



Annual Performance Report 2022

SYRINGA MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Mission Statement: Syringa Mountain School provides a rigorous, arts-integrated educational experience as a public school guided by the Core Principles of Waldorf Education and aims to develop students who are compassionate, eco-literate, critical thinkers prepared to meet the demands of the world.

School Information	Annual Report FY2021-2022	Current: FY 2022-2023
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Introduction

COMPLIANCE/AUTHORITY:

Charter schools in Idaho operate on 5-year terms as defined in a Performance Certificate executed between the school's board and its authorizer. In addition, [I.C. §33-5209A](#) and [I.C. §33-5209C](#) require that every certificate include a framework describing the expectations the school must meet in order to earn a next operational term. It also requires that charter school authorizer's complete performance reports for the schools they oversee each year. The annual performance report serves the following purposes:

1. To provide transparent information about charter school quality to the public;
2. To ensure charter school boards have access to clear expectations and;
3. To inform mid-term authorizing decisions.

RENEWAL (I.C. §33-5209B)

In 2022, Syringa Mountain School was conditionally renewed with a 5-year operating contract. At the end of each 5-year operating term, each school's performance certificate is considered for renewal. As this school's operating contract expires on June 30th, 2027, this report directly impacts the school's renewal recommendation. The authorizer is required to consider the following when making renewal decisions: all annual performance reports issued during the current performance certificate term, the school's current financial status, and any application materials submitted by the school. Renewal decisions must be made prior to March 15th, 2027. Please see the [Renewal Guidance](#) document for more information on the renewal process.

- **PERFORMANCE REPORT APPLICATION:**
 - Each measure included in the IPCSC's framework has a meets standard benchmark. If this school meets standard on all measures of the framework as reflected in the most recent years Annual Performance Report the school is guaranteed an unconditional renewal. If the school does not meet standard on one or more measures of the school's operating contract, it may be conditionally renewed or non-renewed.

*****Outcomes on this report inform high-stakes decisions, schools are encouraged to use this information to support their strategic planning efforts each year. *****

IPCSC RESOURCES

[IPCSC Performance Framework](#)

[IPCSC Renewal Guidance](#)

[IPCSC Schools](#)

SCHOOL RESOURCES

[SMS Performance Certificate](#)

[SMS Annual Report Page](#)

Current Certificate Term: 2022-2027

SMS Renewal

In 2022, Syringa Mountain School was conditionally renewed with a 5-year operating contract. The following condition must be met by the deadline established below. Should the school meet all conditions by the established deadlines, it may continue operating until its next renewal cycle. However, failure to meet any condition by the established deadline requires that the authorizer, at its next public meeting, consider whether mid-term revocation of the school's charter is warranted.

1. Condition 1: Due 6/30/2023

SMS must successfully complete one of the following: (1) Achieve a proficiency rate on the spring administration of the statewide literacy assessment (currently the IRI) equal to or greater than the average proficiency rate of the Blaine County School District by June 30, 2023; or (2) SMS must increase the percent of continuously enrolled students who achieved proficiency on the statewide literacy assessment by at least 10% between the fall and spring administrations of the 2022-2023 school year. This condition must be met by June 30, 2023. This condition is based on the proficiency rate necessary to meet standard on this measure.

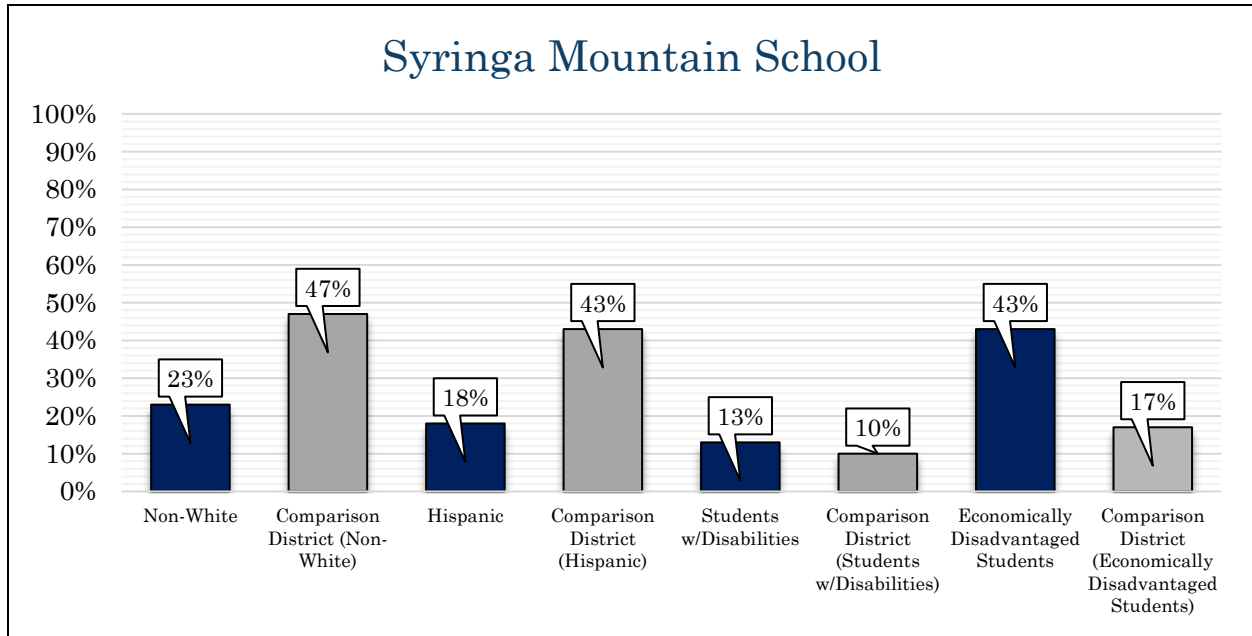
School Overview

Model:	Waldorf
Enrollment Capacity:	520
Grades Served:	K-8

Key Design Elements:

- Use of a Waldorf-inspired program including:
- Teacher looping such that cohorts of students move through multiple grades together with the same classroom teacher;
- Application of curriculum designed to be developmentally appropriate and therapeutic for students;
- Implementation of a schedule organized to include Main Lesson, Practice Periods, and Specialty Subjects;
- Balance of academic studies with artistic and social activities;
- Alignment with the Idaho Common Core State Standards and Idaho State Standards;
- Fostering of strong parent involvement in the school, including provision of parent educational opportunities; and
- Creation of a safe learning environment through a positive but firm disciplinary approach.

2022 DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY:



2021-2022 ANNUAL SNAPSHOT

Schools are encouraged to use this information for strategic planning and to ensure that any identified weaknesses are addressed in advance of renewal consideration.

RATING LEGEND	DOES NOT MEET STANDARD	APPROACHES STANDARD	MEETS STANDARD	EXCEEDS STANDARD	NOT RATED DUE TO PANDEMIC
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ACADEMIC OUTCOMES:		
Math Proficiency	57%	Exceeds Standard
Math Growth	Data Unavailable for 2021-2022	Not Rated for 2021-2022 school year
ELA Proficiency	64%	Exceeds Standard
ELA Growth	Data Unavailable for 2021-2022	Not Rated for 2021-2022 school year
Literacy Proficiency	Fall IRI:40% Spring IRI:61%	Exceeds Standard

OPERATIONAL OUTCOMES: BOARD STEWARDSHIP	
Governance Structure	Exceeds Standard
Governance Oversight	Exceeds Standard
Governance Compliance	Exceeds Standard

OPERATIONAL OUTCOMES: MANAGEMENT	
Student Services	Exceeds Standard
Data Security/ Transparency	Exceeds Standard
Facility & Services	Exceeds Standard
Operational Compliance	Meets Standard

FINANCIAL OUTCOMES: NEAR TERM MEASURES		
Current Ratio	1.66	Exceeds Standard
Unrestricted Days Cash	148	Exceeds Standard
Default	None	Exceeds Standard
Enrollment Variance	97.1%	Exceeds Standard

