

Washoe County School District Annual Charter School Performance Audit

Name of Charter School: RAINSHADOW

School Year: 2014-2015

Auditing Department	Name of Auditor	Compliance with Statutes and Regulations	Evidenced By:	Compliant Non-Compliant	Comments
Accountability	Kemp, Kyle	<p>The charter school has met the requirements of the NDE with regards to any state reporting. The charter school maintains data accuracy and integrity of all data elements and complies with requirements to participate in the automated system of accountability information for Nevada (SAIN). NRS 386.650</p>	Offsite review of IC	Compliant	
Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia Rodriguez, Marisol	<p>Regarding student attendance, the charter school: NAC 386.350 (4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a copy of the attendance policy to each student • Keeps a copy of the attendance policy available for public inspection • Includes NRS 392.122 in the attendance policy • Provides a copy of rules for truancy • Provides a copy of the letter of approval from the Superintendent of Public Instruction for legend of symbols for attendance NAC 387.163 <p>Please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the school's attendance policy; • A copy of the school's rules for truancy; • A copy of the letter of approval from the Superintendent of Public Instruction for legend of symbols for attendance. 	Offsite review of electronic submission of policies (student handbook) and NDE Hrs.	Compliant	<p>The attendance policy and rules for truancy are provided to each student in the student handbook which is also located on the website. The attendance policy is available for public inspection and includes NRS 382.122.</p> <p>This year there were no changes to the legend of symbols for attendance. Previous letter on file.</p>

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Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia Rodriguez, Marisol	<p>A description of the procedure and documentation for the enrollment and withdraw of pupils in the charter school. NRS 386.580 NAC 387.171 NAC 387.200 NAC 387.215</p> <p>The schools withdrawal binder will also be audited.</p>	<p>Offsite review of policy.</p> <p>Onsite review of withdrawal binder or scan documents and submit.</p>	Compliant	<p>The Charter School has a well-defined enrollment and withdrawal procedure.</p> <p>Laure Turner, school registrar received additional instruction on using the withdrawal code W2A instead of W1B when withdrawing students to the WCSD per NDE Auditor Michael Shafer. Going forward the school is responsible for using the correct withdrawal code.</p>
Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia Rodriguez, Marisol	<p>Provide a description of how the lottery system works and how parents are notified of the system. NAC 386.180(1)</p> <p>Please provide a description of the lottery system and how parents know about the system.</p>	Offsite review of policy, hours, handbook to document parent communication.	Compliant	The lottery system is provided in the parent & student handbook, in accordance to NRS 386.180 (1).
Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia Rodriguez, Marisol	<p>If the charter school enrolls pupils in kindergarten, first, or second grades, the charter school complies with NRS 392.040 regarding the ages for enrollment in those grades.</p>	Onsite review of procedures.	Compliant	NA
Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia Rodriguez, Marisol	<p>The charter school provides written notice to the parents and guardians of pupils in grades 9-12 indicating whether or not the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools accredits the school. NAC 386.410 (25)</p>	Offsite review of document.	Compliant	The charter school is fully accredited through the Northwest Accreditation Commission. Written notice of the accreditation is provided to parents in the student handbook, and on the charter website.
Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia Rodriguez, Marisol	<p>The charter school complies with NRS 386.583 regarding rules for academic retention and provides a copy of these rules. The charter school complies with NAC 389.445 and NAC 389.659 regarding units</p>	Offsite review of policies (i.e. handbook)	Compliant	NA

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		required for promotion to the next higher grade.			
Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia Rodriguez, Marisol	<p>The charter school has developed a procedure for the maintenance of records. NAC 386.360 NAC 386.180 (3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the name of the person who will be responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintaining records of pupils; and ○ Providing records of pupils to the school district for inclusion in the statewide automated system of information • Provide the procedures for creating and maintaining student cumulative folders • Provide the location of where the cumulative folders are stored • Provide the procedures for creating and maintaining student permanent records • Provide the location of where the permanent records are stored • Surrenders permanent records when requested by PPA&A • Provide the procedure for requesting and transferring student records • Provide the name of the person who will be responsible for the records of pupils if the charter school is dissolved or the written charter of the charter school is not renewed. 	Onsite review of policy & procedures for maintaining records.	Compliant	<p>The charter school complies with NAC 386.360, and NAC 386.180 (3).</p> <p>Laure Turner is responsible for student records.</p> <p>Toby Wiedenmayer is responsible for student records if the charter school is dissolved.</p>
Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia Rodriguez, Marisol	<p>The teachers' class record books comply with regulation. NAC 387.165</p>	Onsite review of Teachers' class record books.	Compliant	The teachers' class record books comply with NAC 387.165.

