



Sacramento City Unified School District

Office of the Superintendent



**Staff Report:
Charter School Renewal Petition
Sacramento New Technology
High School**

March 1, 2012



Background & Time Line

SCUSD authorized SNTHS	June 16, 2003
SNTHS first opened	2003-2004 Year
First renewal approved	April 19, 2007
Current term ends	June 30, 2012
SNTHS petition received	January 17, 2012
Public hearing	February 2, 2012
Recommendation	March 1, 2012



Petition Review Criteria

Petition shall be granted unless:

- Unsound education program

- Petitioners unlikely to successfully implement program

- Absence of required affirmations

- Lacks reasonably comprehensive descriptions of sixteen required elements (Education Code §47605)



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District Staff has thoroughly reviewed SNTHS's renewal petition:

Overall, the petition meets the requirements of charter school laws, including the academic performance standards and the 16 elements.



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Academic Performance Index (API)

Year	API Base	API Growth	Growth Target	Gain/ Loss
2008-2009	655	688	7	33
2009-2010	688	681	6	-7
2010-2011	681	699	6	18



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Similar School API Ranked in
Deciles 4 to 10

2011 – 4

2010 – 8

Compares a school to 100 similar schools
Establishes a ranking of schools from
highest to lowest by school type
Range from 1 to 10 (low - high)



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Sound Education Program

Curriculum aligns to state standards

Offers a challenging, college preparatory curriculum using a technology approach

Offers all students' access to their Design Pathway, including Visual Communications, Illustrator, Web Design, Advanced Digital Media, Motion Graphics, and Portfolio



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SNTHS's petition contained acceptable affirmations and a reasonably comprehensive description of the 16 elements



Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Petition be approved