# High Tech High Mesa

Address: 5331 Mt. Alifan, San Diego, CA 92111

Web site Address: [www.hightechhigh.org](https://www.hightechhigh.org/hthm/)

County-District-School Code: 37 76471 0137067

Charter Number: 0756

Charter Term: July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023

School Description: At High Tech High Mesa (HTHM), our curriculum is based on the High Tech High design principles of common intellectual mission, adult world connection, and personalization. Teachers, as curriculum designers, strive to create innovative project-based learning experiences that will engage our diverse group of students in complex, adult world projects through which they will develop and apply skills and knowledge. HTHM students engage with the world around them by creating projects that help them explore content area topics, and develop skills to apply their new knowledge. Students and teachers together develop personal qualities such as integrity, confidence, empathy, curiosity and reflection. HTHM students also take exploratory classes in Performing Arts, Engineering, and Visual Arts throughout the school year. All of our students participate in multiple Exhibition Nights across the year, where they demonstrate their learning to the community. All HTHM classrooms are fully inclusive, as our goal is that all students reach their potential.

Grade Levels Served: Grade Nine through Grade Twelve

2017–18 Enrollment: Not in operation

Site Based or Non-Site Based: Site Based

Dear Chief Operations Officer Heredia,

The California Department of Education, Charter Schools Division, provides an annual academic update to the State Board of Education (SBE) in the form of an Academic Memo for each of the SBE-authorized charter schools. This information below is being provided to each SBE-authorized school in preparation for the annual Academic Memo that will be presented to the SBE members in June.

**Written Response Needed: (no more than 3 pages)**

Provide a written response by **April 26, 2019**, by addressing the following points:

* Based on Statewide Benefit Charter – High Tech High Mesa (SBC−HTHM) internal benchmark assessments identify the greatest progress and greatest need
* Provide a summary of the performance in Element 2 (Measurable Pupil Outcomes) in the petition
* Provide a summary of progress made in meeting SBC−HTHM’s first Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) deadline of July 1, 2019, including information on the ongoing process and stakeholder engagement.

CDE will be reviewing your LCAP and this written response during monthly calls with the school as part of oversight.

**Renewal Criteria**

SBC−HTHM is up for renewal in 2022.

Additionally, please be aware that California *Education Code* Section 47607 sets forth grounds for renewing a petition.

1. The authority that granted the charter shall consider increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by the charter school as the most important factor determining whether to grant a charter renewal.
2. The entity that granted the charter determines that the academic performance of the charter school is at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools that the charter school pupils would otherwise have been required to attend, as well as the academic performance of the schools in the school district in which the charter school is located, taking into account the composition of the pupil population that is served at the charter school.

CDE will be reviewing the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress results as part of the renewal process if SBC−HTHM submits its renewal petition to the SBE for approval.

The following is a list of schools within a 5 mile radius where the students would otherwise attend:

* Clairemont High
* San Diego Metro Career and Tech
* Madison High
* Twain High
* University City High

The academic performance of these schools may be used as the comparison schools for purposes of renewal.

To further assist you, CDE has the following resources available to the school:

California Dashboard: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/>

LCAP Resources: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc/planninglcapschoolplan.asp>