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Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia Rodriguez, Marisol	The charter school provides the minimum number of days for a school year and the minimum number of minutes of instruction per day. (School provides a copy of school calendar and a daily schedule.) NAC 387.120 NAC 387.131 NAC 386.350	Offsite review of NDE calendar and daily calendar.	Compliant	Rainshadow Community Charter High School received approval from the Superintendent of Public instruction to operate on a nontraditional school calendar.
Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia Rodriguez, Marisol	The charter school has a procedure for documenting credit for courses completed successfully, including: NAC 386.150(8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Copies of transcripts and diplomas used to indicate the student has completed course work successfully and ○ The written policy of the charter school concerning the transfer of credit to another comparable school 	Onsite review of policy-completed course work and documenting transfer of credit.	Compliant	The charter school uses transcripts and diplomas for documenting credit for courses completed. A written policy documenting the transfer of credit to another comparable school was provided.
Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia, Rodriguez, Marisol	The charter school complies with all graduation and diploma requirements. NAC 389.664 NAC 389.663	Offsite review of policies and IC verification.	Compliant	The charter school complies with all graduation and diploma requirements.
Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia, Rodriguez, Marisol	The charter school complies with the requirements of the master register. NAC 387.171	Onsite review of statistical month reports.	Compliant	The charter school complies with all requirements of the master register.
Student Accounting	Mansfield, Cecilia, Rodriguez, Marisol	The charter school is connected to WCS D Student Information System (Infinite Campus) through the WCS D network and follows WCS D standards and procedures in relation to the WCS D Infinite Campus.	Offsite review of IC	Compliant	Rainshadow Community Charter High School is connected to WCS D Student Information System (Infinite Campus) and is following WCS D standards and procedures in relation to the WCS D Infinite Campus.
Assessment Division	Aird, Sandra	The charter school administers achievement and proficiency examinations in compliance with NRS 386.550 (1)(h), NRS 389.015.	Office review of test documents. Periodic onsite review of testing.	Compliant	

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Counseling Services	Loudon, Katherine	<p>Regarding the health and safety of pupils, the charter school complies with requirements for reporting abuse and neglect. NAC 386.410 (12) as it relates to NRS 432B and NRS 200.5092.</p> <p>Charter school administration Please provide the following: a. Evidence that training has occurred in the requirements of reporting abuse and neglect.</p>	Offsite review of training dates, PPT, and staff roster.	Compliant	504 in transition process. Provided new paperwork.
Counseling Services	Loudon, Katherine	<p>The charter school provides appropriate counseling and guidance services for its students, including students with disabilities and students at risk. If the charter school employs a Counselor, the Counselor holds a valid School Counselor license from the Nevada Department of Education.</p> <p>Charter school administration Please provide the following: Please provide the name of the counselor and a copy of the counselor's license.</p>	Offsite review of copy of license and list of students served.	Compliant	Alissa Wimet, full time
Curriculum	Fox, Kindra	<p>If the charter school is dedicated to providing educational programs and opportunities for pupils who are at risk, a determination whether the educational program and services provided to those pupils is appropriate and carried out in an effective manner.</p>	Site or electronic review of the following docs.: Lists and descriptions of education programs used for at-risk students; of services provided for at-risk students. Current list of	Compliant	See commentary below

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					<p>textbooks, supplemental curricula, intervention programs, software and other curriculum programs currently in use. Curriculum maps, pacing guides, lesson plans and/or other applicable curriculum documents to include documentation of how instruction is tied to standards and exams. School-wide assessments currently used to monitor student progress toward achieving state standards, if any. A current report</p>
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			of the progress that has been made on meeting your site's goals and objectives. Copy of the master schedule Course offering book and or/course description		
Curriculum	Fox, Kindra	The charter school provides instruction in the core academic subjects set forth in NRS 389.018 (1), as applicable for the grade levels of pupils.	Same as above.	Compliant	See commentary below
Curriculum	Fox, Kindra	The charter school provides instruction based upon the standards of content and performance established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards. NRS 389.019(1)(2)	Same as above.	Compliant	See commentary below
Curriculum	Fox, Kindra	At a minimum, the charter school provides and requires students to take the courses of study required of pupils by statute or regulation for promotion or graduation. NAC 386.410(18), NAC 389.664, NAC 389.445	Same as above.	Compliant	See commentary below
504	Loudon, Katherine	Regarding the health and safety of pupils, the charter school complies with Section 504 of Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. NAC 386.410 (12) Charter school administration Please provide the following: Evidence of the compliance with Section 504 of	Offsite review of scanned 504 documents.	Compliant	

