

Executive Summary

Renewal of Charter School Agreement Atlantic Montessori Charter School, Inc. Atlantic Montessori Charter School West Campus – 5164

School Name	Atlantic Montessori Charter School West Campus
Implementation Year	2015 – 2016
Termination Date of Current Charter Agreement	June 30, 2020
Address	2550 South Flamingo Road Davie, Florida 33325
Grades Approved to Serve	K-5
Grades Currently Serving	K-5
Current Enrollment	149
Target population	Neighborhoods surrounding the school
Curriculum Focus	Traditional
School Grade 2018-2019	A
School Grade 2017-2018	A
School Grade 2016-2017	C

On March 3, 2015, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approved a Charter School Agreement authorizing Atlantic Montessori Charter School, Inc., to open Atlantic Montessori Charter School West Campus – 5164. The original contract was effective for a five-year period, to conclude on June 30, 2020.

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 may be renewed provided that a program review demonstrates that the criteria in paragraph (a) have been successfully accomplished and that none of the grounds for nonrenewal established by paragraph (8)(a) 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 s. 1008.31, as required in this section or failure to meet the requirements for student performance stated in the charter.
2. Failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management.
3. Material 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 Atlantic Montessori Charter School, Inc., (Atlantic Montessori Charter School West Campus – 5164), 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 area 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 Atlantic Montessori Charter School, Inc., (Atlantic Montessori Charter School West Campus – 5164), 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, F.A.C., Rule 6A-6.030191, F.A.C. 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.

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 shall implement the requirements of any statutes or State Board of Education rules affecting programs for and the provision of services to exceptional students to comply with Section 1002.33(16)(a)3, Florida Statutes and Rule 6A-6.03028, F.A.C., Rule 6A-6.030191, F.A.C. and Rule 6A-6.03411(2), F.A.C.
- The School will demonstrate compliance in all areas of ESE Program implementation (Students with Disabilities and Gifted) based on an ESE Programmatic Onsite Analysis or Desk Top Review during each year of the terms of this agreement.

It is requested that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approve the renewal of the Charter School Agreement for Atlantic Montessori Charter School, Inc. (Atlantic Montessori Charter School West Campus – 5164), for a five-year period starting on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2025. 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.

Atlantic Montessori Charter School West Campus – 5164, is located at 2550 South Flamingo Road, Davie, Florida 33325, located in District 6.

The governing board members of Atlantic Montessori Charter School, Inc., reside in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, Florida.