

**STAFF ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT**  
**RENEWAL PETITION**

Board of Education Report 402-25/26  
 May 12, 2026

School Name:	<b>Colfax Charter Elementary (Affiliated Charter School)</b>		<b>BOARD IS REQUIRED TO TAKE ACTION BY:  May 13, 2026</b>
Type of Charter School:	<b>Conversion Affiliated Charter School</b>		
Charter Operator	<b>Los Angeles Unified School District</b>		
Location Code:	<b>3164</b>		
Type of Site(s):	<b>District Site</b>		
Site Address(es):	<b>4935 Colfax Ave., Valley Village, CA 91601</b>		
Board District(s):	<b>3</b>	Region(s):	<b>North</b>
Grade Levels Served:	<b>TK-5</b>	Current Enrollment:	<b>778</b>
Grade Levels Authorized in Current Charter:	<b>TK-5</b>	Approved Enrollment in Current Charter:	<b>679</b>
<b>CONSIDERATION:</b>	<b>Renewal</b>		
<b>CDE PERFORMANCE CATEGORY:</b> (PER CDE'S 2026 CLASSIFICATION)	<b>High Performing</b>		
<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b>	<b>Approval for a six (6)-year term (2026-2032)</b>		
<b>PROPOSED BENCHMARKS:</b>	None		

**STAFF ASSESSMENT**

**I. ACTION PROPOSED**

Staff recommends approval of the renewal petition for Colfax Charter Elementary (“Colfax” or “Charter School”), located in Board District 3 and Region North, for a term of six (6) years, beginning July 1, 2026, until June 30, 2032, to serve up to 786 students in grades TK-5 in each year of the charter term. Please note, for all District affiliated charter schools, the District determines each school’s operational capacity annually in accordance with District policy.

Pursuant to applicable law, charter schools classified as High performing may be renewed for a term of five (5), six (6), or seven (7) years. To help determine the recommended term length in these cases, staff considers various factors related to the charter school's operations and performance during the term of the charter, as noted in the *LAUSD Policy and Procedures for Charter Schools*. Specific factors related to the charter school’s performance and operations during the term of the charter include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Ratings on the Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Report in the areas of Governance; Student Achievement and Educational Performance; Organizational Management, Programs and Operations; and Fiscal Operations for the previous two years, and no significant unresolved issues, including, but not limited to, Notices to Cure;
- Additional academic considerations (i.e., numerically significant subgroup performance);
- Equity and access for families and pupils;
- School culture and climate; and
- Consideration of qualifying as High Performing under Criterion 1 or Criterion 2

As staff considered Colfax Charter Elementary’s renewal petition and record, staff recommends a term length of six years.

## II. RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon submission, District staff comprehensively reviews each renewal petition application to determine whether the school has met the requirements for renewal set forth in Education Code sections 47605, 47607, 47607.2, and 47611.5.

### **Criteria for Charter School Renewal and Grounds for Nonrenewal**

As part of staff’s holistic review of the renewal petition application, the charter school must be determined to be eligible for renewal of its charter under the specific renewal criteria outlined in the Charter Schools Act. The renewal criteria prescribed in Education Code sections 47607 and 47607.2 requires a three-pronged analysis:

- **Criterion 1:** Does the renewal petition include a sound educational program, a reasonably comprehensive description of the 15 elements required for petitions, an affirmation of each of the conditions described in Education Code section 47605(e), and are petitioners demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition? (Ed. Code, § 47607(b).) **These criteria have been determined not to be bases for denial.**
- **Criterion 2:** Is the charter school “high,” “middle,” or “low” performing? (see Ed. Code, §§ 47607(c), 47607.2(a), and 47607.2(b).) Has the charter school attained measurable increases in academic achievement schoolwide and for numerically significant student groups served by the charter school, and does the charter school have strong postsecondary outcomes, if applicable? **These criteria have been determined not to be bases for denial.**
- **Criterion 3:** Is the charter school serving all pupils who wish to attend, or does the charter school have substantial fiscal or governance issues? (Ed. Code, § 47607(e).) **These criteria have been determined not to be bases for denial.**

