OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER CONTRACT RENEWAL APPLICATION

Section I. Current Information in Charter School Tracking System

Charter Holder Name:

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD

Charter School Name:

EXCEL ACADEMY

Charter School County/District #:

101-811

Generation:

02

Maximum Approved Enrollment:

1,000

Grades Approved:

3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,GED

Campuses:

101811001

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

1200 Congress, Suite 6500 Houston, TX 77002-2021

Grade Levels Currently Served:

05,06,07,08,09,10,11

101811003

BURNETT - BAYLAND REHABILITATION CENTER

6500 A Chimney Rock

Houston, TX 77081

Grade Levels Currently Served:

06,07,08,09,10,11,AE

101811005

WESTSIDE COMMAND DETENTION CENTER

3202 S Dairy Ashford Rd Houston, TX 77082

Grade Levels Currently Served: 03,04,05,07,08,09,10,11,12

101811002

BURNETT-BAYLAND HOME

6500 Chimney Rock Houston, TX 77081

Grade Levels Currently Served:

06,07,08,09,10,11,12,AE

101811004

HARRIS COUNTY YOUTH VILLAGE

210 J W Mills

Seabrook, TX 77586-5304

Grade Levels Currently Served:

07,08,09,10,11,12,AE

101811006

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 9120 Katy Hockley Rd

Katy, TX 77449

Grade Levels Currently Served. 06,07,08,09,10,11,12,AE

Geographical Boundary:

The original charter application and amendment history reflects that the following district(s) comprise the charter school's geographic boundary:

ALDINE ISD

ALIEF ISD CHANNELVIEW ISD CLEAR CREEK ISD

CROSBY ISD CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD

DEER PARK ISD GALENA PARK ISD GOOSE CREEK CISD **HOUSTON ISD**

HUFFMAN ISD

HUMBLE ISD KATY ISD KLEIN ISD LA PORTE ISD

NORTH FOREST ISD PASADENA ISD PEARLAND ISD SHELDON ISD

SPRING BRANCH ISD

SPRING ISD STAFFORD MSD TOMBALL ISD WALLER ISD

Section II. Contact Information

The persons listed below will be contacted by agency staff if there are issues to be resolved in any of the sections.

Superintendent Contact	information:
Superintendent's Name:	Thomas Brooks
Telephone Number:	713-222-4801
Fax Number:	713-222-4388
E-mail Address:	Thomas.Brooks@hcjpd.hctx.net
Charter Holder Board C	Chair Contact Information:
Charter Holder Board Chair's Name:	Judge Ed Emmett
Telephone Number:	713-755-4911
Fax Number:	713-755-4909
E-mail Address:	Ed.Emmett@cjo.hctx.net
Application Preparer's C	Contact Information:
Contact Name:	Julie Baker
Telephone Number:	713-222-4820
Fax Number:	713-222-4388
E-mail Address:	julie.baker@hcjpd.hctx.net
Charter School Website:	

http://www.harriscountytx.gov/hcjpd-edu/

Web address:

Section III. Posting of Adopted Budget

Chapter 12 of the Texas Education Code (TEC), specifically §12.104(b)(2)(L), makes explicit that open-enrollment charters are required to comply with TEC Chapter 39, Subchapter D, Financial Accountability. TEC §39.084, titled *Posting of Adopted Budget*, states the following:

- (a) On final approval of the budget by the board of trustees, the school district shall post on the district's Internet website a copy of the budget adopted by the board of trustees. The district's Internet website must prominently display the electronic link to the adopted budget.
- (b) The district shall maintain the adopted budget on the district's Internet website until the third anniversary of the date the budget was adopted.

Provide the web address of the adopted budgets:

http://www.harriscountytx.gov/hcjpd-edu/

Section IV. Organizational Charts

Submit, as **Attachment 1**, the organizational chart for the charter school that specifies the administrative positions including the title and name of the individual currently in each position.

Submit, as **Attachment 2**, a chart that identifies all other entities under the direction of the charter holder. This would include entities and or programs that the charter holder governs manages in addition to the charter school.

