

Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

Name:
Ambassador Academy

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07-85-29-000

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Current Grade Levels

Current Grade Levels Served

- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade

New Grade Levels

For each grade level being added, provide the following as a representation of a program of instruction aligned to the State's approved academic standards and to methods of instruction described in the charter. Please note that a separate upload must be prepared for each grade level and content area and be named as such. Additionally, applicants must restate the name of the file in the Brief Description box (e.g., First Grade Reading, HS Algebra II).

For K-8

Language Arts & Math: A completed curriculum sample for reading, writing, and math for each grade level being added including all attachments as outlined on the [required template and instructions](#).

For 9-12

Language Arts & Math: A completed curriculum sample for reading, writing, and math coursework for each grade level being added including all attachments as outlined on the [required template and instructions](#). Each course must align with the State's graduation requirements.

Add Grade Levels

6th

Curriculum Samples

No documents were uploaded.

Effective Date

07/01/2015

Attachments

Board Minutes —  [Download File](#)

Narrative —  [Download File](#)

Timeline for implementation —  [Download File](#)

Additional Information

 [Download File](#) — Eligibility Form

 [Download File](#) — Ambassador Academy Letter of Intent

Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Elba Reyes 04/20/2015

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

AMBASSADOR ACADEMY

(An Arizona non profit corporation)

Meeting was held on the 14th day of April, 2015 at 3820 East Ray Road, Phoenix AZ 85044, in accordance with open meeting law of the State of Arizona. The meeting was officially called to order by Dr. Reyes at 3:15 pm.

Agenda Items:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call:
Dr. Elba I. Reyes, Chairperson
Ms. Elizabeth Melter, Secretary
Mr. Jared Repinski
3. Principal's Announcements:
 - a. n/a
4. Action Items
 - i. Motion to approve the board meeting minutes from the February 12, 2015 board meeting. Motion was made by Ms. Melter and seconded by Mr. Repinski. Motion passed 3-0.
 - ii. Motion was made to approve all financials to date. Motion was made by Ms. Melter and seconded by Mr. Repinski. Motion passed 3-0.
 - iii. Motion was made to add 6th, 7th, and 8th grades to the Ambassador Academy charter to be added as needed. Motion was made by Mr. Repinski and seconded by Ms. Melter. Motion passed 3-0.
 - iv. Motion was made to continue moving forward with new lease terms for 3820 East Ray Road, Phoenix, Az. New lease terms would be for 5 years with a stipulation that Ambassador Academy is able to terminate the lease early if needed, as long as building owner is given one year's notice before departure. Motion was made by Ms. Melter and seconded by Mr. Repinski. Motion passed 3-0.
 - v. Motion was made to approve the retirement of Dr. Elba I Reyes as Principal of Ambassador Academy, effective June 30, 2015. Motion was made by Ms. Melter and seconded by Mr. Repinski. Motion passed 3-0.
 - vi. Motion was made to retain Dr. Elba I Reyes as Superintendent with the stipulation that she continue to receive accrued salary to date. The school will also pay for her vision and dental health coverage. Motion was made by Ms. Melter and seconded by Mr. Repinski. Motion passed 3-0.
 - vii. Motion was made to offer teaching contracts to Ms. Debra Newman, Mrs. Kate Luscombe, and Ms. Karen Ernes for the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Ernes' contract will be as a long-term substitute. In addition, teaching aide contracts will be offered to Ms. Danielle Russo and Mrs. Donna Wright. All salaries remain frozen for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was made by Ms. Melter and seconded by Mr. Repinski. Motion passed 3-0.
 - viii. Motion was made to appoint Ms. Elizabeth Melter as Principal of Ambassador Academy for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion includes offering contract for Principal and as 6th grade teacher. Motion was made by Dr. Elba I Reyes and seconded by Mr. Repinski. Motion passed 3-0.

With no other business to present or discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Melter and seconded by Mr. Repinski. Motion passed 3-0.

Dated as of this 15th day of April, 2015

Elizabeth Melter, Secretary



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ADDING GRADE LEVELS TO CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUEST

Narrative

➤ **Rationale for the increase in grade levels served**

This grade addition is a logical progression for our students. Within the elementary school setting through grade 5, the students have developed a strong elementary school academic foundation. Parents, faculty, and Governing agree that including a sixth grade provides the students' more readiness toward their college and career success.

➤ **How the additional grade supports the philosophy, methods of instruction, special emphasis, and mission of the charter**

Adding a sixth grade furthers the charter's mission of preparing future leaders through sound academic learning environments, and leadership and character development. Furthermore, as evidenced by the interactive activities in the curriculum samples, the dialogic communities of student learning fostered in the curriculum, the peer critique activities, and the comprehensive assessments integrated into the curriculum, the proposed six grade directly supports our philosophy, our methods of instruction, our special emphasis, and our mission.

➤ **Timeline for implementation**

Sixth grade students would start August of FY 16 school year/

➤ **Proficiency level required for credit and/or promotion and credit transfer policies**

As with our other grades, students must pass all standards with a proficiency of 80% or better to be promoted to 7th grades. Charter goal is for at least a 90% mastery level.

➤ **Changes in staffing that comply with the Highly Qualified federal guidelines**

Ambassador Academy intends to continues to hire highly qualified teachers, including for the 6th grade

Dr. Elba Iris Reyes, Charter Representative

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