THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF

OPPORTUNITY NETWORK OPERATIONAL WALKTHROUGH 2018-2019

Program Name: Excel Academy South Provider: The Camelot Schools of Pennsylvania, L.L.C.

OPERATIONAL WALKTHROUGH OVERVIEW

Operational Walkthroughs for all Opportunity Network contract programs focused on the systems and structures that are required to deliver high quality instruction to students. Operational Walkthroughs assessed program performance across three domains: 1) Academic & School Climate Accountability; 2) Organizational Compliance; and 3) Accommodative & Financial Compliance. Taken together, the three domains encompass key operational expectations that are based on the program's contract with The School District of Philadelphia, as well as applicable federal, state and local laws.

Operational Walkthroughs are one part of the School District's three-part approach to the formal annual evaluation of all contracted Opportunity Network programs. In addition to Operational Walkthroughs, Instructional Walkthroughs and Alternative Education Progress Reports (AEPR) provide qualitative and quantitative data for program performance that inform decisions related to contract renewal, termination, and program expansion. This report summarizes the program's performance for each of the three domains reviewed during the Operational Walkthrough. In addition, this report provides ratings for select contract requirements indicating whether the program met those requirements or standards based on evidence reviewed during the Operational Walkthrough.

A ✓ indicates that the program met the contract requirement. A ≯ indicates that the program did not meet the contract requirement. The basis for the rating is provided in the Additional Information section for each standard.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Walkthrough Date: December 13, 2018

Contract Term: FY 2018- FY 2022

Program Type: Accelerated (Grades 9-12)

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MISSION

"Camelot Education is deeply committed to the academic and social success of its students. Through partnerships with educators across the country, we excel in reengaging, graduating, and preparing students for success in K-12 and beyond."

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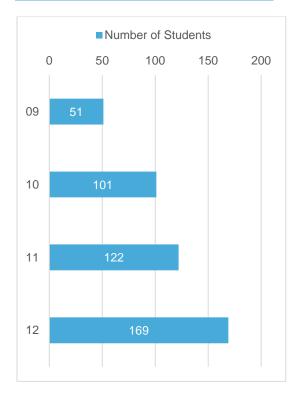
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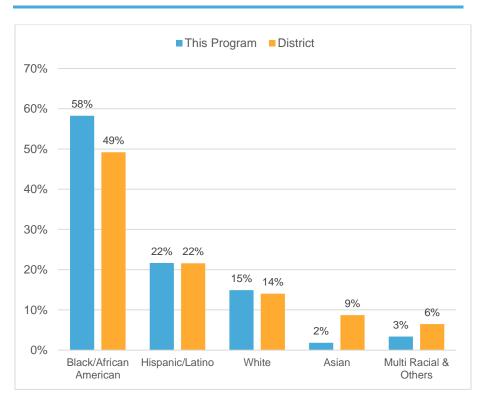
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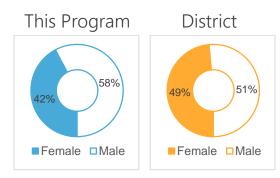
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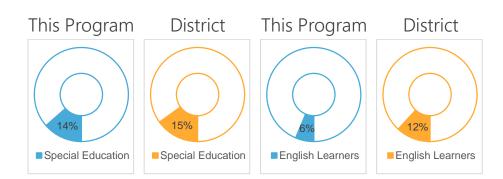


GENDER



ENROLLMENT INFORMATION	
Enrollment on 2/1/19	443
Contracted Maximum	400

SPECIAL EDUCATION & ENGLISH LEARNERS



The School District of Philadelphia's official demographic information is reported on October 1st of each school year. The Opportunity Network's demographic information comes from February 1, 2019, to more closely align with the student population on the date of the walkthrough.

DOMAIN 1: ACADEMIC & SCHOOL CLIMATE ACCOUNTABILITY

The table below summarizes the number of standards by category that met expectations consistent with contract requirements during the 2018-2019 Operational Walkthrough. Information regarding how standards in the Academic and School Climate Accountability domain are measured can be found in the performance framework for Opportunity Network contract programs.

CATEGORY	REQUIREMENTS MET
Academic Quality (Page 4)	4 / 5
School Climate Quality (Page 5)	5 / 6
TOTAL	9 / 11

DOMAIN 2: ORGANIZATIONAL COMPLIANCE

The table below summarizes the number of standards by category that met expectations consistent with contract requirements during the 2018-2019 Operational Walkthrough. Information regarding how standards in the Organizational Compliance domain are measured can be found in the performance framework for Opportunity Network contract programs.

