2009-2010

CHARTER SCHOOL REPORT INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS:
Complete this form and return by July 30, 2010.

1. Provide the most recent information in each box.
   NAME AND MAIN ADDRESS OF CHARTER SCHOOL:
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   Juan Rangel
   SCHOOL'S WEBSITE ADDRESS:
   www.uno-online.org
   Include this as a link from ISBE's Website

2. Did your school hold an enrollment lottery for 2009-2010?
   Yes [☑] No [☐]

3. How many student enrollment applications were received for 2009-2010?
   1491

4. From these applications, how many students were selected via lottery?
   1491

5. Grades served in 2009-2010:
   K-10

6. Student enrollment in 2009-2010:
   3384

7. Estimated student enrollment for 2010-2011:
   4,566

8. Number of instructional days in charter school calendar in 2009-2010:
   176

9. School Day in 2009-2010:
   From 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

10. Number of students who attended during 2008-2009 school year who did not return at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year:
    193

11. Number of students served with disabilities on a tuition basis:
    0

12. Total unduplicated number of students with disabilities served by school in 2009-2010:
    240

13. Number of students by type of disability (may be duplicated count):

   165
   1. Learning disabilities
   2. Speech/language
   3. Emotional/behavior needs
   4. Mild to moderate mental impairment
   5. Traumatic brain injury
   6. Visual impairment
   7. Hearing impairment
   8. Physical impairment
   9. Other health impairment
   10. Autism
   11. Developmental disability (under the age of 6)
   12. Moderate to severe mental impairment

14. Number of Instructional Personnel (in FTE) in 2009-2010:
    167

15. Number of Administrative Personnel (in FTE) in 2009-2010:
    5

16. Performance-based pay is one innovative strategy employed by some schools.
   Yes [☑] No [☐]

   Were any of your staff members paid incentives or bonuses in 2009-2010? If yes, how many?
   Yes [☑] No [☐]

   If yes, explain on what basis the incentives or bonuses were determined.

   [Box for explanation]

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D. Performance Comparison—Compare the performance of students at your school with the performance of comparable groups of students in other public schools. Use additional pages as necessary.

The students at our schools are meeting or exceeding the performance of comparable groups of students at other schools.

E. Charter schools are exempt from much of the School Code—Indicate the areas of flexibility used by your school in 2008-2009.

(Check ✓ all that apply.)

1. Teacher certification
2. Administrator certification
3. Autonomy to set educational priorities
4. Autonomy to design curriculum independent from the school district
5. Autonomy to allow teaching methods that are new or different from the school district
6. Autonomy to design different, additional performance standards
7. Autonomy to set unique school and school year schedules
8. Autonomy to manage fiscal affairs independent of the school district
9. Autonomy to set employee compensation rates and/or provide bonuses
10. Autonomy to contract with external providers for various services (please list)
11. Other (please describe)

F. Suggested Changes in the Law—Indicate any changes in state law you would recommend to strengthen charter schools.

(Check ✓ all that apply.)

1. Allocate additional operating funds to charter schools beyond the per capita assistance from the authorizing district
2. Provide state grants to all schools, including those in renewal periods
3. Increase the amount of state start-up grants to up to $1,000 per enrolled student
4. Appropriate funds sufficient to fully fund state start-up grants as well as transition impact aid to districts
5. Provide facilities financing
6. Provide transportation funding
7. Mandate at least 100% per capita funding from the authorizer
8. Prohibit districts from charging rent for district buildings used by charter schools
9. Allow additional enrollment preferences (specify)
10. Allow employee’s children to attend regardless of their home district
11. Allow ISBE to authorize charter schools without first presenting to local school boards
12. Increase the cap to allow more charter schools to open
13. Allocate funds to provide incentive grants to districts that approve charter schools
14. Extend the charter renewal period to up to 10 years
15. Allow loan repayment after the initial charter term
16. Allow multiple campuses for all schools
17. Prohibit additional campuses for all schools
18. Allow for-profit management companies for all schools
19. Remove the requirement that charter schools give the same standardized tests as the authorizing district
20. Eliminate the teacher certification requirements included in Public Act 093-0003
21. Other (specify; use additional pages as needed)
G. Management Relationships—Indicate the relationship of your school to educational management organizations (EMO). 
(Use additional pages as necessary.)

☐ 1. The school had a contract with a not-for-profit EMO for the first time in 2008-2009
☐ 2. The school has had a contract with a not-for-profit EMO in the past (specify number of years: ____) 
☐ 3. The school had a contract with a for-profit EMO for the first time in 2008-2009
☐ 4. The school has had a contract with a for-profit EMO in the past (specify number of years: ____) 
☐ 5. The school has never had a contract with an EMO, either for-profit or not-for-profit

H. Accountability—Indicate how your school is held accountable by the charter authorizer. 
(Use additional pages as necessary.)

☐ 1. The school submits a written performance report to the authorizer each year
☐ 2. The school submits a written performance report to the authorizer only for renewal
☐ 3. The school provides a copy of the annual School Report Card to the authorizer
☐ 4. The authorizer makes an onsite visit to the school each year
☐ 5. The authorizer makes an onsite visit to the school only for renewal
☐ 6. Other (please describe)

I. Mission and Goals—Describe the extent to which your school is accomplishing its mission and goals. 
(Use additional pages as necessary.)

UNO Charter School Network's mission is to fulfill the promise of the public education by providing that all children can 
achieve academic success regardless of their income level or ethnicity. UNO's approach challenges charter school 
"best practices" and demonstrates that all children can learn while building a culture of high academic expectations for 
younger students. With a "no excuses" approach to public education, the UNO education philosophy has a record of 
success for over 10 years.

J. Best Practices—Name three to four "best practices" used by your school and describe how each benefits your student population. 
(Use additional pages as necessary.)

UNO Charter Schools Network three best practices are: (1) extensive professional development, (2) Master Teachers 
and (3) our teachers are required to visit the home of their students twice a school year. UCSN provides extensive 
professional development for its teachers. Our Master Teachers conduct daily in-class observations of teachers to help 
develop them into world calls educators. Our teachers are required to visit the home of each of their children at least 
twice a year.

K. Optional Information—Providing information on the points below is optional.
Please attach additional pages as necessary if you choose to address the issues noted:
• Describe the need for changes in the approval process.
• Summarize the results of any parent surveys conducted in the past year.
• Describe any "success stories" from your school.
• Describe any "lessons learned" for those interested in starting a charter school.
• Describe the greatest challenge your school faced in the past year.
• Provide any additional information not covered above.
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