

# SCHOOL VISIT REVIEW REPORT

## American Academy (0215)

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# 1. Educational Program

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1.1	The school implements its mission, vision, and the educational program characteristics as stated in the approved charter.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:20 PM	<b>Meets</b>
1.2	The curriculum implemented by the school meets or exceeds the Colorado Academic Standards and is consistent with the school's vision and mission.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:20 PM	<b>Meets</b>
1.3	Special Education Services: Special education and related service providers at the school hold appropriate CDE licensure.  <i>Monitor Comments: Review by SPED</i>	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 11/15/22 4:31 PM	<b>Meets</b>
1.4	Special Education Services: Special education and related services are being delivered as outlined on the students' IEP.  <i>Monitor Comments: Review by SPED</i>	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 11/15/22 4:31 PM	<b>Meets</b>
1.5	Special Education Services: Special education and related services are being delivered as outlined on the students' 504 plan.  <i>Monitor Comments: Review by SPED</i>	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 11/15/22 4:31 PM	<b>Meets</b>
1.6	Special Education Services: The school adheres to all IDEA, ECEA, and District procedures for determining eligibility and placement in the least restrictive environment, development of the IEP, and providing special education and related services to students with disabilities. (Appropriate dates/timelines, Parental Involvement, Notice of Meeting requirements, IEP Team Membership, Prior Written Notice, Parental Consent, etc.)  <i>Monitor Comments: Review by SPED</i>	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 11/15/22 4:31 PM	<b>Meets</b>
1.7	English Language Development: The school provides resources and supports to English Language Learners to ensure learners are given meaningful access to grade level content, acquire proficiency in English, and achieve grade level standards.  <i>Monitor Comments: *I am concerned about the ration of teacher to student as AACS has only one ELD teacher for all three campuses. DCSD's OCR agreement indicates that students must be served directly and consistently by a certified, endorsed ELD teacher. Unless many of the classroom teachers at AACS who have multilingual learners are CLD or</i>	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 11/15/22 4:31 PM	<b>Meets</b>

*LDE endorsed, this is out of compliance with our agreement. In DCSD, charter schools with similar numbers of students federally identified as ELs have more than one ELD teacher - and definitely one ELD teacher per campus. Reviewed by Remy*

1.8	<p>English Language Development: The school follows district procedures for identifying, assessing, monitoring, and exiting English Language Learners.</p> <p><i>Monitor Comments: Reviewed by Remy</i></p>	<p>Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 11/15/22 4:32 PM</p>	<b>Meets</b>
1.9	<p>Gifted &amp; Talented Programming: School demonstrates evidence of a process for testing students who are nominated and/or who qualify based on screening, and have a standard procedure for identification of students based on qualifying evidence as outlined by the Colorado Department of Education.</p> <p><i>Monitor Comments: Reviewed by Natasha</i></p>	<p>Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 11/15/22 4:32 PM</p>	<b>Meets</b>
1.10	<p>Gifted &amp; Talented Programming: Identified students have Advanced Learning Plans which are updated annually (hard copies are filed in cumulative folders).</p> <p><i>Monitor Comments: Reviewed by Natasha</i></p>	<p>Reviewed by Julie Naab on 10/28/22 3:27 PM</p>	<b>Meets</b>
1.11	<p>Students participate in all age appropriate state assessment programs.</p>	<p>Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:20 PM</p>	<b>Meets</b>

## 2. Facilities

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2.1	Copies of the facility's current certificate of occupancy and lease or closing statement are current and on file.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:21 PM	<b>Meets</b>
2.2	The school maintains documentation of insurance coverage and holds appropriate amounts according to the charter contract.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:21 PM	<b>Meets</b>
2.3	The school maintains a Transportation Management Plan which is used to develop the school's Traffic Impact Analysis, when applicable.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 11/15/22 4:32 PM	<b>Meets</b>
<p><b>Monitor Comments:</b> <i>Will provide</i></p>			

### 3. Personnel

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3.1	Lead administrator evaluations are conducted annually by the Charter Board and copies of the evaluations are on file at the school.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:21 PM	<b>Meets</b>
3.2	Employee evaluations are conducted annually by the appropriate personnel and copies of the evaluations are on file at the school.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:21 PM	<b>Meets</b>
3.3	All staff have been fingerprinted and have undergone background checks and these records are on file at the school.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:21 PM	<b>Meets</b>

## 4. Safety & Security

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4.1	There is a sign-in and sign-out process for visitors, including volunteers and outside staff.  <i>Monitor Comments: Reviewed by Jonny Grusing</i>	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/31/22 5:28 PM	<b>Meets</b>
4.2	There is documentation that all volunteers have been properly screened and cleared to work with students.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/31/22 5:28 PM	<b>Meets</b>
4.3	There is a procedure in place to ensure that all non-screened visitors are supervised by authorized staff at all times during student hours.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/31/22 5:28 PM	<b>Meets</b>
4.4	There is a sign-in procedure for students arriving late to school and a sign-out procedure for early dismissal students.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/31/22 5:28 PM	<b>Meets</b>
4.5	There is a procedure for verifying the identification of adults authorized to pick-up students from school.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/31/22 5:28 PM	<b>Meets</b>
4.6	Evacuation Routes are posted in all rooms.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/31/22 5:28 PM	<b>Meets</b>
4.7	Emergency contact numbers for the health department, fire department, police department, etc. can be immediately accessed within the building. There is a procedure for accessing emergency assistance from outside the building in cases of evacuation.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/31/22 5:28 PM	<b>Meets</b>
4.8	All appropriate drills have been scheduled and conducted according to the approved schedule.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/31/22 5:28 PM	<b>Meets</b>
4.9	Employees are easily identifiable by first responders.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/31/22 5:28 PM	<b>Meets</b>

