



Entry 11 Enrollment and Retention of Special Populations

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Describe the efforts the charter school has made in 2016-2017 toward meeting targets to attract and retain enrollment of students with disabilities, English language learners, and students who are economically disadvantaged. In addition, describe the school's plans for meeting or making progress toward meeting its enrollment and retention targets in 2017-2018.

Recruitment/Attraction Efforts Toward Meeting Targets

	Describe Efforts Toward Meeting Recruitment Targets 2016-17)	Describe Plans Toward Meeting Recruitment Targets 2017-18)
Economically Disadvantaged	<p>Growing Up Green already has a positive presence in the community through partnerships and service learning activities. We partner with these community based organizations, many of them serving at-risk youth/families, who recommend students to our school, spread our recruitment information/events, or allow us to present about our school to their families. Furthermore, the “green” aspects of the school are clearly described in marketing materials, presentations, and discussions with interested families. For students with special needs, the school website and recruitment materials clearly describe the school’s inclusion model, special education services and staffing as well as counseling supports. Furthermore, our Director of Special Education participates in recruitment activities for our future and our incoming families.</p>	<p>We would like to continue to build our relationships with community based organizations around our school. Being new to the neighborhood, the interest in our school is high with close to 4,000 applications for around 150 open seats. We will also focus on recruitment efforts in public housing complexes in our district.</p>
English Language Learners	<p>In order to recruit English Language Learners, our materials are translated, our ELL program is described, and our ELL Coordinator and teachers assist with recruitment. We also have bilingual staff to help families with the application process as well participate weekly school tours for potential families.</p>	<p>We would like to continue to build our ELL team and translate our mass mailer and open house information in Bengali and Arabic to serve more families in our district.</p>
Students with Disabilities	<p>The majority of our students are eligible for free and reduced lunch and, having built a positive reputation in the community, word of mouth is particularly effective in attracting these students to our school. We make it clear that our school is free and provides support services and extra-curricular opportunities to all students, regardless of need and income.</p>	<p>Continue to advertise all of our services to our new and incoming families. This includes increasing our ICT classrooms per grade.</p>

Retention Efforts Toward Meeting Targets

	Describe Efforts Toward Meeting Retention Targets 2016-17)	Describe Plans Toward Meeting Retention Targets 2017-18)
Economically Disadvantaged	Growing Up Green has a diverse background of students from many economic backgrounds. We provide subsidized after school programming, extra support services through our Special Education department, small classroom sizes to provide extra attention to students in need as well as monthly workshops for families on math, literacy and behavioral model to name a few for parents to solidify learning taught at school at home.	Continue to provide our families an open space to address their concerns and be involved in our community. This includes monthly parent association meetings, daily morning meetings and any other communication method (email, phone, etc).
English Language Learners	Our ELL Coordinator and ELL teachers support limited English proficient students through immersion techniques direct instruction, and the use of the SIOP model. GUGCS is a school where students and their families are known well by the faculty and staff and students do not fall through the cracks. We also work closely with community organizations to ensure families have the supports they need so their children can succeed.	Continue to have a robust ELL department, hire interpreters for all parent events, and translate our fliers going home in Spanish, Bengali and Arabic.
Students with Disabilities	Regarding retention, GUGCS has a track record of strong student retention; any student leaving the school is primarily due to family relocation. We have achieved this success by developing a close, supportive community among students, staff and families through regular communication and events such as orientations, family workshops, conferences, celebrations and performances. Moreover, the school retains students classified with disabilities through the scope of services it offers to serve a variety of student needs. For example, GUGCS provides an ICT class on each grade and special education services, such as speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, hearing services, counseling, and physical therapy.	Continue with provide all our families with the services that they need especially with IEP meetings, speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, hearing services, counseling and physical therapy.