FINANCIAL OUTCOMES: SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES		
Total Margin 3 Yr. Agg. Margin	-6.23% 5.00%	Meets Standard
Cash Flow Multi-Year Cash Flow	-\$29,153 \$15,181	Approaches Standard
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.25	Does Not Meet Standard
Debt Asset Ratio	0.68	Exceeds Standard
Financial Compliance	No compliance issues	Exceeds Standard

Academic Outcomes

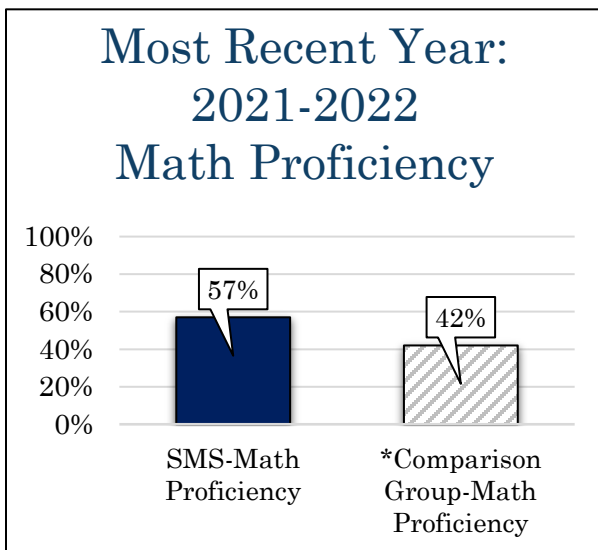
MATH PROFICIENCY & MATH GROWTH

Why This Matters:

The IPCSC must determine whether the academic performance at the school represents a favorable return on the investment of public dollars. For context, the IPCSC considers the school’s performance in relation to other educational choices available to families. A school that performs as well or better than the average of its comparison group on the statewide mathematics assessment (ISAT) meets the IPCSC standard on both the math proficiency and math growth measures.

If this standard is not yet met, the school should focus its strategic planning on improving mathematics achievement outcomes to ensure the school will earn a next operational term. If the standard is met, strategic planning may focus on whatever data points will best establish and sustain an exemplary school of the specific model for which the school is chartered.

Comparison Group: Blaine County (061)



Math Growth
Data & Ratings
are unavailable
for the 2021-2022
School Year.

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*Please see the [Performance Framework Rubrics](#) for details regarding how each measure is rated.

MEASURE	PROFICIENCY RATING	APPLICABLE RUBRIC DESCRIPTION
MATH PROFICIENCY	Exceeds Standard	The school's proficiency rate is greater than one standard deviation above the mean of the identified comparison group.
MEASURE	GROWTH RATING	APPLICABLE RUBRIC DESCRIPTION
MATH GROWTH	Not Rated for 2021-2022	Data not available for the 2021-2022 school year.

Academic Outcomes

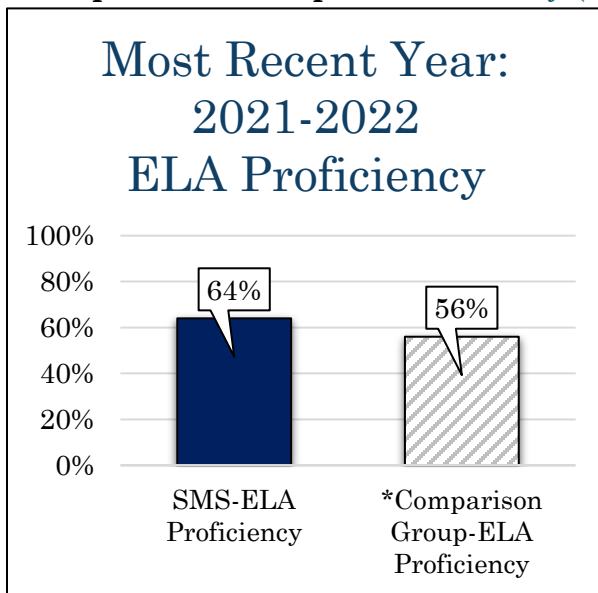
ELA PROFICIENCY & ELA GROWTH

Why This Matters:

The IPCSC must determine whether the academic performance at the school represents a favorable return on the investment of public dollars. For context, the IPCSC considers the school’s performance in relation to other educational choices available to families. A school that performs as well or better than the average of its comparison group on the statewide ELA assessment (ISAT) meets the IPCSC standard on both the ELA proficiency and ELA growth measures.

If this standard is not yet met, the school should focus its strategic planning on improving these outcomes to ensure the school will earn a next operational term. If the standard is met, strategic planning may focus on whatever data points will best establish and sustain an exemplary school of the specific model for which the school is chartered.

Comparison Group: Blaine County (061)



ELA Growth Data & Ratings are unavailable for the 2021-2022 School Year.

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ELA PROFICIENCY	Exceeds Standard	The school's proficiency rate is greater than one standard deviation above the mean of the identified comparison group

MEASURE	GROWTH RATING	APPLICABLE RUBRIC DESCRIPTION
ELA GROWTH	Not Rated for 2021-2022	Data not available for the 2021-2022 school year.

Academic Outcomes

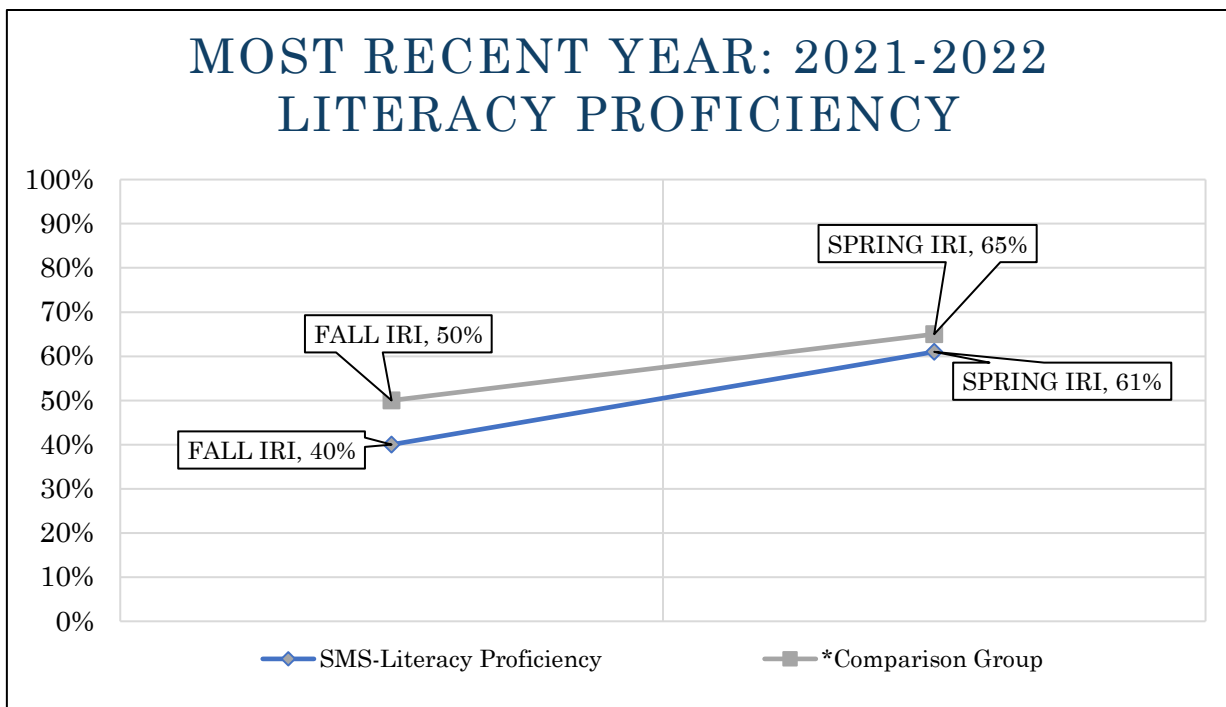
LITERACY PROFICIENCY

Why This Matters:

The IPCSC must determine whether the academic performance at the school represents a favorable return on the investment of public dollars. For context, the IPCSC considers the school’s performance in relation to other educational choices available to families. A school that performs as well or better than the average of its comparison group on the spring statewide literacy assessment (IRI) meets the IPCSC standard. Alternatively, a school that did not perform as well or better than its comparison group on the spring assessment, but that did improve its outcome by at least 10% from fall to spring, also meets standard.