## 5. Access & Equity

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5.1	The school implements a student recruitment and retention plan that includes deliberate, specific strategies that the school uses to ensure the ongoing provision of equity before, during, and after enrollment.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:22 PM	<b>Meets</b>
5.2	The school eliminates barriers to program access by ensuring that information regarding non-discriminatory enrollment practices and the availability of specialized services are readily available to parents, students, and the general public.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:22 PM	<b>Meets</b>
5.3	The school uses an application form and enrollment process that ensures program access and equity for all students eligible to attend the school.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:22 PM	<b>Meets</b>
5.4	The school's volunteer policy does not condition the continued enrollment of any student on the commitment of the student's parents to provide any number of volunteer hours or donations in lieu thereof.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:22 PM	<b>Meets</b>

## 6. Student Data

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6.1	Cumulative records are maintained in a file cabinet in a secure location.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:22 PM	<b>Meets</b>
6.2	Procedures are in place for accessing/checking out student records to ensure that confidentiality is maintained.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:22 PM	<b>Meets</b>
6.3	The administration has a planned procedure for reviewing cumulative records with parents upon request.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:22 PM	<b>Meets</b>



## 7. School Governance

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7.1	<p>All board members have completed online charter school governing board training modules recommended by CDE within one year of being seated on the board or within one year of the execution of the contract, whichever comes first.</p> <p><i>Monitor Comments: Per Mr. Colella, the board has all attended trainings.</i></p>	<p>Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/31/22 7:54 PM</p>	<b>Meets</b>
7.2	<p>The school makes adopted policies, meeting agendas and minutes, SAC committee meeting agenda and minutes, and related documents publicly available on the school's website.</p> <p><i>Monitor Comments: Reviewed by Julie</i></p>	<p>Reviewed by Julie Naab on 10/12/22 4:19 PM</p>	<b>Meets</b>
7.3	<p>Policies/procedures are in place for parents to contact board members, register a complaint, register an item on the board agenda, or speak at the board meeting.</p> <p><i>Monitor Comments: Reviewed by Julie</i></p>	<p>Reviewed by Julie Naab on 10/12/22 4:24 PM</p>	<b>Meets</b>
7.4	<p>The school's Articles of Incorporation and updated Bylaws are provided and do not conflict with the school's obligation in the charter contract.</p> <p><i>Monitor Comments: Reviewed by Julie</i></p>	<p>Reviewed by Julie Naab on 10/12/22 4:27 PM</p>	<b>Meets</b>
7.5	<p>The school holds an annual yearly strategic planning session to update the school's strategic plan.</p>	<p>Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:22 PM</p>	<b>Meets</b>
7.6	<p>The school's governing board has adopted and strictly enforces a conflict of interest policy.</p> <p><i>Monitor Comments: Reviewed by Julie</i></p>	<p>Reviewed by Julie Naab on 10/12/22 3:45 PM</p>	<b>Meets</b>
7.7	<p>Information about Charter governing board members, board meetings, and financial information and audits are publicly available on the school's website.</p> <p><i>Monitor Comments: Reviewed by Julie</i></p>	<p>Reviewed by Julie Naab on 10/12/22 3:41 PM</p>	<b>Meets</b>

## 8. Operations

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8.1	Nutrition Services: The school provides food services that complies with state and federal regulations for in order to meet all student food service needs.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:23 PM	<b>Meets</b>
8.2	Transportation: If the school provides transportation, the school ensures that any transportation services provided comply with state and federal regulations for all transportation needs.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:23 PM	<b>Meets</b>
8.3	Transportation: The school has an adequate plan for how transportation will be provided to include field trips, before and after school, and extracurricular activities (e.g. through the district, private transportation service, school-purchased buses, etc.).	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:23 PM	<b>Meets</b>
8.4	Health Services: Current emergency contact information for a student is on file, and it includes medical information, medical provider preferences and authorized adult contact persons.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:23 PM	<b>Meets</b>
8.5	Health Services: There is documentation that the staff member(s) assigned to administer medication(s) and/or nursing procedures have been trained and delegated by a licensed professional school nurse.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:23 PM	<b>Meets</b>
8.6	Health Services: There is documentation that all students with health concerns, allergies, etc. have been identified, confidentiality has been maintained, and all staff who have a need to know have been informed.	Reviewed by Kristin Schmidt on 10/28/22 7:23 PM	<b>Meets</b>