### **Charter Petition Requirement:**

Consistent with Education Code section 47611.5, the petition contains a declaration that the Los Angeles Unified School District is and shall be the exclusive public school employer of the employees working at or assigned to Charter School for the purposes of the Educational Employment Relations Act (EERA), Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

- Does the petition contain a declaration of whether or not the Los Angeles Unified School District shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the employees of the charter school? **This requirement has been determined not to be a basis for denial.**

### III. GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

#### A. School History

	<b>Colfax Charter Elementary</b>
<b>Initial Authorization:</b>	On July 8, 2008, Colfax Charter Elementary was authorized by the LAUSD Board of Education to serve 500 students in grades K-5.
<b>Most Recent Renewal</b>	<p>The charter was renewed on April 3, 2018, for a five-year term (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2023) to serve up to 679 students in grades TK-5.</p> <p>Pursuant to Education Code section 47607.4, all charter schools whose term expires on or between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2025, inclusive, shall have their term extended by two years, and all charter schools whose term expires on or between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2027, inclusive, shall have their term extended by one additional year. Thus, by operation of law, the charter term for Colfax Charter Elementary expires June 30, 2026.</p>
<b>Approved Material Revisions of Current Charter:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Board Benchmarks in Current Charter Term:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Submission of Renewal Petition Application:</b>	Colfax Charter Elementary submitted its renewal petition application on February 12, 2026. The 90-day statutory timeline for Board action on the petition runs through May 13, 2026.
<b>Concurrent Request for Material Revision:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners:</b>	Colfax Charter Elementary implements the District’s Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners.
<b>Special Education SELPA</b>	As a District-affiliated charter school, Colfax Charter Elementary is a member of the LAUSD SELPA.

#### B. Charter School Operator

As a District-affiliated charter school, Colfax Charter Elementary is subject to the governance and control of the LAUSD Board of Education.

### IV. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE

#### a. Summary

Colfax Charter Elementary has been identified by the state as a High performing charter school. The recommendation for renewal has considered the schoolwide performance

and performance of numerically significant student groups and the state and local indicators reported on the California School Dashboard.

Please see the Colfax Charter Elementary data set.

b. Measurements of Academic Performance on the California School Dashboard

The California School Dashboard displays performance for eight state measures. The Performance Level, or color, is based on two factors. The current year data for the measure (Status) and the difference between current year and prior year data (Change). The point at which these two levels intersect on the five-by-five table determines the color. From highest to lowest, the Performance Levels are Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, and Red. Below, the 2023, 2024, and 2025, Dashboard Performance Levels (colors) are provided.

**Colfax Charter Elementary Dashboard Indicators**

School Year	ELA	Math	Science	English Learner Progress	College/Career	Chronic Absenteeism	Graduation Rate	Suspension Rate
2022-2023	Green	Blue	Not Applicable	No Performance Color	Not Applicable	Yellow	Not Applicable	Yellow
2023-2024	Blue	Blue	No Performance Color	No Performance Color	Not Applicable	Green	Not Applicable	Blue
2024-2025	Blue	Green	Blue	No Performance Color	Not Applicable	Orange	Not Applicable	Blue

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

c. English Language Arts Indicator

In 2023, 2024, and 2025 in English Language Arts (ELA), the charter school’s Distance from Standard (DFS) was higher than the state for All Students, and higher than the state for all four numerically significant student groups.