If this standard is not yet met, the school should focus its strategic planning on improving these outcomes to ensure the school will earn a next operational term. If the standard is met, strategic planning may focus on whatever data points will best establish and sustain an exemplary school of the specific model for which the school is chartered.

Comparison Group: Blaine County (061)



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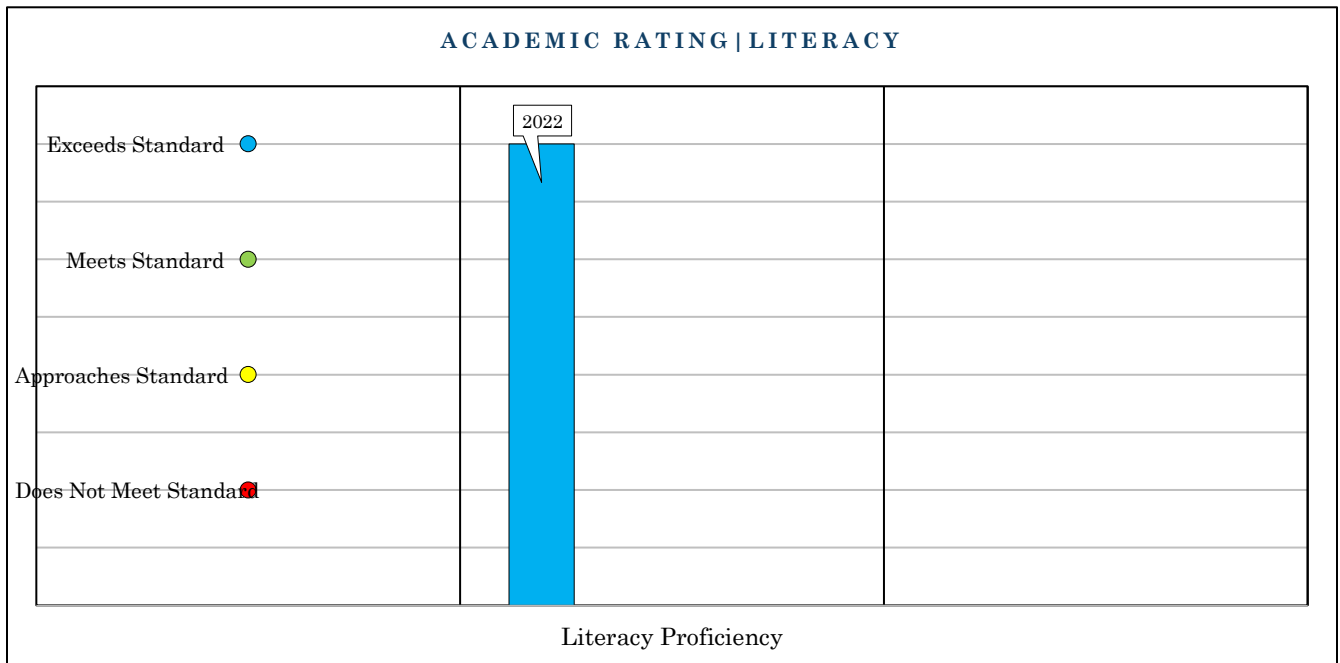
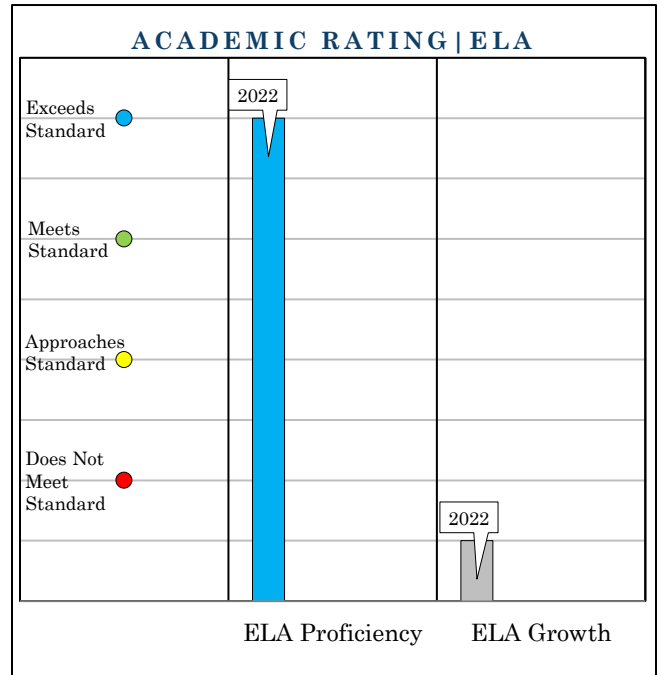
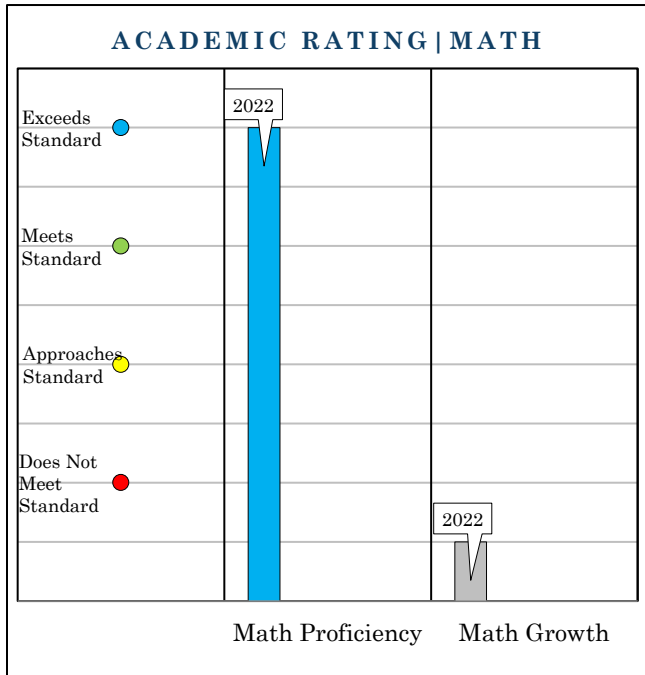
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MEASURE	PROFICIENCY RATING	APPLICABLE RUBRIC DESCRIPTION
LITERACY PROFICIENCY	Exceeds Standard	The FALL to SPRING change in proficiency rate is 20% or greater.

Historical Performance: Academic

The charts below provide an overview of a school’s performance throughout their current (5) year certificate term. Syringa Mountain School was conditionally renewed in 2022. Ratings for the 2021-2022 school year below reflect the schools final year under the previous certificate term.

*Growth data and ratings are unavailable for the 2021-2022 school year and grayed out in the chart below.



Operational Outcomes

BOARD STEWARDSHIP

Why This Matters:

At the highest level, the success of a charter school is driven by the ability of its governing board to govern effectively. The measures in this section help identify the strengths and challenges faced by the school's board. *Please see the [Performance Framework Rubrics](#) for details regarding how each measure is rated.

