

## **APS Board of Education Unanimously Approves 7 Charter School Renewals District Welcomes the Albuquerque Institute for Math and Science**

The Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved the seven charter schools up for renewal and seeking another five year contract with the district. Here is a breakdown of the schools and the goals that they will be working on over the next five years. The schools contract term will be from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030.



The district will also be welcoming the [Albuquerque Institute for Math and Science](#). The school, which is located on the University of New Mexico campus is designed to support students who are interested in pursuing a career requiring advanced math, science, and technology skills. The school's mission specific goals are focused on Fall PSAT performance and 8th grade student performance in Algebra.



Los Puentes Charter School will now be known as the [Archer Academy for Accelerated Learning](#). The school which was originally chartered in 2002 will now be named after founder Nancy Jo Archer. The school's mission specific goals will be supporting students in their transition into life after high school including developing a portfolio and measuring on-track graduation.



The [Digital Arts and Technology Academy](#) will enter into their next contract that will take them through 2030. The school was originally chartered in 2002 and serves students interested in digital arts, technology, social justice, and equity. The school's mission specific goals will be focused on completion of two dual credit or AP courses, and a Passage Portfolio that encompasses a reflection of their learning including artifacts and connection to the future.



East Mountain High School will now be known as [East Mountain](#) as they are set to add middle school in the 2026-27 school year. The school was originally chartered in 1999 and its mission specific goals will be focused on measuring students identified as college-ready on the SAT and measuring potential as leaders as the school develops a comprehensive leadership program.



[Mountain Mahogany Community School](#) will begin their 20th year as a school as they enter their next contract. The school was originally chartered in 2005 and its mission specific goals are on students developing and delivering a soapbox speech and measuring students' outdoor learning experiences.



The [Public Academy for Performing Arts](#) will celebrate their 25th anniversary during their next contract term. The school integrates a rigorous college preparatory curriculum with the performing arts. PAPA was originally chartered in 2001 and will have its mission specific goals focus on measuring students proficiency in academic content standards using an expression of art and measuring students performing arts knowledge.



Rounding out the group is [South Valley Academy](#), which was originally chartered in 2000. The school's new co-head directors Jennifer Gable and Shantelle Quintana were on hand to answer the board's questions, along with Governing Council Chair Robert Baade. Baade is the Executive Director of Robert F. Kennedy Charter School. The school's mission specific goals will be focusing on supporting students in their transition into life after high school and assessing students' experiences with Service Learning.

For more information on the Charter Renewal Process visit: [About Charter Renewal — Albuquerque Public Schools](#).