

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

Arizona State Board of Education

1700 W. Washington St., Room 164, Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 364-3080 Fax (602) 364-3089

www.asbcs.az.gov

RECEIVED JAN 18 2010

PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Academy Del Sol, Inc. (CTDS) 108734000

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 8379 W. AVECENNA ST.

(City, State) Tucson, AZ (Zip) 85757

(Charter Representative's Name) Sara Riegert

(Phone Number) (520) 325-2800 (Fax Number) (520) 325-2811

Failure to submit all required documentation will result in the Amendment Request being returned without being processed. Faxed copies will not be accepted. Please send originals.

✦ Changes in instructional methodology, and/or delivery that affects the emphasis, program of instruction or mission as described in the charter

Included are the following:

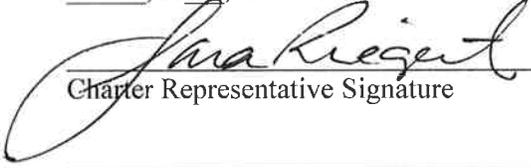
- Board minutes approving the change (If the body is subject to Open Meeting Law, minutes must comply with ARS §38-431.01)
- Narrative describing the change, the rationale for the change, and how the change will meet the ASBCS' adequate level of academic performance for student achievement.

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Academy Del Sol, Inc. (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: August, 2010

TO: expiration of charter

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 12th day of January 2010 and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this ____ day of ____, 20__, to take effect at such time as it is signed by both parties.



Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

January 12, 2009

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
Arizona State Board of Education
1700 W. Washington St., Rm. 164
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Program of Instruction Amendment Request-Implementation of Placement Assessment for
New 7th Grade Students

Dear Board Members of the ASBCS:

Academy Del Sol is pleased to present this program of instruction amendment request for your review, as it proposes the implementation of placement examinations in order to place students in developmentally appropriate grade levels. This amendment is pending the approval from the ASBCS to allow Academy Del Sol to begin serving students in 7th grade beginning in August 2010.

This amendment request meets the ASBCS' adequate level of academic performance for student achievement by allowing students appropriate placement, thus, producing student academic success and motivation. This will, in turn, promote student retention in schools and decrease the student dropout rates, as students will feel successful and work to achieve their academic goals.

Students entering 7th grade from an outside school will have to be placed by means of a reading, writing, and math placement examination. However, students entering 7th grade immediately following enrollment in the Academy Del Sol 6th grade system, will be exempt from completing a placement examination, as their current levels will already be known as a result of formerly attending Academy Del Sol. Proficiency in two of three content areas (reading, writing, or math), will result in a student being placed at the 7th grade level. Should a student demonstrate nonproficiency in one of three content areas, a determination will be made as to whether the student will need summer school.

This placement policy will not "exclude" students from attending Academy Del Sol. Instead, it will provide for the best matched learning opportunity to be provided to each student; differentiating instruction and setting up students for academic success.

Under this policy, students will not be placed above or below one grade level. For example, a child who is slated to enroll in 7th grade, may be enrolled in classes no lower than 6th grade.

Placement in a higher grade level may occur when Academy Del Sol begins offering 8th grade during the 2011-2012 academic school year pending future amendment requests. This placement policy is to begin in 7th grade during the 2010-2011 school year, and continue for all new enrollees in grade levels above 6th grade.

Academy Del Sol appreciates your time in reviewing our school's plans for our upcoming and subsequent school years. Thank you for your consideration of our amendment request.

Sincerely,

Sara Riegert
Charter Holder/Director
Academy Del Sol



Academy Del Sol
4525 E. Broadway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85711

PHONE (520) 325-2800
FAX (520) 325-2811
E-MAIL www.academydelsol@gmail.com
WEB SITE www.academydelsol.com

Academy Del Sol
Jan 5, 2010
4525 E. Broadway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85711

Members Present-

Sara Riegert, President/Chairperson
Jason Riegert, Secretary/Treasurer
Joe Riegert, Member
Jackie Riegert, Member
Dan Jitaru, Member

Members Absent

Gabrielle Lee, Member
Kyle Johnston, Member

Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item A: Call to Order (Sara Riegert)

Agenda Item B: Roll Call

Jason Riegert called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

Agenda Item C: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item D: Reading of the Academy Del Sol mission statement

Academy Del Sol's mission is to provide all students, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or ethnicity; with a superior quality education that will instill students with the "essentials" of academic knowledge that will have infinite importance to people everywhere. This education is not only limited to nurturing a student's intellect in teaching them how to think, but it also nurtures their body and spirit while allowing students to "learn by doing."

Agenda Item E: N/A

Agenda Item F: Information Item

Sara Riegert outlined the amendments that Academy Del Sol will be filing with the state charter board this January. These amendments included the exemption to USFRCS, Procurement, and adding 7th grade. She also mentioned there would be additional added depending on the evenings votes.

Academy Del Sol
Jan 5, 2010
4525 E. Broadway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85711

Jason Riegert then briefly discussed some of the pending entitlement grants: NCLB allocation, IDEA charter school expansion, ARRA. Sara Riegert then informed the board about the process to submit and the process for review of the AZCSIP Grant that the school is applying for currently.

Agenda Item G: Consent Agenda

N/A

Agenda Item H: Action Item

The board discussed the importance of adding an additional 15 minutes onto Academy Del Sol's already extended school day. This would allow for additional teaching time for Science, Social Studies, and Practical life, and would allow the students to continue receiving 60 minutes of Art during the school day. The board discussed any disadvantages, or perhaps hardships that this might cause families.

The board then discussed testing students for grade level placement for grades 7 and above. Students entering ADS from other schools would have to take a placement test in order to ensure that they are up to taking on the rigorous academic demands of the school and to ensure their success at ADS. The board discussed how the students who are continuing with ADS would already show proficiency in 2 of the 3 core content areas (reading, writing, math), or they would have been placed in 6th grade. ADS will not test K-5 students, but would continue to support students who are struggling with remedial programs and support.

MOTION

Joe Riegert made the motion to apply for the amendment to add 15 minutes to the instructional day. Dan Jitaru seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

MOTION

Joe Riegert made the motion to apply for an amendment to add the requirement of placement testing for new students entering ADS from other schools in grades 7 and above. Jackie Riegert seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

**Academy Del Sol
Jan 5, 2010
4525 E. Broadway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85711**

Item I: Announcements

Sara Riegert announced the next meeting will be held on the regular board meeting day of January 12th at 4525 E. Broadway Blvd. At 6:30p.m.

Agenda Item J: Adjournment

Being there was no further business, the chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

 _____ 1/12/10
Signature Date