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Standard Rating: Exceeds Standard	
Governance Structure Measure	Data/Evidence Source
The board bylaws are compliant with ID law.	Most recently reviewed Bylaws 5/10/22. *Please provide an updated to copy to IPCSC staff if any amendments have been made since this review date.
The school's articles of incorporation are current.	Most recently updated on 7/3/2021.
The board does operate in compliance with its bylaws.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
Investigations were not conducted into ethical behavior or conflict of interest regarding any board director this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
The board did not experience Open Meeting Law violations that needed to be cured this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
Comments/ Context:	

Standard Rating: Exceeds Standard	
Governance Oversight Measure	Data/Evidence Source
The board did review academic data in a timely and thorough manner.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
The board did review financial reports in a timely and thorough manner.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
The board did maintain compliant policies.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
The board did engage in strategic planning.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
The board did conduct a compliant evaluation of their school leader or management organization.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
Comments/ Context:	

Standard Rating: Exceeds Standard	
Governance Compliance Measure	Data/Evidence Source
The IPCSC did not issue courtesy letters to the school noting compliance concerns this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
Another investigative body was not notified of concerns at this school this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
Comments/ Context:	

Operational Outcomes

MANAGEMENT

Why This Matters:

The systems and structures that support school operations are an important part of the school's overall success. The measures in this section help identify the strengths and challenges that impact the school's day-to-day operations.

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Standard Rating: Exceeds Standard	
Student Services	Data/Evidence Source
The school's English Language Learners program is in good standing.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
The school's Special Education program is in good standing.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
The school's college and career readiness program is in good standing.	Reviewed on: 11/18/22 Continuous Improvement Plan 2021-2022
The school's Federal Programs is in good standing	
Comments/ Context:	

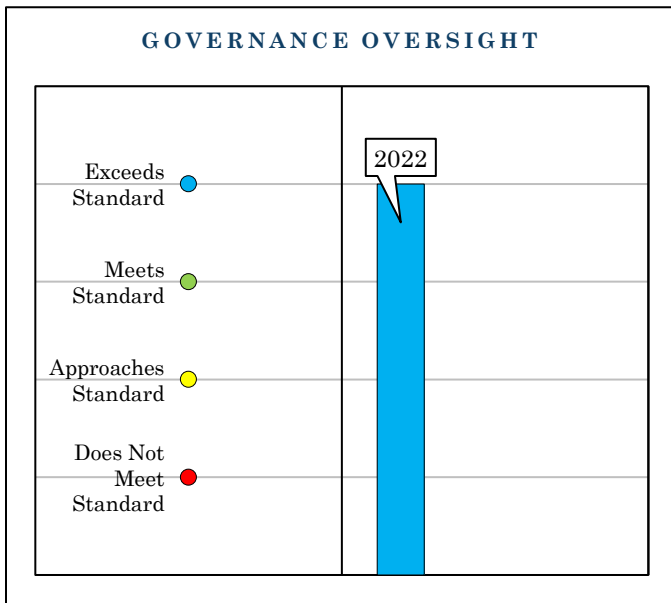
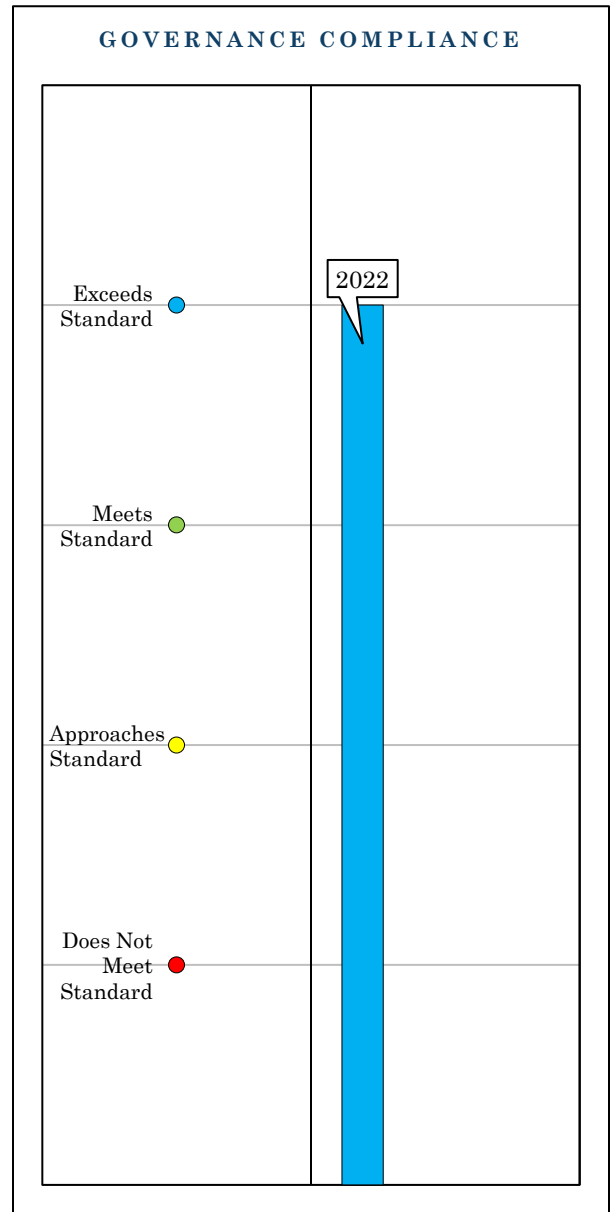
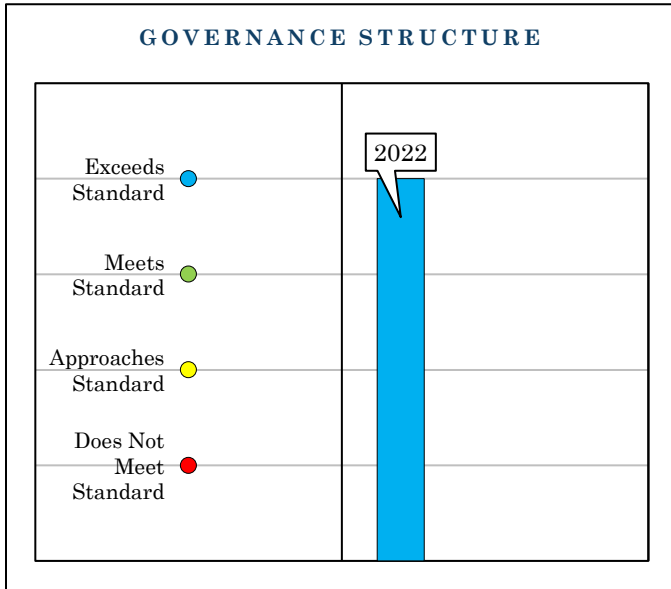
Standard Rating: Exceeds Standard	
Data Security and Information Transparency	Data/Evidence Source
The school's website is compliant and updated appropriately.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
The school did not experience issues involving data security this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
The school did not experience compliance issues with public records requests.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
Comments/ Context:	

Standard Rating: Exceeds Standard	
Facility and Services	Data/Evidence Source
The school's occupancy certificate is current.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
Safety inspections and evacuation drills are compliant.	Fire Inspection: 8/19/2020 Health Inspection: 8/2/2021 Building Inspection: 10/1/2020
The school does provide daily transportation for students.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
The school does provide a National School Lunch Program.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
Comments/ Context:	

Standard Rating: Meets Standard	
Operational Compliance	Data/Evidence Source
Required reports were not submitted accurately and on time.	*See comments
The enrollment process is compliant.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
The teachers are properly credentialed.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
Corrective action plans were not issued by the SDE this year.	*No instances of non-compliance documented
Comments/ Context: Though the school has met standard for (3) years earning an Exceeds rating, due to late reporting of the Assurance Survey on 8/2/2021, the school will maintain a Meets Standard rating for 2021-2022.	