CATEGORY	REQUIREMENTS MET
Student Progress Monitoring & Reporting (Page 6)	5 / 8
Record Keeping & Communication (Page 8)	3 / 4
Personnel (Page 9)	6 / 7
Governance & Enrollment (Page 10)	2 / 5
TOTAL	16 / 24

DOMAIN 3: ACCOMMODATIVE & FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE

The table below summarizes the number of standards by category that met expectations consistent with contract requirements during the 2018-2019 Operational Walkthrough. Information regarding how standards in the Accommodative & Financial Compliance domain are measured can be found in the performance framework for Opportunity Network contract programs.

CATEGORY	REQUIREMENTS MET
Accommodative Quality (Page 12)	5 /5
Financial Compliance (Page 14)	3 / 3
TOTAL	8 / 8

CATEGORY I:ACADEMIC QUALITY

STANDARD: CURRICULAR QUALITY – Evidence of systems and structures to ensure quality curriculum and instruction offered by contractor		
CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
BASELINE and REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS: Offers baseline (pre-test) and required assessments (Basic Assessment in Reading & Math, PA PSSA/Keystone Exams, P/SATs) for academic progress monitoring.	×	Less than 80% of eligible students had both pre- and post- scores for the Basic Assessment in Reading & Math (reading 69%; math 70%). Less than 80% of eligible students participated in 2017-2018 Keystone Exams (Literature 72%; Algebra 67%; Biology 55%)
BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION/CHARACTER EDUCATION: Educational program offered includes behavior modification/character education.	~	The program offers Guided Group Interaction to all students in which themes and topics are discussed that focus on Character Education.

STANDARD: STUDENT PERFORMANCE – Evidence of systems and structures to ensure expected student progress in the program as defined in the AEPR and consistent with contract expectations

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Collects and uses data to track and monitor student progress data to evaluate academic achievement and makes appropriate instructional shifts and/or differentiate instruction.	~	The program measures and tracks course performance, IEP goal attainment, and credit accumulation in their Campus Improvement Plan at or above contractual target levels for performance.
POST-SECONDARY READINESS: Collects and uses data to track and monitor student post-secondary readiness.	~	
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE BARRIERS: Collects and uses data to track and monitor school climate and identifies appropriate student supports to improve school climate outcomes.	\checkmark	The program employs a team of behavior specialists who work to identify student barriers to learning and provide the first-line of supports for students. The program monitors, updates and posts publicly within the school weekly performance ratings for all students based on behavior, attendance and academic progress.

CATEGORY 2: SCHOOL CLIMATE QUALITY

STANDARD: DISCIPLINE MANAGEMENT – Evidence of systems, structures and contractor efforts to effectively manage student behavior and employ positive behavior intervention & supports system

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE and POSITIVE CLIMATE PRACTICES: Employs restorative justice practices (e.g. facilitated mediation, reflective writing, peer court/advising). Evidence of policies and practices to combat bullying including cyber bullying.	~	The program utilizes behavior norms to ensure consistent expectations and consequences for all student and staff behavior. The program has adopted the School District's bullying policy.
STUDENT INCENTIVES: Employs developmentally appropriate individual or group based incentives (e.g. admission to school events, recognition awards, tangible rewards).	~	The program offers a student leadership track through Student Government in which all students can participate based on their academic progress, behavior, attendance and staff recommendations. Students who are on the leadership track begin as "Pledge" status, are able to advance to "Eagle" status, and finally the highest status of "Executive" based on their ratings. "Eagles" and "Executives" benefit from a number of incentives, including trips and events, influence on programmatic decisions, and special privileges like dress down day.
TAILORED SOCIO-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Develops and implements plan within 30 days of receiving student and adheres to personalized socio- emotional development plans.	~	

STANDARD: ATTENDANCE & DISCIPLINE REPORTING – Evidence of systems, structures and contractor efforts to track, monitor and report student attendance and behavior, including compliance with Safe Schools Act

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
DRILLS and SAFETY REPORTING:		
Conducts and reports appropriate school safety drills, designates rally and shelter-in-place locations, and reports school safety incidents as required.	\checkmark	
CODE of CONDUCT:		
Adopts and provides to students a code of conduct aligned to School District's Code of Conduct.	\checkmark	

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
TRUANCY and DISCIPLINE REPORTING: Accurate and timely reporting of attendance, truancy and disciplinary incidents as required by contract. Develops Student Attendance Improvement Plans (SAIP) and communicates with parents/guardians timely to prevent chronic absenteeism.	×	No SAIPs in the SIS for chronically absent students.

