio compares a school's total liabilities to its total assets. This helps determine whether a school would be able to meet both its short and long-term financial obligations.

A school whose total liabilities are 90% or less of its Total Assets is

likely to be able to repay all short-term debts and still manage to set its long-term affairs in order in a worst-case scenario. A school with more liabilities than assets would not be able to meet all its financial obligations in a worst-case scenario.



Note: for the purposes of this measure, pension liability is excluded from the school's total liabilities.

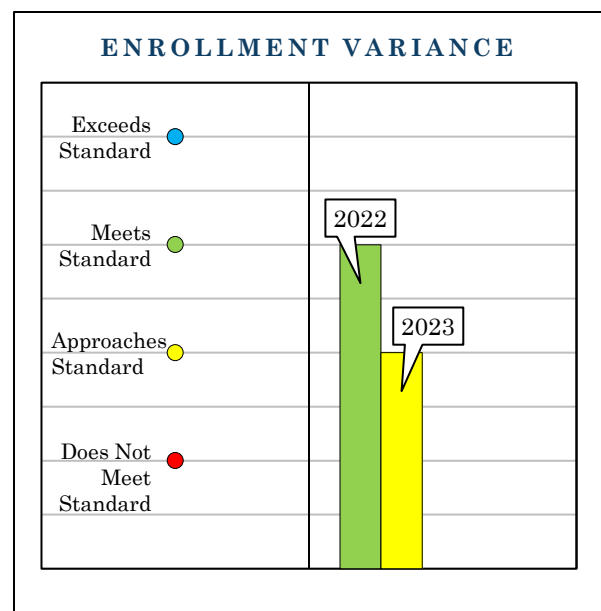
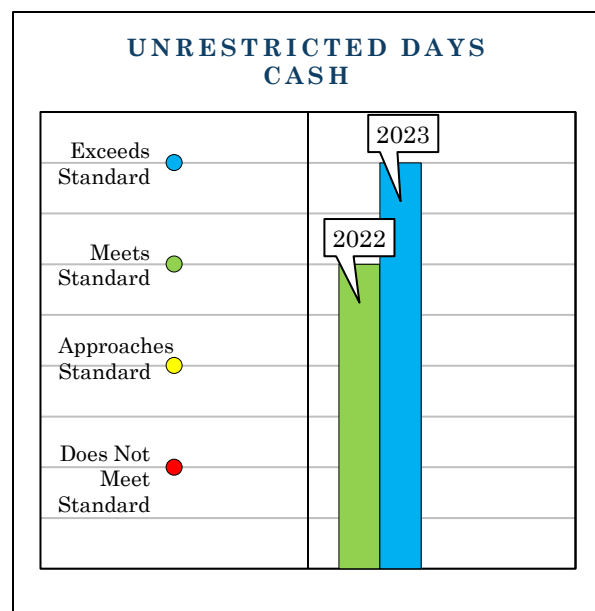
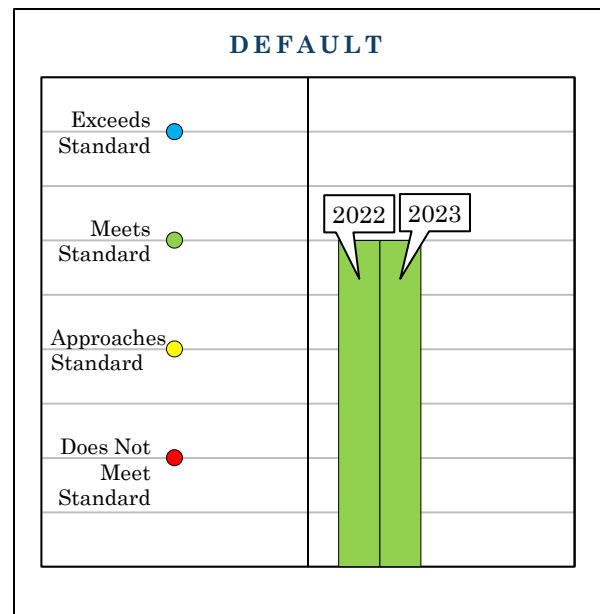
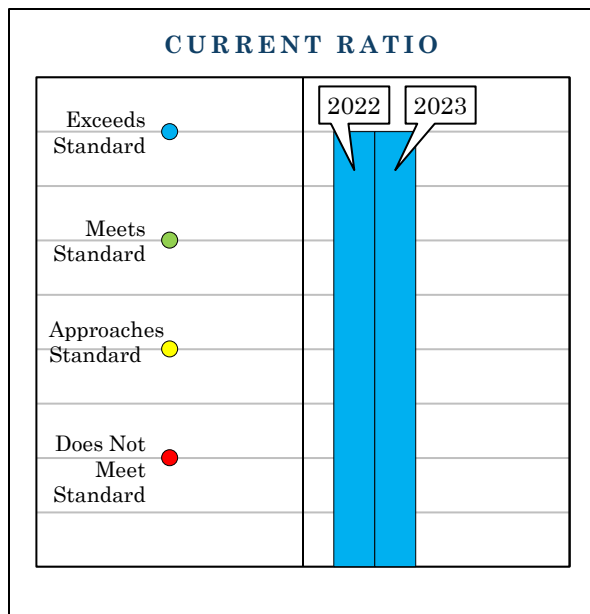
Financial Compliance

Standard Rating: Meets Standard	
Financial Operations	Data and/or Evidence Source
The school's finances are managed in compliance with GAAP.	Financial Audit: 9/18/23
Expenditures and contracts are posted online appropriately.	School's Expenditure Page
The school maintains compliant internal controls.	Financial Audit: 9/18/23
The school is not operating under a Notification of Fiscal Concern.	*No instance of non-compliance documented.
The school is not operating under a Notification of Possible or Imminent Closure.	*No instances of non-compliance documented.