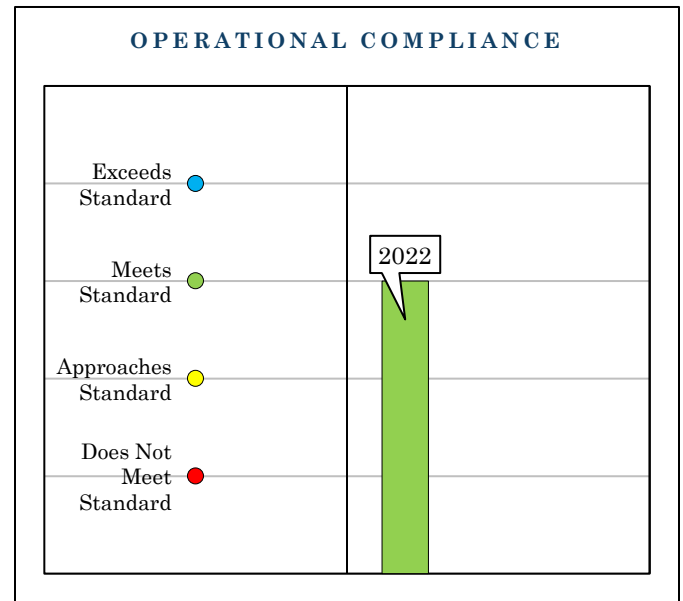
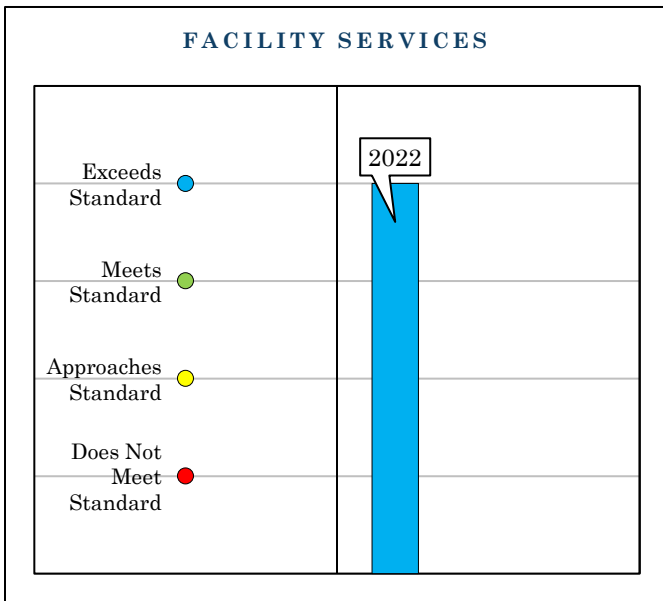
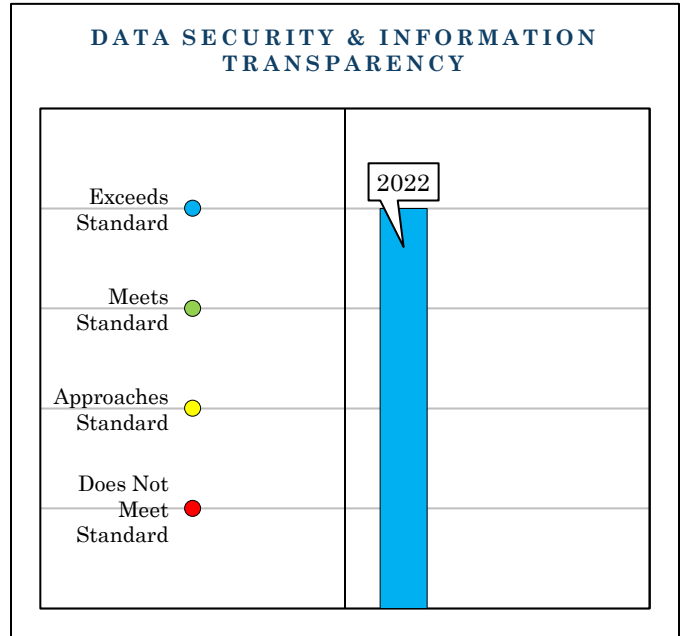
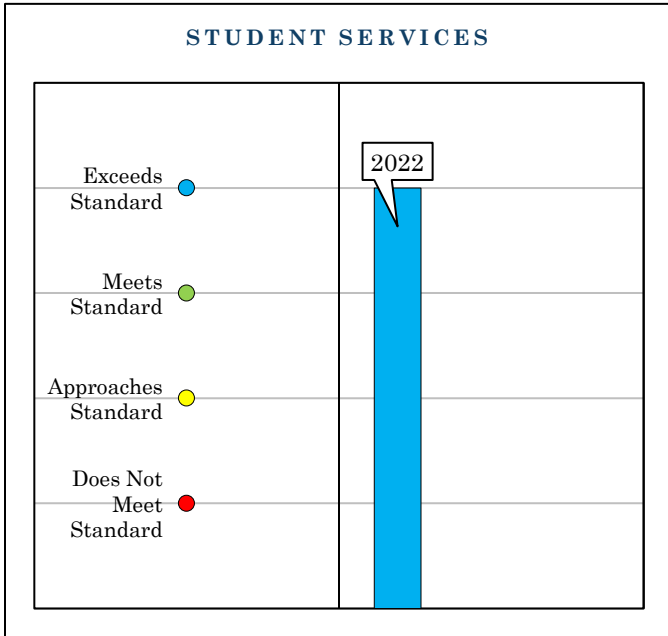
Historical Performance: Board Stewardship Measures

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Historical Performance: Management Measures

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Financial Outcomes

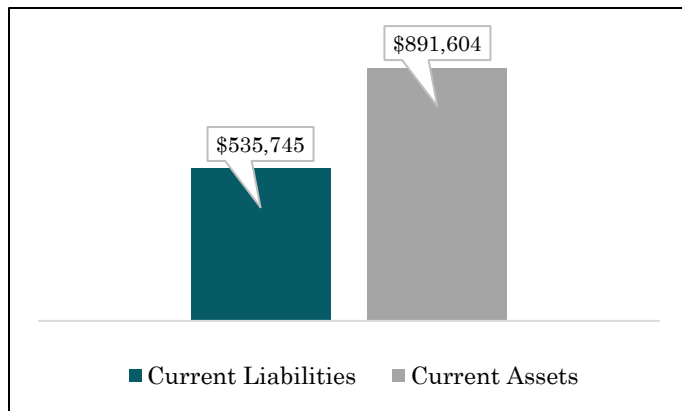
NEAR TERM MEASURES

These measures evaluate whether a school is likely to meet its financial obligations in the next year. *Please see the [Performance Framework Rubrics](#) for details regarding how each measure is rated.

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Current Ratio

The school has a current ratio of more than 1.5.	Current Ratio: 1.66	Exceeds Standard
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Why This Matters:

Current Ratio is a comparison of a school’s financial obligations due within one year (current liabilities) to the cash and investments held by the school (current assets).

A school with more assets than liabilities (a Current Ratio greater than 1.0) would be able to meet its financial obligations for the next year without relying on future revenue.

A school with more liabilities than assets (a

Current Ratio of less than 1.0) is dependent on revenue it has not yet received to meet existing financial obligations.

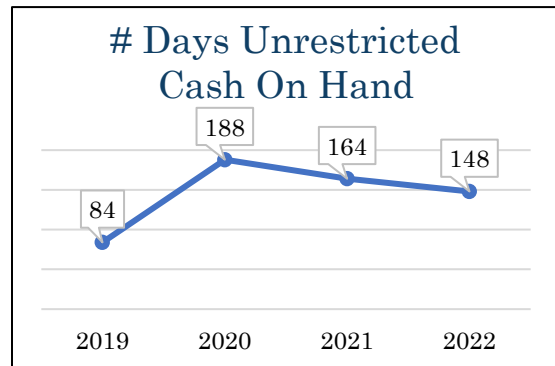
Unrestricted Days Cash

The school has more than 60 days cash on hand.	148 Days	Exceeds Standard
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Why this Matters:

This measure estimates a school’s average daily cost of operations and considers the number of days a school could operate using only its available cash and investments.