**Colfax Charter Elementary - English Language Arts Indicator - 2022-2023**

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter ELA (DFS)	Charter Change	State Color	State ELA (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
<b>All Students</b>	Met	Green	66.9	-9.2	Orange	-13.6	Higher
Latino	Met	Green	41.2	-7.2	Orange	-40.2	Higher
Two or More Races	Met	No Performance Color	56.9	-13.3	Green	24.3	Higher
White	Met	Green	80.2	-6.5	Green	20.8	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Green	39.7	-9.1	Orange	-42.6	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

**Colfax Charter Elementary - English Language Arts Indicator - 2023-2024**

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter ELA (DFS)	Charter Change	State Color	State ELA (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
<b>All Students</b>	Met	Blue	70.3	3.5	Orange	-13.2	Higher
Latino	Met	Green	39.4	-1.8	Orange	-39.3	Higher

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter ELA (DFS)	Charter Change	State Color	State ELA (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
Two or More Races	Met	Blue	81.4	24.6	Green	24.3	Higher
White	Met	Blue	81.7	1.5	Green	19.2	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Blue	46.5	6.8	Orange	-40.9	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

### Colfax Charter Elementary - English Language Arts Indicator - 2024-2025

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter ELA (DFS)	Charter Change	State Color	State ELA (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
<b>All Students</b>	<b>Met</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>Higher</b>
Latino	Met	Blue	45.0	5.6	Yellow	-33.7	Higher
Two or More Races	Met	Blue	83.7	2.3	Green	29.4	Higher
White	Met	Blue	87.7	6.0	Green	23.8	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Green	42.4	-4.2	Yellow	-35.3	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

#### d. Math Indicator

In 2023, 2024, and 2025 in Math, the charter school's DFS was higher than the state for All Students, and higher than the state for all four numerically significant student groups.

### Colfax Charter Elementary - Math Indicator - 2022-2023

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter Math (DFS)	Charter Change	State Color	State Math (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
<b>All Students</b>	<b>Met</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>-49.1</b>	<b>Higher</b>
Latino	Met	Green	34.5	-0.5	Orange	-80.8	Higher
Two or More Races	Met	No Performance Color	50.5	-26.2	Yellow	-7.4	Higher
White	Met	Blue	60.9	0.0	Yellow	-11.1	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Green	32.5	2.8	Yellow	-80.8	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

### Colfax Charter Elementary - Math Indicator - 2023-2024

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter Math (DFS)	Charter Change	State Color	State Math (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
<b>All Students</b>	<b>Met</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>-47.6</b>	<b>Higher</b>
Latino	Met	Blue	36.0	1.5	Orange	-79.2	Higher
Two or More Races	Met	Blue	66.4	15.9	Yellow	-5.3	Higher
White	Met	Blue	77.5	16.6	Yellow	-10.3	Higher

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter Math (DFS)	Charter Change	State Color	State Math (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Blue	45.3	12.7	Orange	-78.2	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

### Colfax Charter Elementary - Math Indicator - 2024-2025

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter Math (DFS)	Charter Change	State Color	State Math (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
<b>All Students</b>	<b>Met</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>-42.4</b>	<b>Higher</b>
Latino	Met	Green	30.0	-6.0	Yellow	-73.6	Higher
Two or More Races	Met	Blue	74.5	8.1	Green	-0.7	Higher
White	Met	Green	71.5	-6.0	Green	-6.2	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Green	31.2	-14.1	Yellow	-72.9	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

#### e. Science Indicator

In 2024 and 2025 in Science, the charter school’s Science Points (SPs) were higher than the state for All Students, and higher than the state for both numerically significant student groups.

### Colfax Charter Elementary - Science Indicator - 2023-2024

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Science Points	Charter Change	State Color	State Science Points	Charter to State Comparison
<b>All Students</b>	<b>Met</b>	<b>No Performance Color</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>No Performance Color</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>Higher</b>
White	Met	No Performance Color	75.2	-2.9	No Performance Color	58.8	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	No Performance Color	69.1	-7.5	No Performance Color	45.6	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

### Colfax Charter Elementary - Science Indicator - 2024-2025

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Science Points	Charter Change	State Color	State Science Points	Charter to State Comparison
<b>All Students</b>	<b>Met</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>Higher</b>
White	Met	Green	72.3	-2.9	Green	60.2	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Green	61.6	-7.5	Yellow	47.1	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

#### f. English Learner Progress Indicator

In 2023, 2024, and 2025 on the English Learner Progress Indicator (ELPI), the charter did not have a performance level due to the low number of English Learners, but the charter school’s English Learner Progress Rate was higher than the state.