Section V. Admission Policy

A. Specify the period during which applications for admission are accepted. TEC, §12.117, requires that a charter school establish a reasonable application deadline for the submission of applications for admission. Beginning of Period End of Period (Month/Day) (Month/Day) N/A N/A B. If the school admits students by lottery when the number of admissions applications received exceeds the number of available spaces, describe the procedures followed in conducting the lottery. Type Below: N/A - see Admission Policy - Attachment 3. C. If the school utilizes a lottery when oversubscribed, are any categories of applicants exempted from the lottery? Check One: CYes CNO • Not applicable (because lotteries are not utilized) If "Yes" was indicated in C above, state the categories of applicants that are exempted. Type Below: D. If the school utilizes a lottery when oversubscribed, specify the approximate date on which a lottery will be conducted. Approximate Date of Lottery (Month/Day) N/A E. If the school does not utilize a lottery when oversubscribed, but rather fills the available positions in the order in which applications were received before the expiration of the application deadline (i.e., a "first-come, first-served" admission process), describe the manner in which the school notifies the community of the opportunity to apply for admission. TEC, §12.117, requires a charter school that uses a first-come, first-served admission process when oversubscribed to publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation not later than the seventh day before the application deadline. Type Below: N/A - see Admission Policy - attachment 3.

	If the school Type Below	has a separate process for re-enrollment, state the process and the timeline to be used.
N/A		
	State the pro	ocedures for processing applications received once the application deadline has passed.
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re ir	equired to pro prolling. Fu	information that an applicant must provide in order to be considered for admission. Applicants may not be covide copies of transcripts or other academic records until after they are offered admission and are orthermore, a student may not be precluded from enrolling due to the charter school's failure to receive equired for enrollment from the student's parent or guardian or previous school. See TEC, §25.002.
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ad wi ati	mission polici ll not discrin	Ider certifies that the non-discrimination statement required by TEC, §12.111(a)(6) is printed in the school's cy. TEC, §12.111(6) requires that a charter school's admission policy include a statement that the school ninate in admissions based on gender, national origin, ethnicity, religion, disability, academic, artistic, or or the district the child would otherwise attend. © Yes
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hi	stories of a c	ssion policy either require or permit the school to exclude from admission all students with documented riminal offense, a juvenile court adjudication, or discipline problems under TEC Chapter 37, Subchapter A by TEC, § 12.111(a)(6)?
С	heck One:	Yes (The school excludes such students or reserves the right to exclude such students from admissions.)
		No (The school does not deny admission to such students based on their documented histories of misconduct.)
Submit		
· as	Attachment	3, a current copy of the admission policy that incorporates the information provided in the above answers to

- to
- questions A through H and any other relevant information; as **Attachment 4**, a blank copy of the current admission application (i.e., the information requested when the student first seeks admission); and as **Attachment 5**, a blank copy of the current enrollment form(s) (i.e., the information required once an applicant has been offered admission and is registering for enrollment)

Section VI. Special Education Assurances

The charter holder certifies that it has policies and procedures in place that ensure implementation of all federal laws and regulations, Texas laws, State Board of Education (SBOE) and commissioner of education rules related to students with disabilities and further certifies that any future amendments to the laws, regulations, and rules will be incorporated and implemented.

Signature of Charter Holder Board Chair
(Must sign in blue ink)

Date

Judge Ed Emmett

Printed Name of Charter Holder Board Chair

Section VII. Assurances Regarding Charter Schools Serving Students at Residential Facilities

If the charter school is not currently approved to serve students at residential facilities, please indicate N/A on the signature line.

If operating a charter school campus on the site of a residential facility (RT) or serving students residing in or receiving services from an RF, the charter holder chair certifies the following:

Compliance with Special Education Requirements: The charter holder assures that it will comply with all of the requirements for the provision of educational services to students with disabilities as mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended, the Texas Education Code, and federal and state special education regulations. The charter holder acknowledges that state and federal special education requirements require, among other things, that it provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPF) in the least restrictive environment (LRE) to students with disabilities residing in RFs. The charter holder further assures that it will provide, or seek the provision of, a FAPE to students with disabilities, which may require it to contract with outside service providers or another local educational agency to provide necessary services and supports to students with disabilities.

Geographic Boundaries: The charter holder assures that it will accept students who reside in the school district(s) that are within each new campus's geographic boundaries regardless of the presence or absence of a disability or admission to or participation in an RF program.