A school with at least 60 days cash on hand would be able to meet its immediate financial obligations with available cash, buying the time it might take to access other current assets. Occasionally, a planned purchase may decrease this number temporarily. In those cases, 30-60 days cash on hand with an upward trend is acceptable. A school with less than 15 days cash on hand is in financial distress and is at risk of automatic closure.



Default

The school has met all financial obligations for at least 3 consecutive years.

Exceeds Standard

Why this Matters:

This measure identifies whether a school has defaulted on any of its financial obligations. Default can mean many things. Examples of default include: paying bills late, failing to make payroll, or inaccurately filing reports required for funding. Default can also include a failure to meet any additional requirements of long-term debt as established by the lender (such as meeting a specific enrollment target or maintaining a greater amount of cash on hand than the PCSC requires).

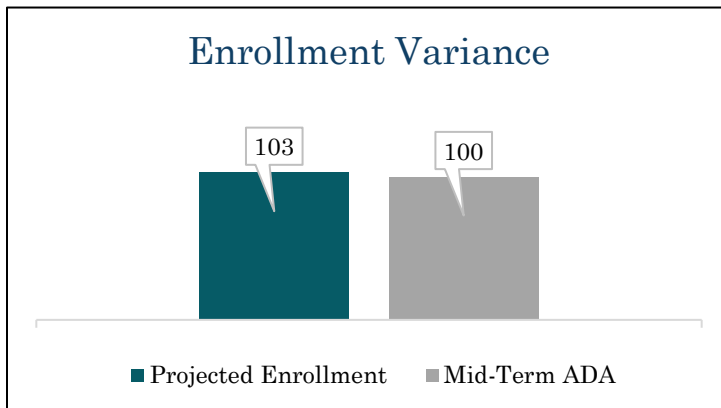
Any act of default can result in disruption of services, loans being called due, or funding that is inaccurate or withheld.

Enrollment Variance

The school has maintained at least 95% of its projected enrollment for at least 3 consecutive years.

Enrollment Variance:
97.1%

Exceeds Standard



Why this Matters:

The Enrollment Variance measure considers what percentage of a school's projected enrollment was achieved. As the majority of a public school's funding is generated by student enrollment, this measure reflects a school's ability to execute its budget to plan.

A school that achieves at least 95% of its projected enrollment will likely experience few bumps and may make minor adjustments. A school that achieves less than 95% of projected enrollment is likely to face budget challenges requiring more significant budget amendments and may be in financial distress.

Financial Outcomes

SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES

These measures help determine whether a school is likely to remain financially stable into the future.

RATING LEGEND	DOES NOT MEET STANDARD	APPROACHES STANDARD	MEETS STANDARD	EXCEEDS STANDARD	NOT RATED DUE TO PANDEMIC
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Total Margin

<p>The school's aggregated 3-year total margin is positive and the most recent year's total margin is positive.</p>	<p>CY Total Margin: -6.32%</p> <p>3-Year Aggregated: 5.00%</p>	<p>Meets Standard</p>
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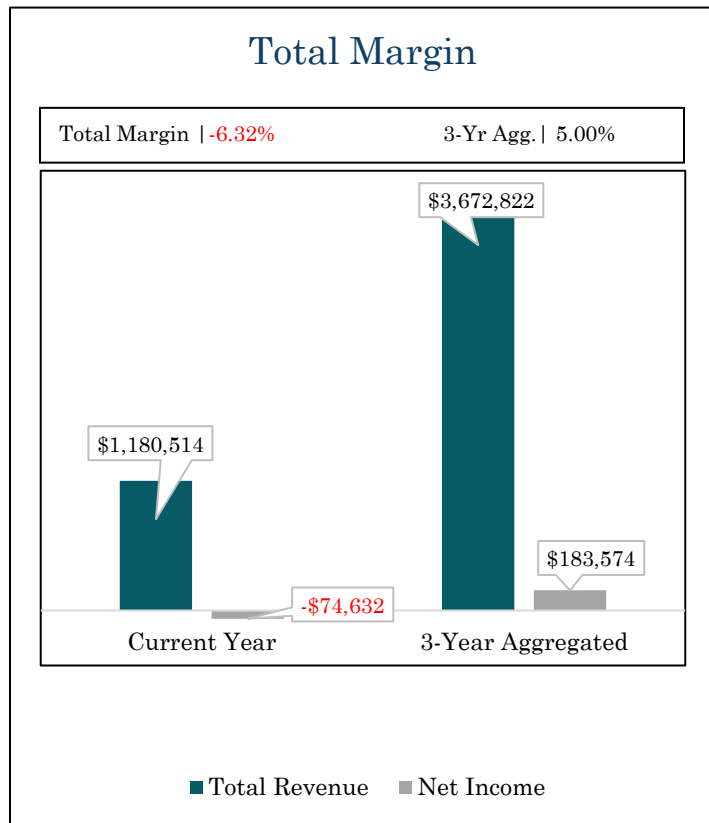
Why this Matters:

The Total Margin compares a school's total revenue to its net income. Specifically, this measure identifies what percentage of a school's total revenue in a given year was not expended during that year. A school with a positive total margin spent less than it brought in. That is, the school is living within its means and can plan for future purchases and investments.

An occasional negative total margin may indicate that a planned or necessary purchase has taken place. This is not necessarily a negative indicator. However, if the Total Margin is chronically negative or severe decreases appear, the school may be in financial distress.

Aggregating this margin over three years helps to identify these long-term trends.

Note: For the purposes of this calculation, pension liability is excluded from the school's net income.



Cash Flow

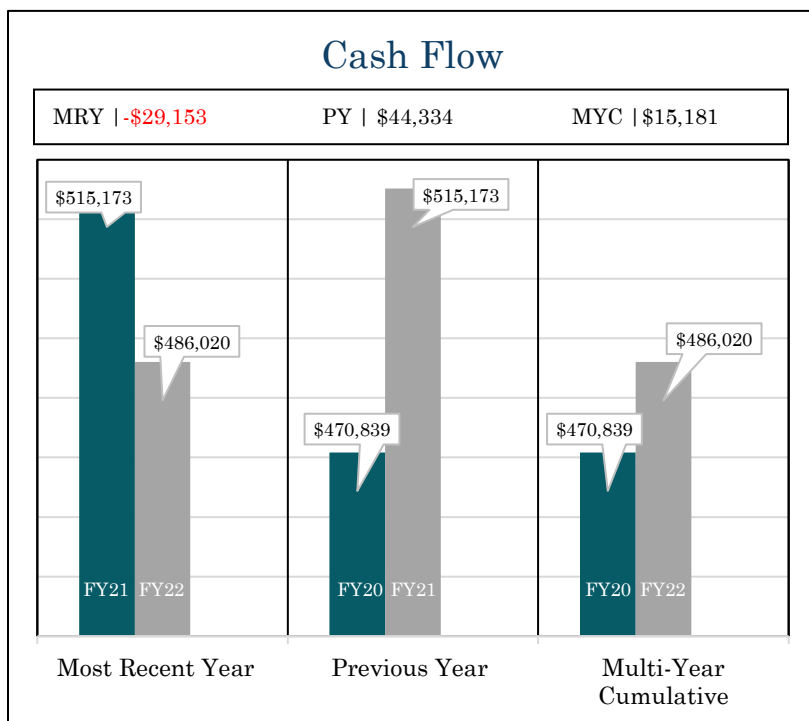
The school's multi-year cumulative cash flow is positive, but the most recent year's cash flow is negative.	Most Recent Year: -\$29,153 Previous Year: \$44,334 Multi-Year: \$15,181	Approaches Standard
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Why this Matters:

The Cash Flow measure considers the change in a school's cash balance over time. A school with a positive cash flow is increasing its reserves and is likely able to fund future projects and purchases.

