

STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY



2018 Renewal Report for Learning Bridge Charter School
Per NRS 388A.285 and R089-16A

Issued June 29, 2018

CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL REPORT CONTENTS

1. School Overview	3
a. Address	
b. Location	
c. Governing Board President	
d. Academic Data Overview	
2. Summary of Issued Notices and Identified Deficiencies	5
a. Academic	
b. Financial	
3. Summary of the Overall Performance of the Charter School	6
4. Requirements for the Renewal Application	7
5. Criteria to be used to make a Determination regarding Renewal	8

1. **School Overview**

- a. Campus Address:
 - i. 505 South Pioche Highway Ely NV, 89315

- b. All Campus Locations:
 - i. White Pine County

- c. Governing Board President
 - i. Hailey Reusch

d. Academic Data Overview

The following data was compiled from the ratings generated by the Nevada State Performance Framework (NSPF). Please see Appendix A for more details.

Year	NSPF Rating
Rating issued in the Fall of 2014	Elementary: 2 Star Middle School: N/A Star
Rating issued in the Fall of 2015	Elementary: 3 Star (frozen from 2014) Middle School: N/A
Rating issued in the Fall of 2016	No star rating published by State
Rating issued in the Fall of 2017	Elementary: 3 Star Middle School: 5 Star

2. Summary of Issued Notices and Identified Deficiencies

a. Academic:

The Authority Board has not issued any Academic Notices to Learning Bridge Charter School.

b. Financial:

The Authority Board has not issued any following Financial Notices to Learning Bridge Charter School.

3. Summary of the Overall Performance of Learning Bridge Charter School

Learning Bridge Charter School is currently rated as a 3-star elementary school program and a 5-star middle school program according to the 2016 – 2017 NSPF. While Authority staff anticipates that there will be NSPF ratings for high schools for the 2017 – 2018 school year, no current ratings exist. It is noteworthy that the school earned less than a 3-star rating for the elementary or middle school only once during the current charter term (2014).

With regard to the elementary school, Authority staff is pleased with the performance of Learning Bridge students. As noted in NSPF guidance document, a 3-star school identifies an adequate school that has met the state’s standard for performance. The all-students group has met expectations for academic achievement or growth. Subgroups meet expectations for academic achievement or growth with little exception; however, no group is far below standard. The school consistently ranks above almost all schools within the SPCSA portfolio in most achievement and growth measures. See Appendix A for more details.

The middle school, by virtue of its 5-star rating, also fares very well compared to performance expectations and standards. The school has achievement and growth scores that are almost always above state performance expectations, and this level of performance is almost always above the SPCSA average proficiency rate within the portfolio in both math and ELA. See Appendix A for more details.

With regards to the financial performance of the school, SPCSA staff has no concerns about the overall health and viability of the school.

The organizational health and performance of the school has been strong over the current charter term. The school has not received any notices regarding organizational performance.

4. Requirements for the Renewal Application

Applicants for renewal will receive an application template to populate and return to Authority staff between October 1 – October 15, 2018. This template will be provided to schools no later than July 31, 2018. **Schools are required to submit a notice of intent to submit an application for renewal not less than 45 days prior to submitting the renewal application.**

Schools which are contemplating material amendments, e.g. changes to the mission statement, grade levels served, enrollment, facilities expansion, academic program, instructional delivery, management agreement, etc. will be permitted to submit such amendment requests in the event that the school is renewed based on past performance. Schools are permitted to draft such amendment requests during the renewal process for filing immediately following the renewal decision but the SPCSA Board will not give weight to such materials or testimony related to any contemplated changes during the renewal process. The inclusion of amendment materials will result in the return of the renewal application and a request for resubmission of a compliant and complete application from SPCSA staff.

It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that the content is accurate and reflects information provided by NDE and the SPCSA. Any discrepancies between the data submitted and data previously provided by NDE or the SPCSA will result in a request for resubmission of a compliant and complete application from SPCSA staff.

Schools are required to submit the agenda and draft minutes for the meeting where the governing body voted to approve the submission of the renewal application into the appropriate areas in Epicenter prior to filing the renewal application. Failure to submit the agenda and draft minutes into the appropriate areas in Epicenter prior to filing the renewal application will result in the return of the renewal application and a request for resubmission of a compliant and complete application from SPCSA staff.

5. Criteria to be used for Making a Renewal Decision

As stated on the previous page, renewal decisions for schools operating under a charter contract are based on historic performance data as evidenced by both the Nevada State Performance Framework as well as the SPCSA Performance Framework. Historical anecdotes or unsolicited data, e.g. teacher turnover, leadership changes, or past programmatic adjustments, will not be considered by the Authority in making renewal decisions. Additionally, renewal decisions will be based on the overall financial and organizational health of the public charter school. Evidence from both the financial framework and financial audits will be used to assess the overall financial health of a school. The Epicenter platform will be used to inform the assessment of the organizational health of a school, and to help determine whether or not the school is compliant under local, state and federal law.

The Board will not give weight to materials or testimony related to such topics during the renewal process. The inclusion of unsolicited data, supplementary narratives, letters of support, or other unsolicited materials will result in the return of the renewal application and a request for resubmission of a compliant and complete application from SPCSA staff.