



ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Staff Report for Irvine International Academy February 14, 2023

I. INTRODUCTION

The following is a summary of the review conducted by Orange County Department of Education staff of two material revision requests submitted by Irvine International Academy in compliance with Education Code section 47607, and recommendations for consideration by the Orange County Board of Education (the Board).

II. BACKGROUND

Irvine International Academy serves students in grades transitional kindergarten through grade six and is located within the boundaries of the Irvine Unified School District. On December 13, 2022, Irvine International Academy submitted material revision requests to add grades seven and eight and remove the set number of required minutes for physical education in the charter petition. Orange County Board of Education held a public hearing on January 4, 2023, to consider the level of support for the material revisions. On January 24, 2023, the charter school submitted amendments revising the original charter petition pages 60 and 112 to reduce, not remove, the number of physical education minutes to a minimum of 50 minutes per week.

III. LEGAL STANDARD

Material revisions of charter schools are governed by the standards and criteria described in Education Code section 47605 and shall include, but not be limited to, reasonably comprehensive descriptions of any new requirement of charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed.

IV. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Orange County Department of Education staff determined that the revised Irvine International Academy charter petition, including the amendments submitted on January 24, 2023, meets the standards outlined in Education Code section 47605. California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) data for 2021-22, shows Irvine International Academy students are performing higher than the state in meeting grade-level standards on the English Language Arts (44.7 points above standard) and Mathematics (64.6 points above standard) assessments. Additionally, the 2022 California School Dashboard status levels are classified as High for English Language Arts and Very High for Mathematics. Additionally, the proposed material revisions will allow the school to grow its enrollment and allow additional flexibility in course scheduling while providing a minimum number of physical education minutes each week for all students.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Orange County Department of Education staff recommend that the Board approve both of the Irvine International Academy’s material revisions to add grades seven and eight and the revision to the original petition reducing the number of physical education minutes for all students to a minimum of 50 minutes per week.

VI. CONCLUSION

The Board has four options for action regarding the charter petition material revisions:

- Option One: Approve both of the material revisions.
- Option Two: Approve one, but not all, of the material revisions.
- Option Three: Approve one or both of the material revisions with conditions.
- Option Four: Deny both of the material revisions.

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