

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada Proposed Growth Plan

MAY 5, 2025



SPCSA's Proposed Motion 2023

Proposed motion: Approve the Thrive Point Academy of Nevada resubmitted application as submitted during the 2023 Application Cycle, with the conditions as permitted by NAC 388A.410 and as outlined below, based on a finding that the applicant has met the requirements contained in NRS 388A.249(3) in that the applicant has demonstrated competence in accordance with the criteria for approval prescribed by the SPCSA that will likely result in a successful opening and operation of the charter school.

1. Enrollment will be capped at 450 students in year two and each remaining year of the charter contract. Once the school is officially approved for the Alternative Performance Framework by the Nevada State Board of Education, the board may apply for an amendment to increase enrollment. If approved, the Thrive Point of Nevada enrollment cap will be:

School Year	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-2030
Grade Levels	9-12	9-12	9-12	9-12	9-12	9-12
Enrollment Cap	300	450	450	450	450	450



TPAN's Alternative Performance Framework (APF) Status

TPAN has exceeded the requirement of 75% of students meeting the criteria for alternative school status. TPAN's APF application was submitted by the Nevada Charter Authority staff and is on the consent agenda to be approved at the May 14 Nevada State Board of Education Board Meeting. This alternative school application was a major accomplishment and a team effort by the staff of TPAN along with members of the LMEG team and the TPAN school board. Congratulations to Vince Medina and his team for their diligent work.



TPAN's Alternative Performance Framework (APF) Status

Since the Alternative Performance Framework (APF) will be approved by the Nevada State Board of Education (NSBE) TPAN may apply for an amendment to increase enrollment. TPAN could request the enrollment growth plan that was already agreed upon by the SPCSA.

However, TPAN has proven that there is demand for our unique program and model. TPAN has met and exceeded our enrollment target when other schools have not. We believe TPAN should ask for an accelerated enrollment plan including a higher enrollment cap for each year and adding additional sites each year as well.

In light of the enrollment growth trends that we have noticed in Nevada as well as other states where LMEG schools operate, We would like to propose a new growth plan.



TPAN Growth Plan

(as submitted in revised 2023 Application)

PLANNED ENROLLMENT

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
K						
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9	75	100	125	150	175	200
10	75	100	125	150	175	200
11	75	125	175	225	275	325
12	75	125	175	225	275	325
Total	300	450	600	750	900	1050



TPAN Growth Plan

(as submitted in original 2023 Application)

PLANNED ENROLLMENT

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
K						
1						
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9	100	150	200	250	300	350
10	100	150	200	250	300	350
11	100	150	200	250	300	350
12	100	150	200	250	300	350
Total	400	600	800	1000	1200	1400



TPAN Proposed Growth Plan

(as of May, 2025)

PLANNED ENROLLMENT

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31
K						
1						
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4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9	150	225	300	375	525	635
10	150	225	300	375	525	635
11	150	225	300	375	525	635
12	150	225	300	375	525	645
Total	600	900	1200	1500	2100	2550



TPAN School Site Growth Plan

(as submitted in original 2023 Application)

In addition to enrollment growth TPAN had proposed adding additional school sites to be added over the next six years from 2024-25 to 2029-30.

FY2025 2nd School Site in 89030 Zip Code

FY 2027 3rd School Site in 89101 Zip Code

FY 2029 4th School Site in 89115 Zip Code

While TPAN would be happy to add these sites, we have updated the proposed School Site Growth Plan to align with the new proposed enrollment growth plan on the next slide.



TPAN Proposed School Site Growth Plan

(as of May 2025)

FY2025-26:

1st Las Vegas School Site	450
Reno online enrollment office	150

FY2026-27

1st Las Vegas School Site	450
Reno online enrollment office	150
2nd School Site North Las Vegas 89030	300

FY2027-28

1st School Site	450
2nd School Site North Las Vegas 89030	450
3rd School Site Reno 89431	300

FY2028-29

1st School Site	450
2nd School Site North Las Vegas 89030	450
3rd School Site Reno 89431	450
4th School Site Downtown LV 89101	300

FY2029-30

1st School Site	450
2nd School Site North Las Vegas 89030	450
3rd School Site Reno 89431	450
4th School Site Downtown LV 89101	450
5th School Site East LV 89115	300

FY2030-31

1st School Site	450
2nd School Site North Las Vegas 89030	450
3rd School Site Reno 89431	450
4th School Site Downtown LV 89101	450
5th School Site East LV 89115	450
6th School Site Henderson 89011	300



TPAN Growth Plan

TPAN needs to grow both with:

1. adding resource centers, and
2. growing the online student population.