Admissions Criteria: The charter holder assures that its admissions criteria will not be based on the presence or the absence of a disability or on gender, national origin, ethnicity, religion, academic, artistic or athletic ability, or the district the child would otherwise attend.

School Choice: The charter holder assures that parents legal guardians (or adult students) will be advised that they may choose to enroll their child in either the charter school or the local public school district and that the elected choice will be documented in writing and filed for purposes of review or audit by the Texas Education Agency (TLA), external auditor, or other entity.

Residential Facilities Monitoring (RFM) System: The charter holder assures that it understands that, pursuant to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §97.1072, there is a specific system for monitoring school districts and charter schools that serve students with disabilities who reside in RFs. The charter holder further assures that it understands that it will be required to report data related to students with disabilities residing in RFs in TEA's data collection system known as *RF Tracker* and that it may be subject to RFM intervention activities and on-site visits based upon a review of the data it reports or on random or other means of selection.

Training: The charter holder assures that all personnel involved with serving students with disabilities residing in an RF and personnel involved with reporting data in RF Tracker will receive training on the RFM system.

Section VII. (Continued) Assurances Regarding Charter Schools Serving Students at Residential Facilities

The charter holder assures that this assurance document has been shared with, and understood by, the RF board and that the RF board has acknowledged its understanding of all federal laws and regulations, Texas laws, State Board of Education (SBOE) and commissioner of education rules related to charter schools serving students at residential facilities and further certifies that any future amendments to the laws, regulations, and rules will be incorporated and implemented.

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Signature of Charter Holder Board Chair (Must sign in blue ink)	Date	
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Judge Ed Emmett

Printed Name of Charter Holder Board Chair

Please write N/A in the signature line if the charter does not serve students at residential facilities.

Section VIII. Bilingual/ESL, Section 504, and Dyslexia Assurances

TEC, Chapter 29, Subchapter B, TEC §12.104(b)(2)(G), and 19 TAC §§89.1201-.1265 require charter schools to identify limited English proficient students based on state criteria and to provide an appropriate bilingual education or English as a second language program conducted by teachers certified for such courses.

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В.			and procedures in place that ensure that it complies with the legal and g and providing appropriate educational services to students protected by
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		ℂ No	
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I fi	urther certify that	any future amendments to the	laws, regulations, and rules will be incorporated and implemented.
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	Judge Ed Em	mett	
	Printed N	ame of Charter Holder Board (Chair

Section IX. Fingerprinting and Criminal Record Check Assurance

The charter holder certifies that it is in compliance with TEC §12.120, and confirms that no individual is serving in any capacity if he or she has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; a felony; an offense listed in TEC §37.007(a); or an offense listed in Article 62.001(5) Code of Criminal Procedures.

Additionally, the charter holder confirms that all current fingerprinting and criminal record checks are available for all employees, including contract employees; volunteers who indicated in writing their intention to serve; board members; and officers of the charter holder who are not on the board, in compliance with TEC §§12.1059, 22.0832-22.0835.

Signature of Charter Holder Board Chair (Must sign in blue ink)

3 27 13 Date

Judge Ed Emmett

Printed Name of Charter Holder Board Chair

Section X. Certificate of Acknowledgement

This section requires at least a majority of the governing body of the charter holder to certify that it has had an opportunity to review the completed renewal application and has authorized, during an open meeting, submission of the application to the commissioner of education for consideration of renewal of the charter.

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The undersigned members of the governing body of the charter holder hereby acknowledge that they have had an opportunity to review the completed renewal application and have authorized its submission, during an open meeting, to the commissioner of education for consideration of the renewal of the charter:

*Members are to sign the acknowledgement during an open meeting; therefore, the date next to each signature must be the same.

Typed Name (Type name next to corresponding signature)	Signature (Must sign in blue ink)	Date*
Judge Ed Emmett	Ed Emmolt	3/27/13
Judge Bill Burke	Mulia K. Burlie	3/07/13
Judge Don Coffey 1	Do Cla	3/07/13
Judge Glenn Devlin	Slan Julia	3/27/13
Judge John Phillips	John Rucey	3/27/13
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Michael L. Williams Commissioner of Education

Michael Berry Deputy Commissioner, Policy and Programs

Sally Partridge
Associate Commissioner, Accreditation and School Improvement

Heather Mauzé Director, Charter School Administration Unit

For further information contact the Charter School Administration Unit at:

Texas Education Agency 1701 North Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701

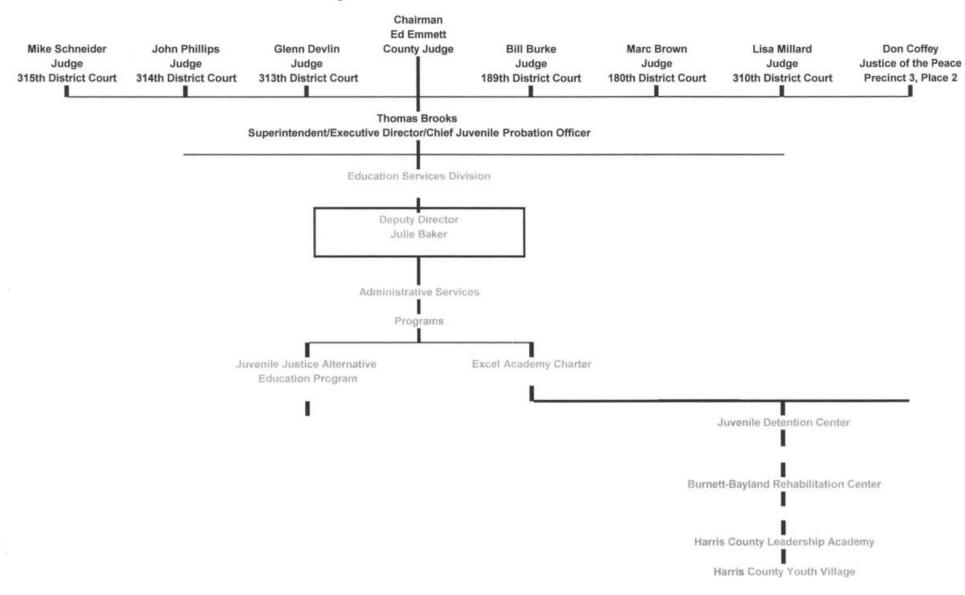
> (512) 463-9575 (512) 463-9732 fax

Email - CharterSchools@tea.state.tx.us

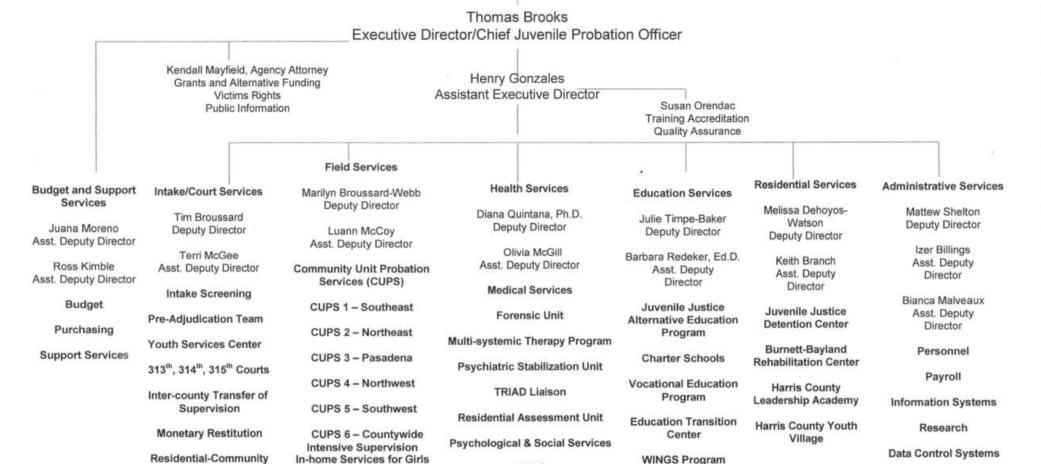
Or visit the website:

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/charter

Harris County Juvenile Board/School Board



Juvenile Board



HCPC

Parenting with Love and Limits

Mental Health Court

Drug Court

GIRLS Court

CUPS 7 - Countywide

CUPS 8 - West Houston

CUPS 9 - Specialized

Programs Unit

Special Needs Diversion
Program (SNDP)

Service Learning and
Community Service
Restitution

Aftercare Intensive Supervision

Services

Gang Court

Tracker Program

Excel Academy Charter School

Admission Policy

The Excel Academy Charter School provides academic services for all students mandated by a district court judge to a juvenile incarceration facility operated by the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department (HC-JPD). All students are under the legal custody of the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of Harris County. As students are confined to the boundaries of the institutions, students do not have access to attend other public school programs.

