



TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

**BLUFF CITY HIGH
SCHOOL INTERIM
REVIEW**

JULY 28, 2022

INTERIM REVIEW OVERVIEW



INTERIM REVIEW

- T.C.A. §49-13-121(d)
 - *An interim review of a charter school shall be conducted by the chartering authority under guidelines developed by the department of education in the fifth year of a charter school's initial period of operation and also in the fifth year following any renewal of a charter agreement.*
- The interim review is intended to be a rigorous review of a charter school's performance and progress toward meeting the performance goals stated in the charter agreement



INTERIM REVIEW PROCESS

1. Submission of an interim review report by the operator, received by December 1.
2. Extended school site visit by the Commission staff including interviews with stakeholders and a review of the entire performance record over the life of the charter agreement.
3. Commission staff review of previous annual reports in accordance with the authorizer's School Performance Framework.
4. A Commission-issued interim review report detailing the evaluation of the school and any subsequent feedback or corrective action plans as necessary.



BLUFF CITY FINDINGS



ACADEMIC FINDINGS

Interim Review	Severely Off Track	Off Track	On Track	Exceeding Target
Academics		X		
•Cumulative progress toward academic goals		X		
•Academic goals and projections for the next five years			X	
•Chronic absenteeism	X			
•Suspension Rate		X		



OPERATIONAL FINDINGS

Interim Review	Severely Off Track	Off Track	On Track	Exceeding Target
Operations			X	
•Personnel – teacher retention, teacher evaluation, and succession plans			X	
•Governance – board adapted from startup to maintaining			X	
•Facilities – any facilities changes			X	
•Enrollment trends and projections		X		
•Organizational or structural changes			X	



FINANCIAL FINDINGS

Interim Review	Severely Off Track	Off Track	On Track	Exceeding Target
Finance			X	
•Financial Projections - next five years			X	
•Financial Efficiency (ROI)			X	



OVERALL FINDINGS

- Bluff City High School is currently off-track for renewal in the next five years.
- In accordance with Commission Policy 3.400 – Charter School Intervention, Commission staff recommends Bluff City be placed on Probationary Status for the 2022-2023 School Year for:
 - *Continued failure to meet performance targets (state accountability, charter contract, or performance frameworks)*
- If approved by the Commission, the Notice of Probationary Status will result in a **Corrective Action Plan**, which “shall include specific improvement objectives, responsible person(s) for each action, technical assistance requirements (if applicable), a schedule, and indicators of success).”



PLAN OF CORRECTION

- All items off track or severely off track for renewal are a part of the plan of correction.
- Commission staff will share these items along with improvement objectives with Bluff City leadership and governing board.
- Bluff City will develop a plan of correction and submit it to Commission staff by September 1, 2022, that includes:
 - Improvement objectives
 - Parties responsible
 - Schedules and timelines
 - Indicators of success



PLAN OF CORRECTION

Area of Improvement	Improvement Objectives
Cumulative Progress Toward Academic Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Increase academic achievement and growth in ELA and math by ten percentage points annually on each EOC tested subject.•Improve percentage of students in Tier 1 by 15 percentage points from fall to spring (reading and math) on internal assessment data.•Increase composite ACT score average by 1.5 points annually until achieving an average of 21.
Chronic Absenteeism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Reduce number of students chronically absent by 50% annually.
Suspension Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Reduce number of suspensions to under 35 per year.
Enrollment Trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Increase and retain 40 new students for a total enrollment of 590 students for FY24.





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