Historical Performance: Financial

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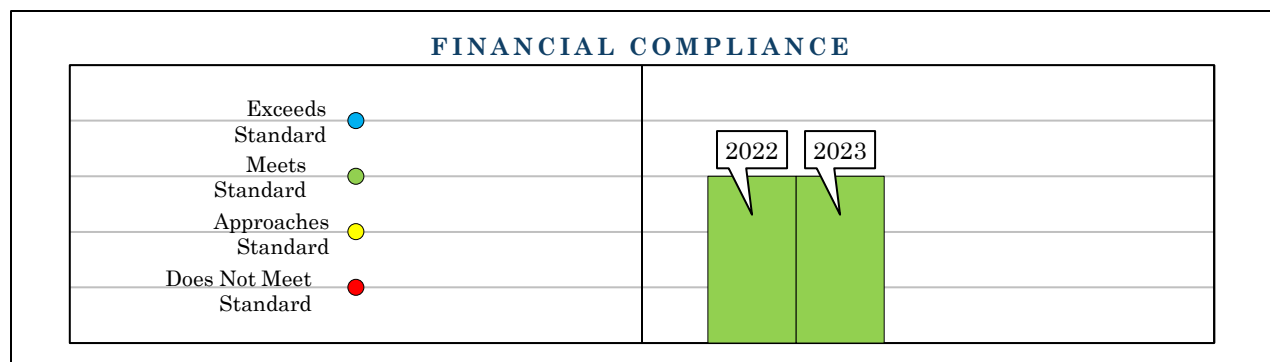
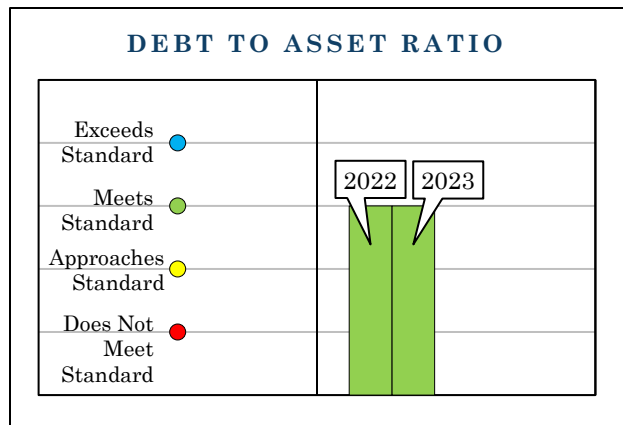
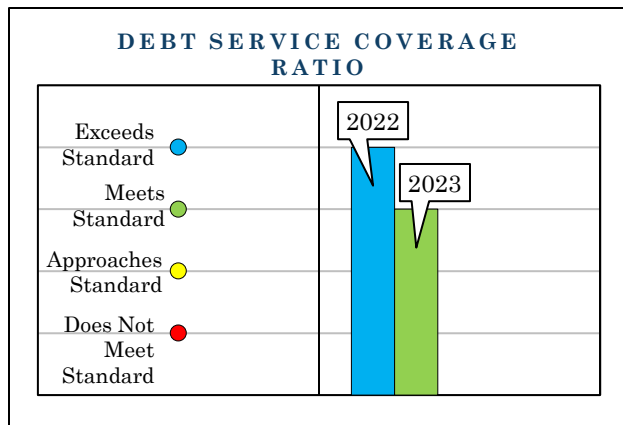
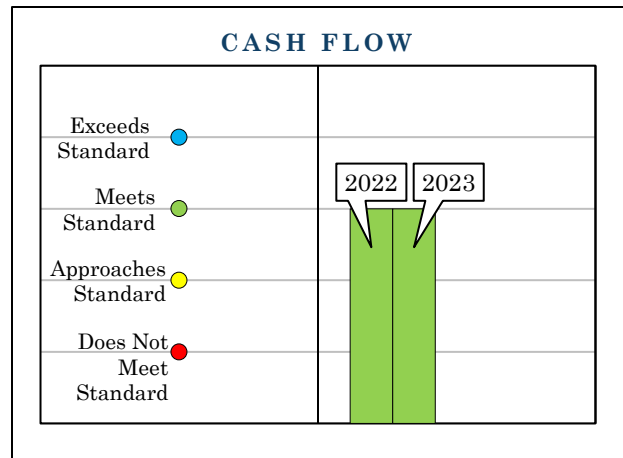
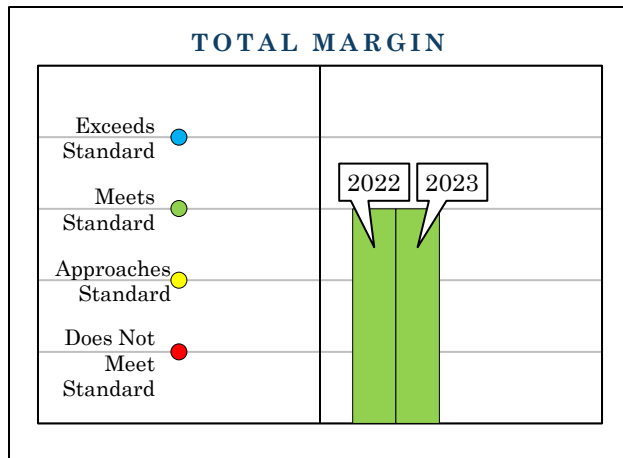
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