

Executive Summary

Renewal of Charter School Agreement Kidz Choice Charter School, Inc. Kidz Choice Charter School - 5409

Implementation Year	2007-2008
Termination Date of Current Charter Agreement	June 30, 2013
Location	9063 Taft Street Pembroke Pines, Florida 33024
Grades Approved to Serve	K-5
Enrollment	103
Target Population	Neighborhoods surrounding the school
Curriculum Focus	Traditional
School Grade	No grade issue due to low enrollment in tested grades – In 2012, school received a point value of 579, equivalent to an “A” grade In 2011, school received a point value of 393 points, equivalent to an “F” grade

On May 22, 2007, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approved a Charter School Agreement enabling Kidz Choice Charter School, Inc., to open a charter school named Kidz Choice Charter School. This original contract was effective for a five-year period ending on June 30, 2012. In 2012, the charter school received a one-year Charter Agreement, which included remedial measures to correct. Pursuant to Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, the charter school received program reviews as required for charter contract renewal. The program review identified educational and operational deficiencies. This resulted in the school receiving a one-year Charter School Agreement effective from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Section 1002.33(7)(b)(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 District conducted a review of the school’s data and of the charter renewal application submitted by Kidz Choice Charter School, Inc., (Kidz

Choice Charter School - 5409). Upon reviewing this year's Charter Renewal Application, the Superintendent's Charter Renewal Committee concluded that, although there were deficiencies in the areas of Educational Performance and Financial Performance, the charter school remedied the teacher certification concerns in Operational Performance. The remaining deficiencies were not sufficient to deny any renewal of the contract as such the committee recommends a one-year renewal of the charter school agreement.

DEFICIENCIES FOUND IN THE RENEWAL CHARTER APPLICATION

Following is the specific section of the Renewal Charter Application that did not meet or partially met the renewal criteria, thus contributing to the recommendation of a one-year renewal of the Charter Agreement:

EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

The Superintendent's Charter Review Committee reviewed the Educational Performance of the charter school as presented in the Renewal Charter Application. Staff has determined that Kidz Choice Charter School, Inc. (Kidz Choice Charter School – 5409) has the following deficiencies:

Deficiency 1 – Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Compliance:

- Failure to demonstrate the capacity to meet the school's obligations under state and federal law regarding the education of exceptional students as required by Section 1002.33(16)(a)(3), Florida Statutes.
 - a) The application lacked evidence of prior written notice provided to the parent/guardian according to required timelines as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(3)(b)(3), F.A.C. and the Local Education Agency (LEA) Agreement.
- Failure to demonstrate sound plans for educating exceptional students that reflect the full range of programs and services required to provide all students with a high-quality education, as required by Section 1002.33 (16)(a)(3), Florida Statutes.
 - a) The application did not provide an explanation of the required continuum of services needed by ESE students as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03011 and State Board Rule 6A-6.030281, F.A.C.
 - b) The application did not reference the process for IEPs that are out of compliance according to federal, state and local guidelines as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(3)(f), F.A.C.
 - c) The application did not include sufficient information regarding the Response to Intervention process for struggling students as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.0331 F.A.C.

Remedial Measures:

- The charter school shall incorporate procedures that will ensure compliance with federal, state, and local requirements regarding students with disabilities, for the alignment of IEPs (present level of performance, the impact of the disability, the priority educational needs, goals, services, and accommodations,) as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028, F.A.C.

- The charter school shall document the issuance of accurate Prior Written Notice according to current Local Education Agency (LEA) agreed upon timelines and State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(3)(f), F.A.C.
- The charter school's ESE Specialist shall attend required meetings and trainings provided by the Exceptional Student Education and Student Support Department, as agreed upon by the Local Education Agency Agreement (LEA).
- An ESE on-site visit will be conducted during the first semester of the 2013-2014 academic year and the charter school shall demonstrate improvement in all areas of compliance.

Deficiency 2- No Evidence of Common Core Instruction:

- Failure to include evidence of Common Core State Standards being implemented in grades K-5. In addition, Social Studies standards included in the Charter Renewal Application are not current.

Remedial Measures:

- The charter school shall implement Common Core State Standards for Language Arts and Math and Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Science and Social Studies in grades K-5 as required by the Florida Department of Education's implementation calendar.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Superintendent's Charter Review Committee reviewed the Financial Performance of the charter school as presented in the Charter Renewal Application. Staff has determined that Kidz Choice Charter School, Inc., (Kidz Choice Charter School – 5409) has the following deficiency:

Deficiency 3: Financial Viability

- Failure to include all necessary expenses in the budget.

Remedial Measures:

- The charter school shall provide a comprehensive budget that includes pertinent expenses to the Sponsor prior to the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

PROGRAMMATIC REVIEWS

A programmatic review of the ESE Program was conducted by District staff and the following deficiencies were noted:

Deficiency 4: Programmatic ESE Analysis

- Based on the programmatic review conducted as part of the Renewal Application Process, the school did not maintain compliance of IEPs for students with disabilities.
- Based on the programmatic review conducted as part of the Renewal Application Process, the school did not maintain compliance of re-evaluation plans for students with disabilities.
- Based on the programmatic review conducted as part of the Renewal Application Process, the school did not provide prior written notice to the parent/guardian in a timely fashion for IEP/Re-evaluation meetings.

Remedial Measures:

- The charter school shall incorporate procedures that will ensure compliance with federal, state, and local requirements regarding students with disabilities, for the alignment of IEPs (present level of performance, the impact of the disability, the priority educational needs, goals, services, and accommodations), as required by State Board Rule 6A-6.03028, F.A.C.
- The charter school shall document the issuance of accurate prior written notice to the parent/guardian according to current Local Education Agency (LEA) agreed upon timelines and State Board Rule 6A-6.03028(3)(f), F.A.C.
- The charter school's ESE Specialist shall attend required meetings and trainings provided by the Exceptional Student Education and Student Support Department, as agreed upon in the Local Education Agency (LEA) Agreement.

It is requested that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to notify the governing body of Kidz Choice Charter School, Inc., (Kidz Choice Charter School - 5409) of the proposed renewal of the Charter School Agreement for a one-year period starting on July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2014, due to the aforementioned deficiencies encountered within the Renewal Charter Application and within the compliance documents. This one-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 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.

It is requested that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to send the letter (Exhibit 3 of the ARF), notifying Kidz Choice Charter School, Inc., (Kidz Choice Charter School - 5409) of the approval of the Renewal Charter Application, and of the proposed one-year renewal of the Charter Agreement.

The governing board members of Kidz Choice Charter School, Inc., reside in Broward County.