### Colfax Charter Elementary - English Learner Progress Indicator - 2022-2023

Student Group	Charter ELPAC Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter EL Progress Rate	Charter Change	State Color	State EL Progress Rate	Charter to State Comparison
English Learner	Met	No Performance Color	66.7%	--	Yellow	48.7%	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

### Colfax Charter Elementary - English Learner Progress Indicator - 2023-2024

Student Group	Charter ELPAC Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter EL Progress Rate	Charter Change	State Color	State EL Progress Rate	Charter to State Comparison
English Learner	Met	No Performance Color	93.8%	27.1%	Orange	45.7%	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

### Colfax Charter Elementary - English Learner Progress Indicator - 2024-2025

Student Group	Charter ELPAC Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter EL Progress Rate	Charter Change	State Color	State EL Progress Rate	Charter to State Comparison
English Learner	Met	No Performance Color	84.6%	-9.1%	Yellow	46.4%	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

g. College/Career Indicator  
Not applicable

h. Chronic Absenteeism Indicator

In 2023 on the Chronic Absenteeism Indicator, the charter school’s rate of chronic absenteeism was lower than the state for All Students, and for five of seven numerically significant student groups. In 2024 on the Chronic Absenteeism Indicator, the charter schools rate of chronic absenteeism was lower than the state for All Students, and for all six numerically significant student groups. In 2025 on the Chronic Absenteeism Indicator, the charter school’s rate of chronic absenteeism was lower than the state for All Students, and for five of six numerically significant student groups.

i. Graduation Indicator [HS only]  
Not applicable

j. Suspension Rate Indicator

In 2023, 2024, and 2025, the charter school’s percentage of students suspended at least once was lower than the state for All Students, and for all numerically significant student groups.

k. Dashboard Local Indicators

Staff also considered the Local Indicators (e.g., Basic: Teachers, Instructional Materials, Facilities; Implementation of Academic Standards; Parent and Family Engagement; Local Climate Survey; Access to a Broad Course of Study) which have all been reported as “Met” in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

1. Additional Information

This charter school was selected for the 2025 California Distinguished Schools Program.

**V. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE-BASED OVERSIGHT RESULTS**

In accordance with Education Code section 47604.32, the District’s Charter Schools Division (CSD) conducts at least one school site visit each year where the CSD evaluates charter school performance in the following categories: Governance; Student Achievement and Educational Performance; Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations. Charter schools are rated in each category based on information and evidence gathered at the time of the annual performance-based oversight visit following a four-point rubric: (4) *Accomplished*, (3) *Proficient*, (2) *Developing*, and (1) *Unsatisfactory*. Please see below for Colfax Charter Elementary outcomes on its annual oversight evaluation reports for the last two years.

a. Governance

Oversight Ratings/Concerns	
2023-2024	<i>Accomplished</i>
2024-2025	<i>Accomplished</i>
Concerns	No unresolved issues pending

b. Student Achievement and Educational Performance

Oversight Ratings/Concerns	
2023-2024	<i>Accomplished</i>
2024-2025	<i>Accomplished</i>
Concerns	No unresolved issues pending

c. Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations

Oversight Ratings/Concerns	
2023-2024	<i>Accomplished</i>
2024-2025	<i>Accomplished</i>
Concerns	No unresolved issues pending

**VI. FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

As an affiliated charter school, the District is responsible for the fiscal management of Colfax Charter Elementary.