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		the Title V Rehabilitation Act of 1973,			
Facilities Management	Hoppe, Charlie	<p>A determination whether each facility that the charter school occupies complies with applicable building codes, codes for the prevention of fire, and codes pertaining to safety, health and sanitation. NAC 386.410 (13)</p> <p>Charter school administration Please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Completed Inspection Form (11a.); b. Certificate of Occupancy; c. Copies of the building inspections for this school year; d. Most recent fire department inspection; e. Most recent health department inspection; f. A posted kitchen permit if lunches are being served. 	<p>Offsite review of electronic submission of documents noted.</p> <p>Onsite walkthrough.</p>	Compliant	
Human Resources	Reed, Deshawn	<p>The charter school complies with NRS 386.590, NRS 386.588, and NRS 386.593 regarding the employment of teachers and other educational personnel.</p>	<p>Offsite review of reports, random selection of files reviewed.</p> <p>Onsite review of new employee files.</p>	Compliant	
Human Resources	Reed, Deshawn	<p>Within 30 days after the first day of school, the charter school provided the sponsor with a list of the names and qualifications of all persons employed by the charter school. NAC 386.350(3)</p> <p>Not more than 30 days after the beginning of the school year, a list of names and qualifications of all persons employed at the charter school.</p>	<p>Offsite review of report submitted.</p>	Compliant	

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Human Resources	Reed, Deshawn	<p>The status of employees, and the rights and benefits provided to those employees, comply with NRS 386.595.</p> <p>Please provide a table including the employee name, position held, salary, and PERs contribution of each.</p>	Offsite review of docs./tables with information.	Compliant	
Human Resources	Reed, Deshawn	<p>A description of the manner in which the charter school maintains personnel records for its employees. NAC 386.410 (21)</p> <p>Please provide a description of how the personnel files are maintained.</p>	Offsite review of policy.	Compliant	
Information Technology	Martini, Mary	<p>The charter school is connected to WCSD Student Information System (Infinite Campus) through the WCSD network and follows WCSD standards and procedures in relation to the WCSD Infinite Campus.</p>	Offsite review of IC.	Compliant	
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi, Terry, Marie, Westerga rd, Cloe	<p>The charter school, its officers or its employees have complied with all financial terms and conditions of the written charter. NRS 386.535 (1)(a)(1)</p> <p>Please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the annual report of the budget; • an electronic copy of the independent annual audit. • a copy of the approved minutes where the audit was approved by your governing body (please provide draft minutes if the approved minutes cannot be provided by this date and follow-up with approved minutes at such time as they are approved). 	Offsite review of the three noted documents.	Non-Compliant	The external audit conducted for the fiscal year 2013-14 cited non-compliance with NAC 387.740. Expenditures exceeded amounts appropriated.

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Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie, Westergard, Cloe	The school has complied with generally accepted standards of accounting and fiscal management. NRS 386.535 (1)(a)(2)	Offsite review of annual audit, NDE audit. Onsite if change in administration, bookkeeping, auditors or auditor finding.	Non-Compliant	The external audit conducted for the fiscal year 2013-14 included a note stating that an expected decrease in donations for school year 2013-14 results in an uncertainty as to the school's ability to continue as a going concern. Internal auditor's financial projections for 2014-15 fiscal year also indicate expenditures will exceed revenues, resulting in a 24% decrease in the fund balance from the prior fiscal year.
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie, Westergard, Cloe	The charter school has not filed for a voluntary petition of bankruptcy, been adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, or been otherwise financially impaired such that the school is deemed unable to continue to operate. NRS 386.535 (1)(b)	Offsite review of annual audit, other documents.	Compliant	
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici,	The charter school has refrained from using public money to purchase real property or buildings without the approval of the sponsor. NRS 386.550 (1)(k)	Offsite review of affidavit attesting to no property purchased.	Compliant	

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	Jodi Terry, Marie Westerga rd, Cloe				
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie, Westerga rd, Cloe	The charter school has not operated for profit. NRS 386.553	Offsite review of audit.	Compliant	
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie, Westerga rd, Cloe	All money received by the charter school from the state and from the board of trustees of WCSD is deposited and maintained in a bank, credit union or other financial institution in this state. NRS 386.570 (2)	Offsite review of bank statements.	Compliant	
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen,	The charter school complied with applicable federal laws and regulations governing the provisions of any federal grants obtained for	Offsite review of grant docs./reports.	Compliant	