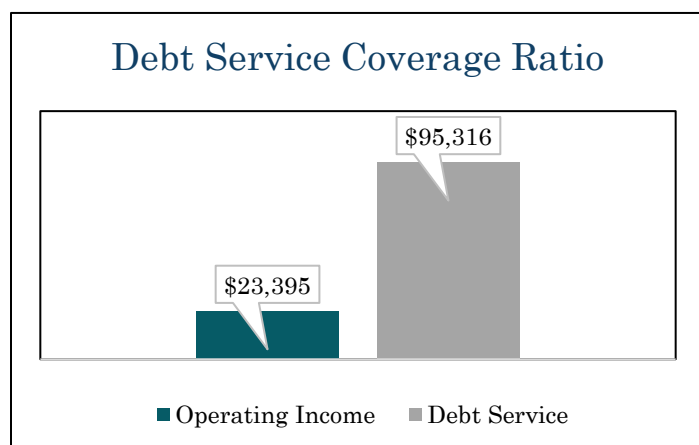
A school with a negative cash flow is using its existing reserves to fund general operations and is not likely to have the financial flexibility to fund future plans.

A multi-year cumulative cash flow helps to identify long-term trends.



Debt Service Coverage Ratio

The school's debt service coverage ratio is less than .9.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio: 0.25	Does Not Meet Standard
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Why this Matters:

This measure evaluates a school's ability to make payments on debt due in a given year using only that year's income. This helps determine whether a school has more debt than it can manage.

A school with more Operating Income than Debt Service (a Debt Service Coverage Ratio greater than 1) can meet the financial obligations of their debt. A school with more Debt Service than

Operating Income (a ratio of less than 1) is reliant on either reserves or revenues anticipated in future years to meet its debt obligations.

Debt to Asset Ratio

The school has maintained a debt to asset ratio less than .9 for at least 3 consecutive years.	Debt/Asset Ratio: 0.68	Exceeds Standard
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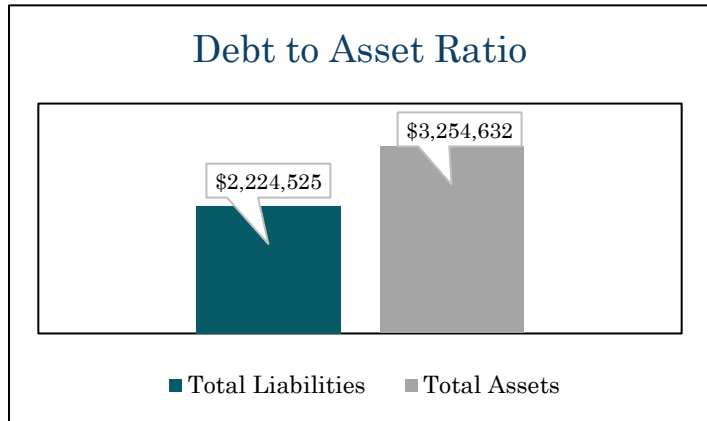
Why This Matters:

The Debt to Asset Ratio compares a school's total liabilities to its total assets. This helps determine whether a school would be able to meet both its short and long-term financial obligations.

A school whose total liabilities are 90% or less of its Total Assets is

likely to be able to repay all short-term debts and still manage to set its long-term affairs in order in a worst-case scenario. A school with more liabilities than assets would not be able to meet all its financial obligations in a worst-case scenario.

Note: for the purposes of this measure, pension liability is excluded from the school's total liabilities.

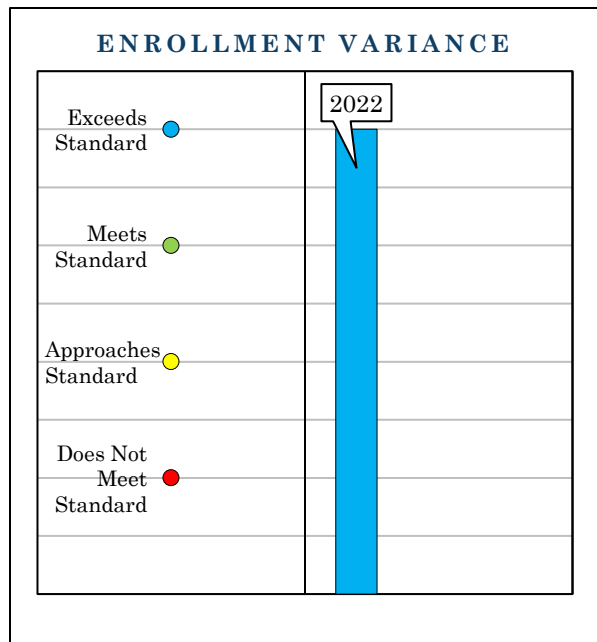
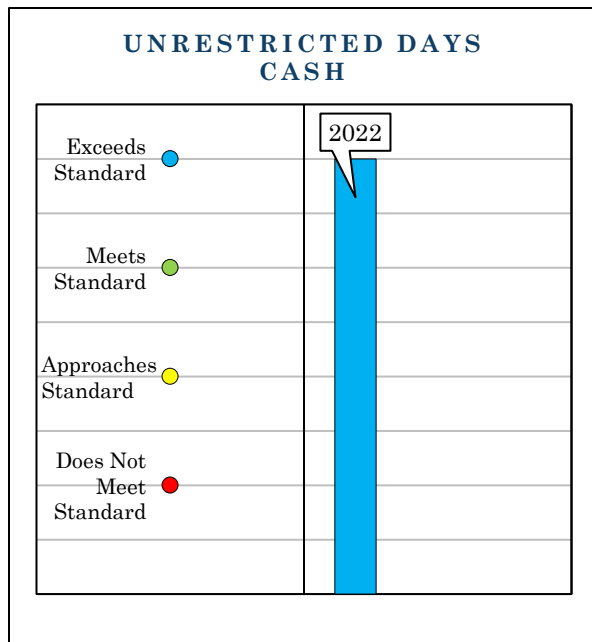
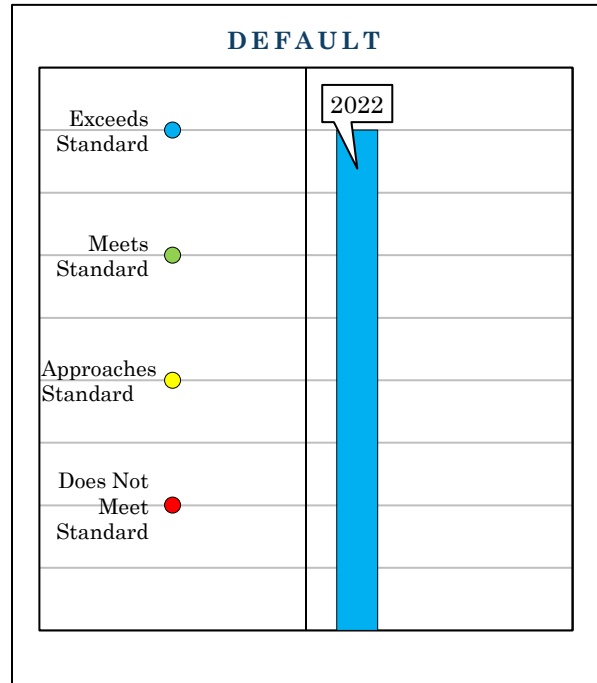
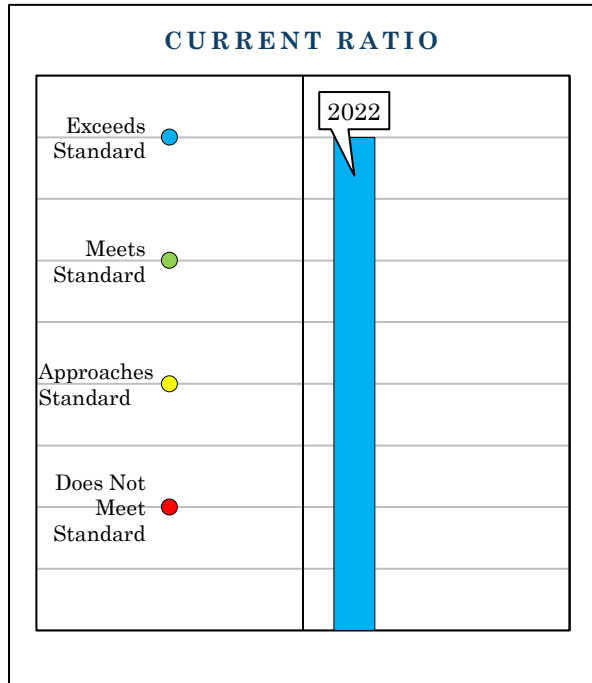