The Excel Academy Charter School admission policy does not discriminate on the basis of sex, national origin, ethnicity, religion, disability, academic, artistic, or athletic ability, or the district the child would otherwise attend. The placement of students by the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department in the Excel Academy Charter School is not made on the basis of the presence or absence of a disability.

REVISED DURING CONTINGENCY PROCESS
SEE INSERT

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Admission Policy

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As an open enrollment free public charter school, Excel Academy will accept any qualified student living within the geographic boundaries of the school

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Approved During Contingency Process

Attachment 4

Admission Application

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Michael L. Williams Commissioner

Charter Renewal Contract

April 2, 2014

Mr. Ed Emmett, Board Chair Harris County Juvenile Board 6103 Wake Forest Houston, Texas 77005

Re: Charter Renewal Contract for Excel Academy (CDN 101811)

Dear Mr. Emmett:

I am pleased to inform you that the charter renewal is approved for Excel Academy with a contract ending date of <u>July 31, 2023</u>. After renewal, the charter contract shall consist of the following:

- the representations and assurances made by the charter holder in the original request for application under the standard application system, including all revisions made during the contingency process;
- the original contract for charter, as signed by the charter holder and the State Board of Education;
- any condition, amendment, modification, revision, or other change to the charter approved by the State Board of Education or the commissioner of education, including any prior renewal documents with revisions based on contingency responses;
- the final renewal application received in spring 2013, on file with the Division of Charter School Administration, including any revisions required by the agency and any amendments to the charter made through the renewal application; and
- all statements, assurances, commitments, and representations made by the charter holder in its application for charter renewal and its attachments or related documents, to the extent that these documents are consistent with those listed above.

By accepting these renewal terms, the charter holder represents that it understands that the charter holder, including any and all governance, at whatever level whether appointed or elected, employees, agents, and volunteers, shall fully cooperate with every Texas Education Agency investigation and/or sanction deemed necessary by the commissioner based on the authority and responsibility granted to the commissioner in state or federal law. This means that Texas Education Agency staff may conduct confidential interviews of charter school personnel and contractors outside the presence of representatives of the charter school's administration and board and that failure to timely reply with reasonable requests for access to site, personnel, documents, or other materials and/or items is a material violation of the contract for charter.

Mr. Ed Emmett, Board Chair Harris County Juvenile Board Charter Contract Renewal Page 2 of 2

By accepting these renewal terms, the charter holder represents that it is understood by all parties that, if the charter holder loses its 501(c)(3) tax exempt status for any period of time, through action of the Internal Revenue Service or any other action which renders the charter holder no longer an "eligible entity" within the meaning of TEC §12.101(a), the charter contract shall be rendered void, and it shall automatically return to the commissioner of education (COE) without any further action.

Note that this contract is contingent upon legislative authorization and that the contract and the funding under state and federal law may be modified or even terminated by future legislative acts. Furthermore, state and federal laws and rules may periodically be adopted, amended, or repealed, and all such changes applicable to the charter holder or its charter school(s) may modify this contract, as of the effective date provided in the law or rule. Nothing in the charter contract shall be construed to entitle the charter holder to any privilege or benefit, including any funding, but in accordance with state and federal laws in effect and as they may in the future be amended. A contract term that conflicts with any state or federal law or rule is superseded by the law or rule to the extent that the law or rule conflicts with the contract term.

To acknowledge acceptance of this renewed contract, and to finalize the contract renewal, the chair of the charter holder board **must sign below and return** the entire original document to:

Texas Education Agency
Division of Charter School Administration
William B. Travis Building, Room 5-107
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701-1494

The charter holder should keep a copy of this document for its files. Please contact the Division of Charter School Administration at (512) 463-9575 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Williams

Commissioner of Education

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cc: Mr. Thomas Brooks, Superintendent

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the governing body of the charter holder has accepted and agreed to the charter renewal agreement for Excel Academy as outlined in the foregoing letter and has authorized me to sign below.

Agreed and Accepted:

Mr. Ed Emmett

Board Chair, Harris County Juvenile Board

Date