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	Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie Westerga rd, Cloe	the school. NRS 386.570 (6)			
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie Westerga rd, Cloe	The governing body of the charter school has designated a person to draw all orders for the payment of money belonging to the charter school and lists all orders using a cumulative voucher system. NRS 386.573 (1)	Offsite review of financial policies (if changed from year to year)	Compliant	
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie Westerga	The governing body of the school has prescribed the procedures by which the orders for payment must be approved and signed. NRS 386.573 (2)	Offsite review of financial policies (if changed from year to year)	Compliant	

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	rd, Cloe				
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie, Westerga rd, Cloe	All orders for payment of money to a member of the governing body of the school have been drawn only for salary, travel expenses, subsistence allowances or for services rendered by the member. NRS 386.573 (3)	Offsite review of expenditures or disclosures of Bd. Member payments.	Compliant	
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie, Westerga rd, Cloe	The annual report of the budget has been submitted to WCSD and the Nevada Department of Education on or before November 15th. NRS 386.600	Offsite review of report.	Compliant	
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici,	Except for those that may be authorized by specific statute or by the written charter of the charter school, the charter school does not charge tuition or fees. NAC 386.150 and NRS 386.550 (1)(©)	Offsite review of income, handbook.	Compliant	

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	Jodi Terry, Marie Westerga rd, Cloe				
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie Westerga rd, Cloe	The governing body of the charter school has ensured that a current written inventory of the equipment, supplies and textbooks of the charter school is maintained and has provided a copy of the current written inventory to WCSD as the charter school's sponsor. NAC 386.342(4)(a)(b)	Offsite review of inventory.	Compliant	
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie Westerga rd, Cloe	An annual audit has been completed in compliance with the performance requirements of NAC 386.380 and submitted to the governing body for review at a public meeting not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year for which the audit is conducted.	Offsite of audit and minutes.	Compliant	
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen,	The charter school utilizes the chart of accounts prescribed by the Nevada Department of Education.	Offsite review of chart of accounts.		

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	Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie Westerga rd, Cloe	NAC 386.390 (2)			
Internal Audit	Ward, Paula Callen, Kathy Burton, Darcy Quilici, Jodi Terry, Marie Westerga rd, Cloe	Not later than June 8 of last school year, the governing body of the charter school, at a public meeting, adopted its final budget for the charter school for the current fiscal year; the budget was prepared on forms prescribed by the Department. NAC 386.370 and NRS 386.550 (1)(n)	Offsite review of annual budget and board minutes.	Compliant	
Nutrition Services	Supple, Mike	If the charter school offers a nutrition program, the program complies with existing county, state, or federal requirements for that program.	Offsite review of books. Onsite observations and inspections per Regulations.	NA	
Office of School Improvement	Coombs, Ron Kuster, Nick	On or before November 15th of the latest year, the charter school provided the sponsor with a written description of the progress of the charter school in achieving the mission and goals of the charter school	Offsite review of SIP Goals/Progress per report submitted	Compliant	

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		<p>set forth in its application. NRS 386.600(1)(a)</p> <p>Please submit your goals for the previous school year and your progress toward achieving those goals by November 15th.</p>	Nov. 15.		
Options	Cooper, Stacey	<p>A determination whether the membership of the governing body of the charter school complies with NRS 386.549, AB 171, and NAC 386.345, including without limitation, whether:</p> <p>a. The governing board consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least two teachers as defined by chapter 391 of NRS and AB 171 • At least one person who is a parent or legal guardian of a pupil enrolled in the charter school who is not a teacher or administrator at the charter school • At least two people who possess knowledge and experience in one or more of the following areas: Accounting, Financial Services, Law, Human Resources <p>b. A majority of the members of the governing body of a charter school must reside in the county in which the charter school is located.</p> <p>c. The membership of the governing body of a charter school shall not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An employee of the governing body or charter school, including, without limitation, an administrator or teacher. • Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, any person who: 	Offsite review of Board Members and qualifications.	Compliant	