Moving to Reno allows TPAN to:

1. add an additional campus outside of Clark County. Additionally,
2. TPAN is clearly recognized as a statewide virtual school with the capacity to enroll students throughout the state.

TPAN also plans to add additional resource centers in the four largest cities of Clark County:

1. Las Vegas,
2. Henderson,
3. North Las Vegas,
4. Enterprise.



Is there a need for more alternative education programs for high school students in Reno, Nevada

Yes, there is a clear and ongoing need for more alternative education programs for high school students in Reno, Nevada. While existing programs provide valuable support, current offerings may not fully address the diverse and growing needs of at-risk youth in the region.



Existing Alternative Education Options in Reno

Reno currently offers several alternative education programs aimed at supporting students who face challenges in traditional school settings:

- **ThrivePoint Nevada:** A tuition-free alternative high school serving students who are behind on credits, have been held back multiple times, receive special education services, are suspended or expelled, or are under court supervision. thrivepointnevada.com
- **Turning Point:** A self-contained program within the Washoe County School District (WCSD) designed for students requiring a more structured educational environment. washoeschools.net
- **Redfield Academy:** Operated by The Children's Cabinet, this program assists students at risk of dropping out by offering credit recovery and the opportunity to earn a traditional diploma or High School Equivalency (HSE). Children's Cabinet
- **Washoe Inspire Academy:** Focuses on creating a safe, caring, and academically rigorous environment for students needing alternative educational pathways. washoeschools.net
- **North Star Online School:** Provides a full-time, virtual public school option for students in grades K-12, offering flexibility for those who may not thrive in traditional settings. washoeschools.net



Alternative Schools Listed in Washoe County

Turning Point	+	Public, Alternative	1-12	Washoe County	15
North Star Online School	+	Public, Virtual, Alternative	K-12	Washoe County	640
Marvin Picollo Elementary	+	Public, Alternative	PK, KG-12	Washoe County	87
Gerlach K-12 School	+	Public, Alternative	K-12	Washoe County	23



Indicators of Unmet Needs

Despite these programs, several indicators suggest that the current alternative education landscape may not sufficiently meet the needs of all at-risk students:

- **Chronic Absenteeism:** WCSD has reported chronic absenteeism rates exceeding 24%, highlighting a significant portion of students disengaged from traditional schooling.
- **Graduation Rates:** Statewide data indicates that nearly one in five Nevada students does not graduate within four years, with higher dropout rates among English Language Learners, students with disabilities, those experiencing homelessness or in foster care, and students identifying as American Indian/Alaskan Native, Black/African American, or Hispanic/Latino.
- **Limited Program Capacity:** With only four alternative schools listed in Washoe County, the capacity to serve all students in need may be insufficient.



Opportunities for Expansion

The Nevada Department of Education emphasizes the importance of alternative education programs and encourages districts to assess and address local needs. Additionally, Governor Joe Lombardo's recent initiatives include the creation of an Office of School Choice and increased funding for educational programs, potentially providing resources for the development of new alternative education options. [Nevada Department of Education AP News](#)



Top Nevada Cities by Population and Growth Rate (2025)

Rank	City	2025 Population	Growth Rate (2020–2025)
1	Las Vegas	670,352	3.99%
2	Henderson	349,460	7.76%
3	North Las Vegas	300,475	5.80%
4	Reno	281,537	4.60%
5	Enterprise	254,706	3.98%



Reno's Population Growth Trends

City of Reno: As of July 1, 2023, the estimated population was 274,915, marking a 4.1% increase since April 2020. [Census.gov+1Reno Gazette Journal+1](#)

Reno-Sparks Metropolitan Area: Between July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024, the metro area grew by 8,124 residents, reaching a total population of 575,100. This represents a 1.43% annual growth rate. [Reno Gazette Journal](#)

Long-Term Projections: Forecasts suggest that the Reno metro area will continue to grow, with a projected population of 841,398 by July 2029, reflecting a 4% increase over five years. [Synergos Technologies, Inc.](#)



ThrivePoint Arizona Enrollment Trends

ThrivePoint Arizona has experienced rapid growth over the last three years. While ThrivePoint's resource centers are growing, recently the growth rate of ThrivePoint's 100% online program has grown at a more rapidly than has the enrollment at resource centers.

