

## **Blue Sky Mid-Year Review 2024-2025 School Year**

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The purpose of the IQS Charter School Mid-Year Review is to provide schools with a summary of the IQS Cadre Team's observations and findings during the current academic year. This report provides schools with formative feedback on the progress towards meeting target benchmarks on the ScoreCard for the measures that have been observed during the first part of the school year.

### **Category 1: Mission/Program Model**

#### Observed Areas of Positive Performance

- BlueSky does a great job reviewing its program model annually with the board in June. This helps drive the schools mission and vision which will be updated this year to include more diversity and equity. They also work with staff and other stakeholders to revamp the school's mission and vision. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee has already met to gather student and parent feedback.
- The school's English and science curriculum are aligned with the new standards. They are piloting a new curriculum for social studies and underwent a review of math and are looking for a new curriculum with the help of Brightworks. The school is creating their own curriculum for English in addition to adjusting other curriculum for their online program.

#### Opportunities for Improvement

- There are no observed opportunities for improvement at this time.

### **Category 2: Governance**

#### Observed Areas of Positive Performance

- It is clear the school is planning for their future. A two page strategic plan graphic is posted on the school's website for FY 24-25. A host of other plans such as WBWF, technology, and literacy are also posted.
- Board meetings are conducted utilizing Robert's Rules. The agenda and board packet are provided to members ahead of time for review. Updates on academics, finance, IQS, MACS, school activities, and committees are a regular part of the agenda. All meeting information is posted on the school's website.

#### Opportunities for Improvement

- There are no observed opportunities for improvement at this time.

### **Category 3: Student Performance**

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#### Observed Areas of Positive Performance

- BlueSky met the goal for College and Career Readiness for the 2024 school year with 82.6% of 9-12 students completing 60% or more of their grade level Required Career Portfolio. Every year students continually add to and tweak the portfolio.
- Student attendance for the 2024 school year was 68.1% which exceeds the schools goal of between 59.1% - 63.1%. The school's advisors and social workers do a great job of intervening if students are not attending by working with them and their families.

#### Opportunities for Improvement

- There are no observed opportunities for improvement at this time.

### Category 4: Finance

#### Observed Areas of Positive Performance

- The Board is provided budget information at its monthly meetings and approves all payment of bills. The school works with a contracted financial manager who prepares the financial reports and presents them to the board members.
- The school has developed a 3-year budget for FY25-FY27 to better monitor school expenses.

#### Opportunities for Improvement

- There are no observed opportunities for improvement at this time.

### Category 5: Operations

#### Observed Areas of Positive Performance

- BlueSky's organizational chart is revised annually and approved by the board. Job descriptions are revised every three years and new ones are created as they are needed. The school has committees and subcommittees to help with internal operations.
- The school has all required elements on its website and have not received any corrective notices.

#### Opportunities for Improvement

- There are no observed opportunities for improvement at this time.

### General Comments:

BlueSky continues to be a high performing charter school with seasoned leadership and a well functioning board. The school's program model drives the mission and vision which is continually reviewed by leadership and other stakeholders. Student attendance, which is pivotal to student success, continues to exceed goals and BlueSky's staff does a great job supporting students that have less than stellar attendance. School leadership works with an excellent financial management team that has a long history with the school. The General Fund balance far exceeds the schools policy and the benchmark goal. It is always a pleasure to work with the school Superintendent and support staff.