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		<p>1.Owns, operates, is employed by or receives compensation from a corporation, business, organization or other entity that enters into a contract with the governing body or charter school; or</p> <p>2.Is related by blood or marriage to a person described in subparagraph (1).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuant to the requirements of NRS 332.800, a person described in this paragraph may serve on the governing body if he has entered into a contract with the governing body to provide goods or services to the charter school without profit or at no cost to the charter school. The governing body shall maintain documentation of the terms of such a contract. • If a person serves on the governing body of a charter school as a representative of a nonprofit organization or business, not more than one other member of the governing body may also serve as a representative of that organization or business or otherwise represent the interests of that organization or business. In no event may representatives of the same organization or 		
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		<p>business serving on the governing body constitute a majority of the members of the governing body.</p> <p>d. If the membership of the governing body changes, the governing body provides written notice to WCSD within 10 working days after such change; and</p> <p>e. Each member of the governing body has filed an affidavit in accordance with NRS 386.549(2).</p>			
Options	Cooper, Stacey	<p>A determination whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The governing body has held at least one regularly scheduled public meeting in the county in which the charter school is located during each calendar quarter; • Each meeting complied with The Open Meeting Law, chapter 241 of NRS; • Meeting minutes are provided to the sponsor in accordance with NAC 386.345 (6) and NAC 386.345(7). 	Offsite review of agendas and minutes.	Compliant	
Options	Cooper, Stacey	<p>Upon examination of the agenda and minutes of each meeting of the governing body and the reports submitted to the governing body during each meeting, a determination whether the governing body is fulfilling its duty to evaluate the performance of each entity with whom the governing body has entered into a contract, including, without limitation, the performance of an educational management organization.</p> <p>NAC 386.400 NAC 386.405</p>	Offsite review of contract copies.	Compliant	

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Options	Foster, Sandi	A determination whether, if the charter school uses distance education, it complies with distance education law and regulations. (NRS 388.820, NAC 388.800)	Offsite review of Distance Education Plan. Onsite review of procedures and student files.	Compliant	
Risk Management	James, Jackie	A determination of whether the charter school maintains the type and amount of insurance (a) required by NAC 386.215, (b) in a manner that complies with paragraph (l) of subsection 1 of NRS 386.550, which may include workers' compensation insurance, or is otherwise prepared to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the sponsor of the charter school as required by that paragraph.	Offsite review of ins. Checklists as provided by ins. Agent.	Compliant	
School Police, Emergency Management Svcs.	Hood, Ronald	The charter school complies with NRS 392.450 by providing drills for pupils in the appropriate procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency and by posting escape routes. Charter school administration Please provide the following: a. Fire-drill history/schedule documentation; b. Fire exit maps posted in all classrooms and student areas.	Site Visit to verify Emergency Plan	Compliant	
Student Discipline	Freeman, Jeff, Washington, Wanda	Regarding student behavior, the charter school: NRS 386.585 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a copy of rules, consequences and disciplinary procedures • Maintains, for public inspection, a 	Offsite review of progressive discipline plan and Student Handbook.		

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		<p>copy of rules, consequences and disciplinary procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complies with policies and procedures for suspension and expulsion • Complies with policies and procedures for the suspension and expulsion of students with disabilities <p>Charter school Administration: Please provide a copy of the school's discipline plan containing the rules, consequences, disciplinary procedures for suspension and expulsion of students with and without disabilities.</p>			
Student Health Services	Crane, Jennifer,	<p>Regarding the health and safety of pupils, the charter school: NAC 386.410 (12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides adequate health services in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Management of accidents and illness ○ Management and reporting of communicable diseases; • Maintains records of the immunizations required of pupils in accordance with NRS 392.435; • Complies with NRS 392.420 requirements for the screening of vision, hearing, and scoliosis; and • If designated, complies with AB 354 requirements for screening of student height/weight. 	Onsite review of records	Compliant	Observed on 2/26/15 Records and policies were provided to show compliance of health and safety measures for the students, including compliance with Epi Pens.
Student	Crane,	<p>Regarding the health and safety of pupils, the charter school complies with</p>	Onsite review of records	Compliant	

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Health Services	Jennifer	<p>requirements for crisis response in public schools in accordance with NRS 392.600 to 392.656, inclusive.</p> <p>Charter school administration</p> <p>Please provide the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A copy of your school safety plan, b. Provide evidence of the following to the Health Office: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Management of accidents and illness; ii. Management of reporting of communicable diseases; iii. Maintenance of records of the immunizations required of pupils in accordance with NRS 392.435; iv. Compliance with NRS 392.420 requirements for the screening of vision, hearing, and scoliosis; and v. If designated, compliance with AB 354 requirements for screening of student height/weight. 			Records and policies were provided to show compliance of health and safety measures for the students, including compliance with Epi Pens.
Student Support Services	Jessica Medula, Matteoni, Jackie	<p>The school provides special education services as appropriate and as required by W.C.S.D. NRS 388 NRS 395 NAC 386.410(16) NAC 388.150 – 388.450 inclusive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The charter school maintains compliance in accordance with the Nevada Department of Education - Special Education monitoring tool. <p>Charter School Administration –</p> <p>Please provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to all special education records, and/or those records requested annually for special education 	<p>Offsite review of IC and Easy IEP.</p> <p>Onsite review of random selected files.</p>	Compliant	100% compliance

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Overall Comments:

The Curriculum and Instruction Department would like to thank the Rainshadow Charter School for their clear and concise documentation.

