

**BlueSky Online Mid-Year Review
2025-2026 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.

Category 1: Mission/Program Model

Observed Areas of Positive Performance

- BlueSky has rolled out the new standards for all English classes. A lot of good work with AI is occurring including the creation of a committee to establish guidelines. The school will gather survey information at the end of the term to evaluate effectiveness.
- The school continues to work with BrightWorks math curriculum to align/bundle the new standards and develop scope and sequence.

Opportunities for Improvement

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

Category 2: Governance

Observed Areas of Positive Performance

- Board policies are established and posted on the school website and a policy review calendar has been developed and adhered to this year.
- Board meetings are conducted in an orderly process following an agenda that is posted ahead of time on the website per the IQS requirement and followed. Robert's Rules are used. Virtual meeting protocol is followed. School staff beyond the director report at each meeting. Strong board participation and questions.

Opportunities for Improvement

- The board has a strategic plan graphic posted on the web site that includes mission, vision and overall goals in the areas of student success, finance and governance, high performing workforce, technology and community partnership. The next step would be to move toward action plans and qualitative measures.
- BlueSky had one board member participate virtually at the January board meeting but there was no notation of this option on the agenda as required. The school should ensure that the virtual attendance option is properly noted in the meeting agenda.
- The board conducted the charter school performance assessment in July 2025 and each member did a self assessment. Training needs have been identified and a board development plan should be established.

Category 3: School Performance

Observed Areas of Positive Performance

- BlueSky's reading goal was met with a percentile change of 4.1 higher than the state change.
- This year's data shows that BlueSky has 75.4% of students with consistent attendance with an exceeding benchmark of greater than 63.1% each year.

Opportunities for Improvement

- The school's MCA Math Proficiency goal was not met with the FY25 percentile change of 4.8 lower than the state change. Low participation may have been a reason and BlueSky's testing coordinator is working on ways to have students test.

Category 4: Finance

Observed Areas of Positive Performance

- The school has an active finance committee and the board receives monthly financial reports from the contracted finance manager as well as the finance committee.
- BlueSky's General Fund balance is 4.3 million or 46% of expenditures.

Opportunities for Improvement

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

Category 5: School Operations

Observed Areas of Positive Performance

- The school's current lease was competitively bid and costs are comparable to other schools in the area.
- BlueSky ensures teaching staff are appropriately licensed. Onboarding processes included reference and background checks, handbook distribution, and new hire orientation.

Opportunities for Improvement

- There are no observed opportunities for improvement at this time

General Comments: Looking Ahead

BlueSky continues to be a high performing charter school with seasoned leadership and a well functioning board. School leadership has done a good job rolling out new reading standards and working on math standards. Financial management is a strength of the school which reports a healthy FY25 General Fund balance of 46%. Student attendance continues to exceed goals and BlueSky's staff does a great job supporting students that struggle with attendance. It is always a pleasure to work with the school Superintendent and support staff.