Financial Compliance

Standard Rating: Exceeds Standard	
Financial Operations	Data and/or Evidence Source
The school's finances are managed in compliance with GAAP.	Financial Audit: 10/6/22
Expenditures and contracts are posted online appropriately.	School's Expenditure Page
The school maintains compliant internal controls.	Financial Audit: 10/6/22
The school is not operating under a Notification of Fiscal Concern.	NA
The school is not operating under a Notification of Possible or Imminent Closure.	NA
Comments/Context	

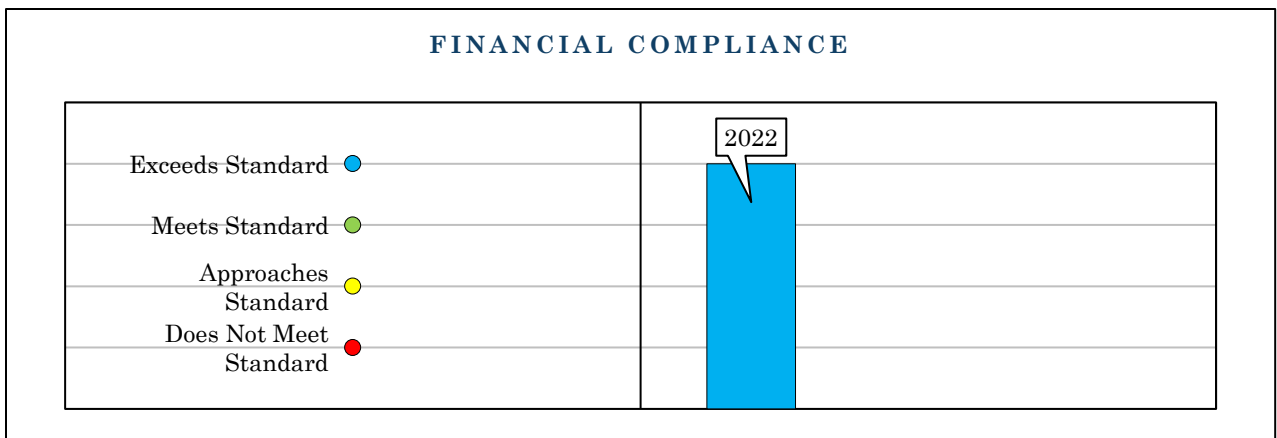
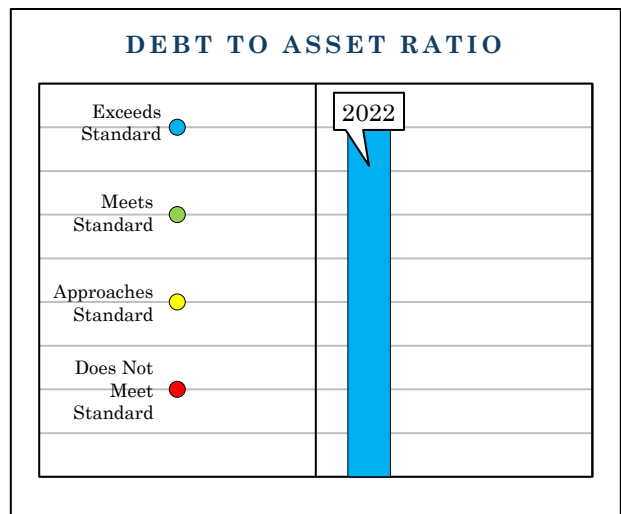
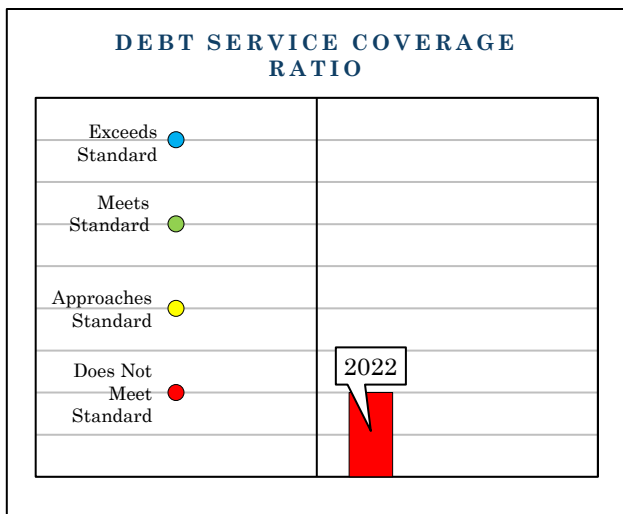
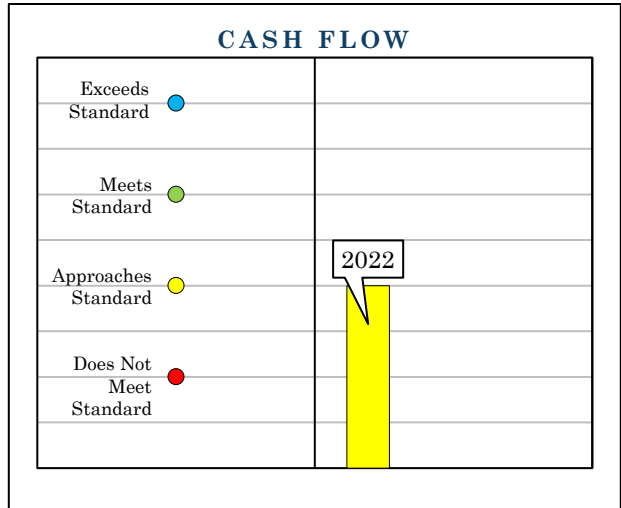
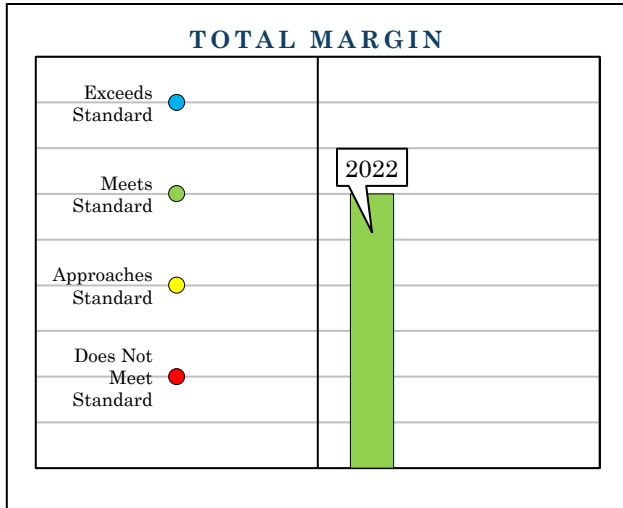
Historical Performance: Near-Term Health Measures

The charts below provide an overview of a school’s performance throughout their current (5) year certificate term. Syringa Mountain School was conditionally renewed in 2022. Ratings for the 2021-2022 school year below reflect the schools final year under the previous certificate term.



Historical Performance: Sustainability Measures

The charts below provide an overview of a school’s performance throughout their current (5) year certificate term. Syringa Mountain School was conditionally renewed in 2022. Ratings for the 2021-2022 school year below reflect the schools final year under the previous certificate term.



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