CATEGORY I: STUDENT PROGRESS MONITORING & REPORTING

STANDARD: STUDENT LEVEL PLANS – Evidence that contractor creates, maintains and effectively implements student-level plans for learning, behavior and post-secondary and communicates student progress to student and family for all students

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
PERSONALIZED LEARNING PLANS (AEDY Transition & Continuation only):Creation (upon enrollment of student) of a Personalized Learning Plan that includes a Transition Plan for student to return to School District.	Not applicable	
PERIODIC ACADEMIC and BEHAVIOR REPORTING: Provides timely reporting of student academic progress (on quarterly or semester basis to students, parents and/or guardians) including information for coursework attempted/completed, level of achievement and progress, behavior and attendance.	~	
GRADUATION AND POST-SECONDARY PLANS: Creation and maintenance of plan for progress towards graduation (including credits needed) and a student-specific post-secondary plan aligned to student interests.	×	Graduation Plans do not include credits needed to graduate, expected graduation dates, or mapping of courses needed to fulfill graduation requirements.

STANDARD: DIVERSE LEARNER POPULATION – Evidence of systems, structures and contractor policies to appropriately identify, support and monitor instruction for special education students and English Learners (ELs)

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
ENROLLMENT of SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS: Enrolls special education population no less than 15% and no greater than 20% of the program capacity.	~	As of December 1, there were 56 students enrolled with IEPs out of the contracted maximum of 400 students (14%).
BASELINE MEASURES: Provides baseline measures for both special education and EL students against which to monitor growth. Monitors progress toward IEP goals and communicates this progress routinely to parents/guardians.	×	No evidence of baseline assessments for EL students (e.g., ACCESS).
IEP IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION & REVIEW: Identifies, evaluates, reviews and implements IEPs timely and with fidelity, in accordance with applicable laws.	~	
ANNUAL IEP UPDATES: Ensures IEPs are updated on an annual basis according to federal and state directives including December 1 Child Count compliance. Includes Transition Services in IEPs for students 14 years or older. Documents participation of all required IEP team members.	~	56 of 56 IEPs were in compliance for December 1 Child Count (100% compliance rate).
IEP MEETINGS: Assumes lead role for scheduling, convening, and completion of IEP meetings as well as all special education related paperwork. Collaborates with the School District as necessary and appropriate to support students.	~	
EL IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION & REVIEW: Identifies potential ELs using the Home Language Survey, evaluates students using screener, and assesses ELs annually using ACCESS exam to provide all required services for success of EL students.	×	No evidence of initial screening (e.g. W-APT) or annual evaluation with the ACCESS exam for EL students.

CATEGORY 2: RECORD KEEPING & COMMUNICATION

STANDARD: COMMUNICATIONS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT – Evidence that contractor timely and accurately reports information to the School District either directly or via provided systems consistent with contract requirements and written updates from the School District

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM UPLOAD:		
Provides student enrollment, attendance, behavior and coursework information to School District (via SIS) within contractually outlined period.	\checkmark	
ARCHIVE OF HISTORICAL RECORDS:		
Maintains an archive of all historical student academic and behavioral records.	✓	

STANDARD: COMMUNICATIONS WITH STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND FAMILIES – Evidence that contractor communicates timely and accurately with students, parents/guardians and families regarding student performance and progress in a manner accessible to all; protects student record information

RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
×	No personally identifiable information observed in student enrollment files. However, no consent to release forms were signed by students 18 years of age and older.
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CATEGORY 3: PERSONNEL

STANDARD: BACKGROUND CHECKS, LICENSES & EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION – Evidence of contractor compliance with relevant contract, state and federal educator personnel requirements CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS RATING ADDITIONAL NOTES EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECKS: Act 168 documentation: 0 of 9 eligible employees reviewed had documentation on Provides evidence of all relevant employee file background checks and clearances. Checks and FBI Background Check: 8 of 9 employees clearances are valid, timely and up to date as X reviewed had a valid check on file. appropriate. PA Child Abuse Clearance: 5 of 8 employees reviewed had a valid clearance on file. PA Criminal History Check: 6 of 8 employees reviewed had a valid check on file. **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:** Provides PA certificated teachers in all core instructional areas. PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS (ADMINISTRATOR): Provides at least one PA certificated administrator per site.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES STAFF:Provides sufficiently trained and certified/licensed
professional staff for student support services
including special education and ELs.

STANDARD: PERSONNEL RATIO & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Evidence of contractor adherence to contractual Personnel Ratios, contractually or statutorily required trainings, and relevant staff professional development

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
PERSONNEL RATIOS:		
Provides staffing to meet contractual student to teacher ratios and ensures student to support staff ratio is within contractual limits.	\checkmark	
OBLIGATORY TRAININGS: Provides all employees with Act 71, Act 126, and other obligatory PDE professional trainings and monitors timely completion and updates as required.	~	9 of 9 employee files reviewed included completion certificates for Act 71 and Act 126 trainings.