It also be noted that staff from Rainshadow often attend District Department Lead meetings and professional development offerings. Thank you!

If there is anything we can do to assist you, please let us know.

The course offering book indicates that Rainshadow offers appropriate courses in core academic subjects. Graduation requirements are clearly articulated and courses are offered so that students may earn the required credits.

Math

Four years of math are suggested for students, Math I (which consists of some Algebra 1 Content), Math II (Geometry), Math III (titled Algebra 2/Trig) and Math IV (Pre-Calculus). The NVACS are referenced in Math I and Math II but not written out and not referenced in Math III or Math IV.

Recommendations:

1. It is recommended that teachers create a flow chart to help ensure that stakeholders understand the course sequences available to students.
2. The course alignment to the NVACS is crucial as the new testing system will be in place for the state of Nevada in 2014-2015.
3. It is important to understand the standards that will be tested on the End Of Course Exams. This will ensure that you prepare your Algebra I students for such tests by aligning the content of your courses to the NVACS. Check the Nevada Department of Education website for more

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information.

Science

The core courses for science at Rainshadow are Natural Science, Earth Science, Physical Science and Science, Technology, & Society with themes that are interdisciplinary and have a real-world application. Sample lesson plans indicate that a variety of resources are used in addition to textbooks. The samples shown in the Materials section of the webpage for Interactive Notebooks provide great insight to the depth of the science curriculum.

Commendation:

Current science curriculum shows great implementing of project-based learning and projects that have interest for at-risk students. It will be easy to align these to the new Nevada Academic Content Standards for Science.

Recommendation:

As recommended in last year's report, the newly revised Nevada Academic Content Standards for Science (NVACSS aka NGSS) need to be implemented beginning in the 2015-16 school year. If you need additional information please contact Kelly Cannon (kcannon@washoeschools.net).

Social Studies

Rainshadow offers students 9th grade Geography, 10th grade World History, 11th grade U.S. History, and 12th grade Government. Each of these courses is fully aligned to the NVACS for Social Studies. Each course is designed in a coherent fashion and integrates standards from all four areas of social studies: economics, geography, history, and civics. The readings and activities demonstrate a commitment to content area literacy (NVACS for Literacy) as well as historical thinking skills like contextualization and corroboration.

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Commendation:

Rainshadow social studies teachers regularly attend professional learning opportunities offered by the State of Nevada and Washoe County School District. They are active participants in the social studies educator community and are implementing many core-aligned resources.

English

Rainshadow offers four solid English courses for students, and the courses flow nicely from one to the next. Texts selected for students show a balance between both literary and informational, as well as modern and classic works. In this way, Ms. Tullar is clearly thinking about the needs of her students and designing assignments that will appeal to them. An integration of different types of media is also evident: video, PowerPoint, articles, novels, etc., are used to make learning meaningful and relevant to students.

Students at Rainshadow also have the opportunity to experience writing in many different modes. Throughout their high school career, students have the opportunity to learn to write multiple types of essays as well as short stories, plays, and poetry. This reflects not only an attention to the NVACS but also a commitment to the philosophies of Rainshadow and its founding ideas. Ms. Tullar's assignments allow for an element of student choice and creativity, which shows a connection to her student population and a willingness to implement recommendations from previous reports.

Recommendations:

1. Because Ms. Tullar always seems willing to think about how to improve her practice, I would suggest that she think about how she is evaluating her students as writers. She has a full writing curriculum and one that is aligned to NVACS, but the rubrics shown on the website seem to be heavily weighted toward conventions. I would encourage the creation of standards-based measures for evaluating student work or methods wherein student writing is being responded to as a reader (audience-awareness, organization, idea development).
2. I would encourage her to look at the prioritized standards for the End of Course exams. They can be found at http://www.doe.nv.gov/Assessments/HS_End_of_Course_Exams/ The prioritized standards can be a good resource for planning and focusing instruction.

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