This trend is occurring for a variety of reasons. TPAN should be reviewing this data as well to prepare to take advantage of current and future trends. Currently TPAN has an enrollment cap, but once this cap is increased, online enrollments can grow within Nevada as TPAN waits for approval for additional resource centers.

It is in the best interest of TPAN to grow in both online enrollment and in resource center enrollment. This methodology will allow more students to be served and will allow TPAN to grow and become sustainable both academically and financially.

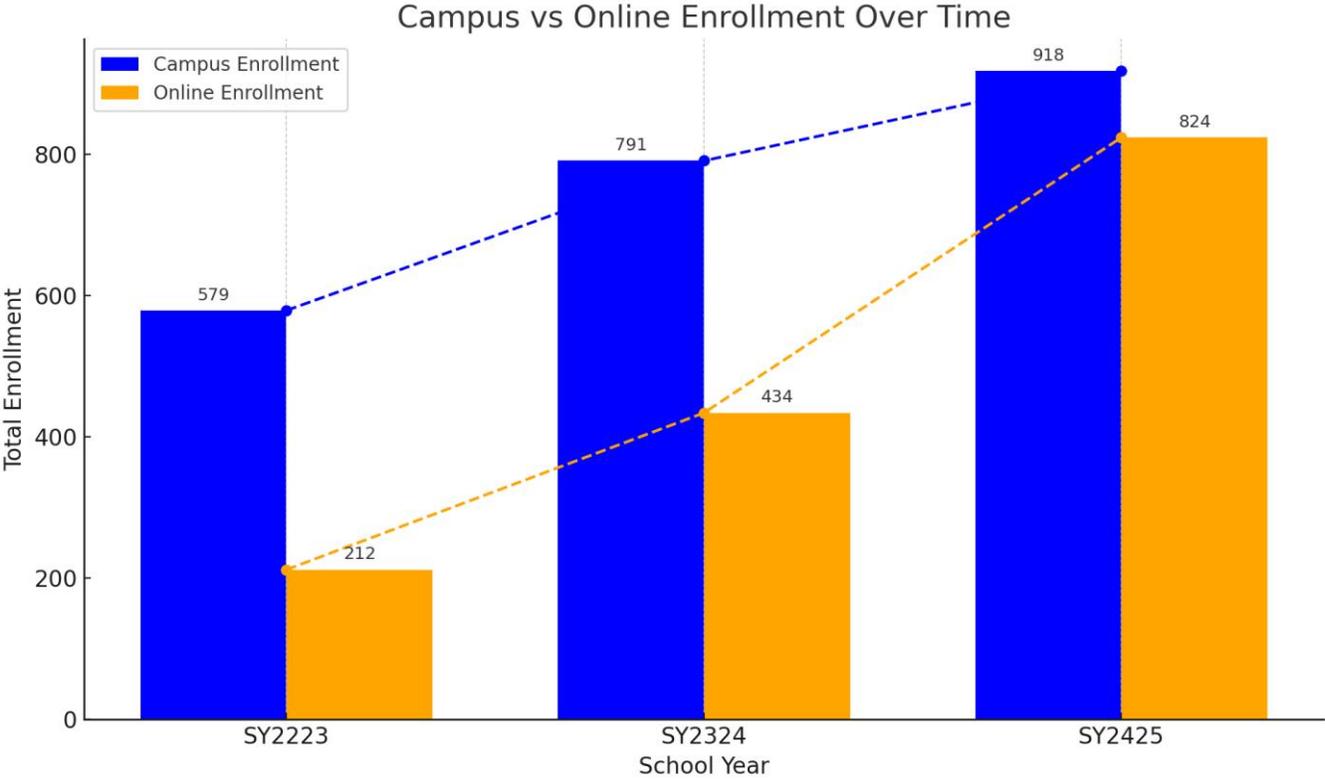


Raw Enrollment Numbers

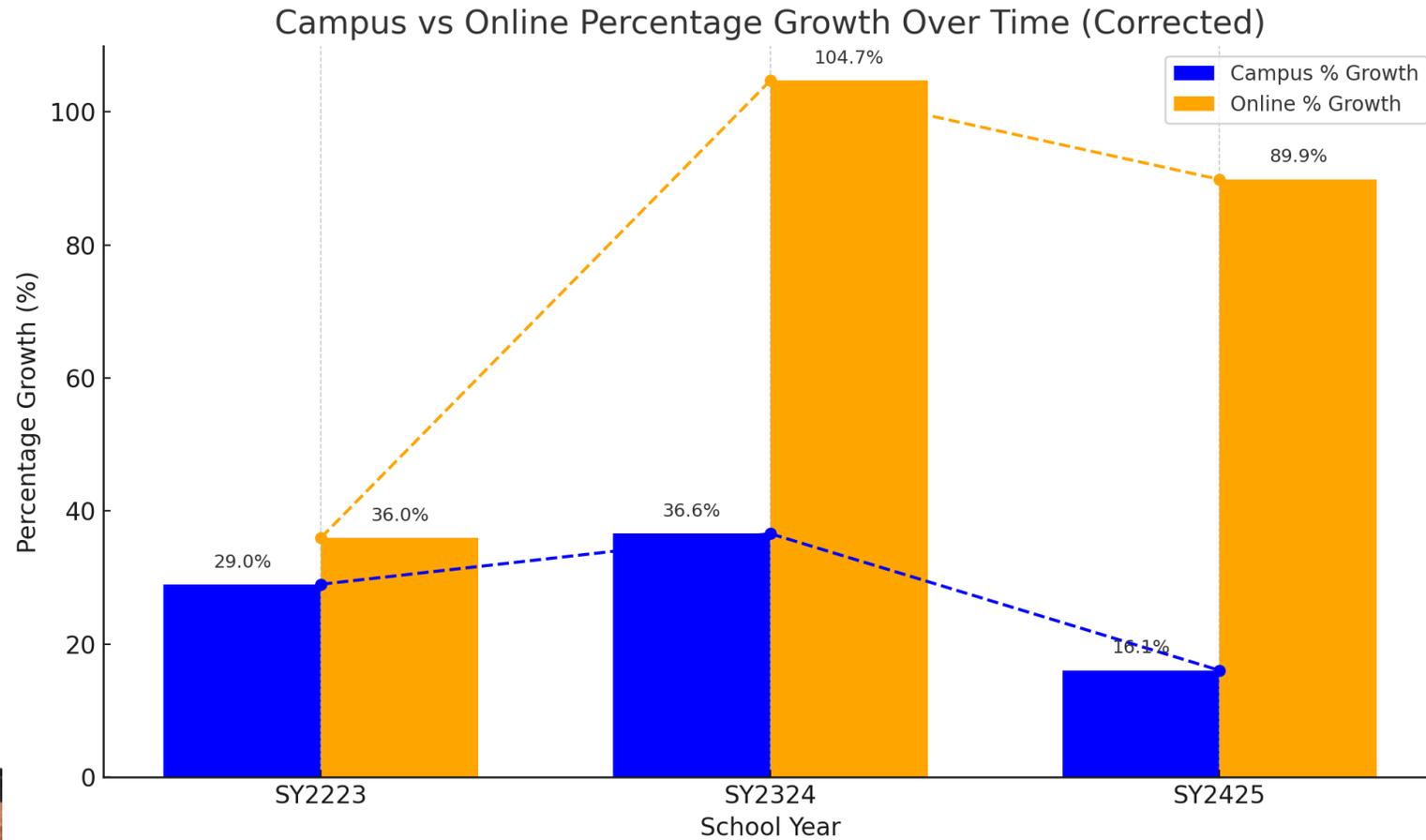
Academic Year	Campus Enrollment	Online Enrollment
SY2223	579	212
SY2324	791	434
SY2425	918	824



Campus vs Online Enrollment Over Time



Campus vs Online Percentage Growth over time (Corrected)



Key Takeaways from ThrivePoint Arizona Data

- 1. Online enrollment grew explosively** (105% in SY2324, ~90% in SY2425).
- 2. Campus growth slowed** (36.6% → 16.1%), while online growth remained high.
- 3. By SY2425, online enrollment is nearly matching campuses** (824 vs. 918).



Conclusion

TPAN is aware that there is a step-by-step process for both enrollment caps to be increased and for site expansion approvals.

It is our goal to potentially submit a notice of intent by September 1 of the fall cycle to inform the SPCSA of our intent to submit a request for amendment (RFA) by October 1-15. This possible RFA could include asking for:

1. an increase in TPAN's enrollment growth and
2. possibly begin working to add an additional resource center in North Las Vegas and
3. to possibly add an online student enrollment office in Reno.

At this point we are just surveying the areas of Reno and North Las Vegas to find out more about the need for additional campuses and to do our due diligence before submitting a formal RFA.

