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| **Amendment Request – February 2013** |
| **School Name:** | Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter School |
| **Amendment Request**:  | Additional seats- 45 |
| **Implementation:** | 2013-2014 |
| **Year Charter/Opened**: | Chartered 1995; Opened 1997; Renewed 2002, 2007, and 2012 |
| **Grades Served:** | 5-12 |
| **Current Maximum Enrollment:** | 500 | **Wait List as of March 2012:** 989 |
| **School Location:** | Boston |
| **Proven Provider Status Required?** | Yes |
| **Mission Statement:**“Our mission is to empower urban students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds to achieve their full intellectual and social potential by combining the best of the East – high standards, discipline, and character education, with the best of the West – a commitment to individualism, creativity, and diversity.”  |
| **Nature of the Request:**The school has experienced a decrease in attrition in the middle school grades and the transition to ninth grade. With a new enrollment pattern that reflects both increased student retention and the backfilling requirements for grades 5 - 8, the school is experiencing larger classes in grades 7 and 8 and a greater number of students matriculating into the high school grades. The increase in maximum enrollment will allow the school to support the new enrollment pattern.**Strengths and Weaknesses related to Amendment Request:****Strengths:*** The amendment request and recent accountability documentation contains information that indicates overall that the school’s academic program is a success, that the school is a viable organization, and that it has been faithful to the terms of its charter.
* The addition of 45 additional seats will not interrupt the school's mission and educational program.
* In March 2012, the school was renewed with a condition related to the implementation of its special education program. The condition has been met and is expected to be removed.
* The school has demonstrated sufficient demand for its educational program with an excess of 1,000 applications in 2012.
* The Department's framework for district accountability and assistance designates the school as Level 1 and in the 70th percentile.
* The school has a staffing plan to address the increased high school enrollment. An additional 9th grade teacher was hired in 2011-2012 and an additional 10th grade teacher will subsequently be hired. Additional staff will be hired in FY2014.
* Plans are in place to renovate the existing mezzanine to provide for additional high school classroom space.
* The school is financially viable and able to invest in capital projects.

**Weaknesses:**None identified. |

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**Academic Performance and Demographic Data**

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| Org Code | **2011-2012****Demographics (%)** | **African American** | **Asian** | **Hispanic** | **White** | **Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic** | **First Language Not English** | **Limited English Proficient** | **Special Education** | **Low-Income** |
|  | **Academy Of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School** | **56.8%** | **2.6%** | **17.4%** | **19.8%** | **3.4%** | **9.6%** | **0.6%** | **18.8%** | **50.2%** |
| (110 Schools) | Comparison Minimum | 1.5% | 0.0% | 9.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.2% | 28.7% |
|  | Comparison Median | 35.2% | 2.4% | 43.1% | 7.7% | 1.7% | 42.0% | 28.0% | 18.5% | 74.1% |
|  | Comparison Maximum | 75.8% | 56.6% | 90.8% | 62.3% | 6.6% | 100.0% | 94.7% | 98.4% | 92.1% |
|  | Comparison Total | 33.9% | 8.4% | 43.0% | 12.5% | 1.8% | 44.8% | 30.3% | 18.3% | 69.6% |
| State | **State** | **8.3%** | **5.7%** | **16.1%** | **67.0%** | **2.5%** | **16.7%** | **7.3%** | **17.0%** | **35.2%** |

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**Demographic Data: Selected Populations**