



The Academy for Technology and the Classics

5-year Charter Renewal Application

SFPS Board of Education

December 19, 2024

**Hilario “Larry” Chavez,
Superintendent**

Presenters:

Howard Oechsner, Senior Assistant to the Superintendent

Jason Morgan, Principal, ATC

Renewal Requirements

- **99 charter schools in New Mexico**
 - **60 authorized by the Public Education Commission (PEC)**
 - **39 authorized by school districts**
 - **Charters must be renewed every 5 years**
- **The role of the Santa Fe Public Schools (SFPS), as authorizer of The Academy for Technology and the Classics Charter School (ATC), is to review the school's evidence of progress on the Academic, Organizational, and Fiscal Performance Frameworks agreed upon by ATC and SFPS.**

Renewal Process

- **October 1, 2024**
 - ATC submitted initial application to the District
- **Application reviewed by SFPS Cabinet members**
 - Requests for additional information and artifacts
- **November 4, 2024**
 - Amended application submitted
- **November 21, 2024**
 - Final application received

District Team

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| Academic Performance - Assessment and Accountability | Beata Thorstensen <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Assessment for Learning & School Improvement Officer |
| Organizational Performance - Educational Program | Vanessa Romero <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Superintendent, Teaching & Learning |
| Organizational Performance - Governance Responsibilities | Josh Granata <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Counsel & Government Relations |
| Organizational Performance - Equity and Identity | Crystal Ybarra <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Equity & Inclusion Officer |
| Financial Performance - Business Operations | Robert Martinez <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Financial Officer |
| Financial Performance - Facilities and Operations | Kristy Wagner <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Superintendent, Operations & Athletics |
| Petitions of Support | Howard Oechsner <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Assistant to the Superintendent |
| Safety and Security | Mario Salbidrez <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Director of School Security |

College Preparatory Mission and Focus

| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1st Gen | 27% | 23% | 37.5% | 23% | 60% |
| Davis Scholar | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 |
| Graduation Rate | 92% | 95% | 97% | | |
| Bilingual Seal | 3 | 4 | 14 | 11 | |

ATC was a recipient of TeachPlus New Mexico's Innovation in Education 2024 award for the Innovations to increase high school graduation rates category

Great Schools Begin with Great Teachers

Over the current charter term, ATC's faculty have been recognized for excellence in teaching and learning:

- Two Golden Apple teachers
- Two Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Teacher of the Year recipients
- One Public Charter Schools of New Mexico Teacher of the Year recipient
- One Milken National Teacher Award recipient
- One Partners in Education (PIE) Teachers Who Inspire recipient
 - Two additional recipients in the previous term

Our faculty's will and skill with expanding students' potential is phenomenal!

ATC Charter Contract Renewal Recommendation

- **The District recommends renewal of the charter contract with The Academy for Technology and the Classics for the next 5 year period starting July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2030.**

Board Questions and Discussion

Thank you!