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
ENGAGEMENT IN DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRACTOR MEETINGS:		
Ensures that teachers and administrators engage in School District professional development opportunities and monthly contractor meetings.	V	

CATEGORY 4: GOVERNANCE & ENROLLMENT

STANDARD: PROGRAM GOVERNANCE – Evidence of systems, structures and contractor activities to support compliance with contractual expectations for program governance

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Engages community and non-profit providers to provide a diverse and relevant range of non-academic student services and support.	×	No evidence that the program has partnerships in place to offer students anything other than volunteer opportunities. Recommend expanding partnerships to provide more comprehensive services and supports, such as internships and socio- emotional supports.
COMMUNITY ELICITATION: Has active school or community advisory board or process by which the school community can provide input and feedback to the contractor regarding the program. Encourages parent/guardian participation in the District-wide annual survey.	×	No parents completed the 2017-2018 District- wide Parent Survey (0% participation rate).

STANDARD: STUDENT ENROLLMENT – Evidence of systems, structures and contractor practices to meet contractual and statutory requirements for student enrollment and eliminate barriers to entry

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
TIMELY ENROLLMENT:		
Contractor does not create barriers to enrollment and enrolls students referred and/or who apply timely. Enrollment and/or student files contain information as required by PDE for enrollment. Program has procedures in place to confirm eligibility of students prior to enrollment.	~	

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: Contractor does not serve students from other LEAs without written consent of School District. Contractor confirms residency of student prior to or at time of enrollment.	×	None of the student files reviewed included proof of residency.
RE-ENGAGEMENT CENTER REFERRALS: Contractor has reserved 50% of seats for School District's Engagement Center (REC) and/or partners with the REC to receive referrals.	\checkmark	

CATEGORY I: ACCOMMODATIVE QUALITY

STANDARD: FACILITIES – Evidence of contractor compliance with established facility guidelines, contractual/statutory requirements and lease terms (if in School District-owned properties)

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL REGULATIONS:		
Complies with all federal and state regulations regarding access to individuals with (physical or otherwise) disabilities. The program is housed in a non-sectarian facility. If in a privately-owned facility, contractor is compliant with any local requirements for facility condition including lead and water testing.	~	
FACILITY MAINTENANCE:		
For privately-owned facilities, contractor maintains regular upkeep of facility including structure, student and staff related spaces as well as outside grounds. For School District-owned facilities, contactor fulfills the obligations of their lease agreement regarding maintenance and reports facility condition issues timely.	~	

STANDARD: SCHOOL CALENDAR, TRANSPORTATION AND UNIFORMS – Evidence that contractor operates a program that meets the minimum number of days of instruction as required by the contract and makes the program accessible to all eligible students

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
CALENDAR: Maintains an academic calendar that minimally has at least as many instructional days as that of the School District. Submits operational calendars timely and	~	
appropriately notifies the School District departments of any changes in the calendar.		
TRANSPORTATION:		
Maintains accurate student information to allow the School District to appropriately manage transportation services for students. No corrective action initiated regarding required student transpass usage reports.	\checkmark	

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
UNIFORMS:		
Establishes a clear dress code for students inclusive of expectations regarding school uniform. Provides uniforms to students upon request due to financial need. Does not have policies or practices that create barriers to instruction based on dress code or school uniform.	✓	

CATEGORY 2: FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE

STANDARD: PROCUREMENT OF OPERATING CERTIFICATES – Contractor provides School District with relevant operating licenses and certificates; maintains current insurance consistent with contract requirements

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
TAX LIABILITIES:		
Provides School District with Certificate of Tax Clearance absolving any city tax liabilities.	√	
PROOF OF INSURANCE:		
Provides Proof of Insurance related to: (1) Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability, (2) General Liability Insurance, (3) Automobile Liability Insurance, (4) Professional Liability Insurance, (5) Educator Legal Liability Insurance, (6) Excess/Umbrella Liability, and (7) Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance.	~	

STANDARD: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING – Evidence the contractor adheres to standards of financial management including with monitoring and reporting of revenues and expenses, invoicing to the School District and ability of contractor to maintain financial viability

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS	RATING	ADDITIONAL NOTES
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:		
Provides detailed information upon request regarding program annual budgets, as well as actual expenses and revenues. Upon request, provides independent third-party financial audit timely; audit does not indicate any material weakness or going concerns.	Not applicable	
MONTHLY INVOICING:		
Submits monthly invoices timely with complete and accurate student-level information. Information provided can generally be validated against the School District's SIS.	\checkmark	