



ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Staff Report for Vista Heritage Global Academy May 23, 2023

I. INTRODUCTION

The following is a summary of the review conducted by Orange County Department of Education staff of the material revisions requested by Vista Heritage Global Academy in compliance with Education Code section 47607, and recommendations for consideration by the Orange County Board of Education (the Board).

II. BACKGROUND

Vista Heritage Global Academy serves students in grades six through twelve and is located within the boundaries of Santa Ana Unified School District. On March 2, 2023, Vista Heritage Global Academy submitted material revision requests to remove grades nine through twelve from the charter petition and add an enrollment preference for pupils who currently attend or reside in the elementary school attendance area where the school is physically located. A public hearing was held on April 12, 2023, to consider the level of support for the material revisions.

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. Per education code, priority order for enrollment preferences shall be determined in the charter petition, and the chartering authority shall approve each type of enrollment preference at a public hearing.

IV. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Orange County Department of Education staff determined that the revised Vista Heritage Global Academy charter petition meets the standards outlined in Education Code section 47605. This material revision is consistent with the approval of Vista Meridian Global Academy, which will begin serving high school students during the 2023-24 school year. Additionally, no dissenting public comments were made regarding the proposed enrollment preference during the public hearing held on April 12, 2023.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Orange County Department of Education staff recommend that the Board approve Vista Heritage Global Academy material revision requests to remove grades nine through twelve and approve the enrollment preferences delineated in the revised charter petition.

VI. CONCLUSION

The Board has three options for action regarding a charter petition material revision:

- Option One: Approve the material revisions to remove grades nine through twelve from the charter petition and approve the revised enrollment preferences in the order delineated in the charter petition.
- Option Two: Approve the material revisions with conditions. This action would result in approval of the revised charter petition and require the charter school to address concerns raised by the Board by established timelines.
- Option Three: Deny one or both of the material revisions.

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