

Executive Summary

Renewal of Charter School Agreement Riverside Science, Inc. Broward Math and Science Schools - 5038

School Name	Broward Math and Science Schools
Implementation Year	2014 – 2015
Termination Date of Current Charter Agreement	June 30, 2019
Address	6101 NW 31 st Street Margate, Florida 33063
Grades Approved to Serve	K-12
Grades Currently Serving	K-8
Current Enrollment	300
Target population	Neighborhoods surrounding the school
Curriculum Focus	Traditional
School Grade 2017-2018	C
School Grade 2016-2017	C
School Grade 2015-2016	B

On April 1, 2014, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approved a Charter School Agreement authorizing Riverside Science, Inc., to open Broward Math and Science Schools - 5038. The original contract was effective for a five-year period, to conclude on June 30, 2019.

During the last year of the charter contract, the charter school received a renewal program review as required for charter contract renewal and demonstrated academic and programmatic deficiencies.

Section 1002.33(7)(c)1, Florida Statutes, states that, “a charter school may be renewed provided that a program review demonstrates that student achievement levels and prior rates of academic progress have been accomplished and that none of the grounds for non-renewal has been documented.”

Section 1002.33(8)(a), Florida Statutes, specifies the causes for non-renewal or termination of a charter. These are:

1. Failure to participate in the state’s education accountability system created in Section 1008.31, Florida Statutes or failure to meet the requirements for student performance stated in the charter.
2. Failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management.
3. Violation of law.
4. Other good cause shown.

As part of its renewal process for charter schools, The Superintendent’s Charter School Review Committee conducted a review of the school’s data and the renewal program review submitted by Riverside Science, Inc., (Broward Math and Science High Schools – 5038), as required by Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. Upon reviewing the renewal program review, the Superintendent’s Charter Renewal Committee concluded that there were deficiencies in the areas of Educational Performance. The deficiencies were not sufficient to deny any renewal of the contract, and as such the committee recommends a five-year renewal of the Charter School Agreement.

DEFICIENCIES FOUND IN THE RENEWAL PROGRAM REVIEW PROCESS

The following are the specific deficiencies that did not meet or partially met the renewal criteria, thus contributing to the recommendation of a five-year renewal of the Charter School Agreement with mitigating language:

EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

The Superintendent's Charter Review Committee reviewed the Educational Performance of the charter school as presented in the renewal program review. Staff has determined Riverside Science, Inc., (Broward Math and Science High Schools – 5038), has demonstrated the following deficiencies:

Deficiencies:

- Failure to follow the state-approved District Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Policies and Procedures (SP&P) Plan to ensure the needs of ESE students, students with disabilities and gifted students are being met per Title 34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 300.641, CFR, Section 1003.57, 1003.571, 1003.573, Florida Statutes and Rule 6A-6.03411, F.A.C., and Rule 69A-58.0084, F.A.C.
- Failure to implement the requirements of all state and federal statutes or rules affecting programs for and the provisions of service to exceptional students as specified in Section 1002.33(16)(a)3, Florida Statutes and Rules 6A-03028 and 6A-6.03411(2), F.A.C.
- Failure to demonstrate compliance in all areas of ESE Program implementation including students with disabilities and gifted students, based on the ESE Programmatic Onsite Reviews or Desk Top Reviews.
- Failure to follow the state-approved District ELL Plan and procedures to ensure the needs of English Language Learners (ELLs) are being met as per Section 1003.56, Florida Statutes, *English Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient Students* and Rules 6A-0900-6A-0909, F.A.C.
- Failure to comply with the META Consent Decree and with the Sponsor's State-Approved ELL Plan in identifying ELL students and for the provisions of required ESOL services.
- Failure to demonstrate compliance in all areas of ESOL Program implementation, based on the ESOL Programmatic Onsite Analysis or Desk Top Reviews.
- Failure to implement and monitor procedures to address the needs of ELLs, including but not limited to, identification, appropriate placement, required accommodations, and equal access to remedial and enrichment programs
- Failure to maintain accurate and updated records on the Sponsor's student information systems for ELLs; TERMS and ELLevation.
- Failure to participate in district meetings and training regarding compliance updates for ESOL as well as training for state and district assessments.

Remedial Measures:

- The School will follow the Florida Department of Education Division of K-12 Public Schools Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services School District (Broward) Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P)
- The School will implement the requirements of all state and federal statutes or rules affecting programs for and the provisions of service to exceptional students as specified in Section 1002.33(16)(a)3, Florida Statutes and Rules 6A-6.03028 and 6A-6.03411(2), F.A.C.

- The School will demonstrate compliance in all areas of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Program implementation (Students with Disabilities and Gifted) based on an ESE Programmatic Onsite Analysis and/or Desktop Review during each year of the terms of this agreement. Any concerns and/or deficiencies will be remediated as written in the response action plan.
- The School will provide English Language Learners (ELLs) with program and services in accordance with federal and state and district policies related to ELLs.
- The School will comply with the META Consent Decree and with the Sponsor's State-Approved ELL Plan in identifying ELL students and for the provision of required ESOL services.
- The School will implement and monitor procedures to address the needs of ELLs, including but not limited to, identification, appropriate placement, required accommodations, and equal access to remedial and enrichment programs.
- The School will maintain accurate and updated records on the Sponsor's student information systems for ELLs; TERMS and ELLevation.
- The School will participate in district meetings and training regarding compliance updates for ESOL as well as training for state and district assessments.
- The School will demonstrate compliance in all areas of ESOL Program implementation based on an ESOL Programmatic Onsite Analysis and/or Desktop Review during each year of the terms of this agreement. Any concerns and/or deficiencies will be remediated as written in the response action plan.

It is requested that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement for Riverside Science, Inc. (Broward Math and Science High Schools - 5038), for a five-year period starting on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2024. This five-year renewal term will afford the charter school an opportunity to continue its operations while demonstrating its ability to remediate deficiencies as required by Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes.

If the renewed charter school fails to implement the remedial measures listed in the renewal Charter School Agreement and as stated above, such non-compliance will be considered grounds for the future termination of the renewed Charter Agreement or declination of any further contract renewal.

Broward Math and Science Schools - 5038, is located at 6101 NW 31st Street, Margate, Florida 33063, located in District 4.

The governing board members of Riverside Science, Inc., reside in Boca Raton, Boynton Beach and Miami-Dade County, Florida.