

Instructional Days Amendment Request

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Contractual Days

180

To
175


Fiscal Year Effective Date
2015

Type of Change
Permanent Change

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No documents were uploaded.

Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Daniel Scoggin 01/20/2015

ANTHEM PREPARATORY ACADEMY
Board of Directors Minutes

Date: 29 April 2014

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: Anthem Preparatory Academy

A meeting of the Great Hearts Academies-Anthem Prep Board of Directors was held at Anthem Preparatory Academy, 39808 North Gavilan Peak Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85086, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice having been duly given.

I. Call to Order

Ms. Chaney called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. The following directors/administrators were present/absent:

Directors	Office	Present	Absent	Notes
Andrew Ellison	President	x		4:12 p.m. arrival
Alison Chaney	Vice President	x		
Dave Beskar	Secretary	x		
Brandon Crowe	Director	x		
Lance Sherwood	Director	x		
Alan Uhlemann	Director	x		
Administration				
Bryan Smith	Headmaster, APA	x		
Doug Pillsbury	Athletic Director, APA	x		
Meg Clarke	Staff Accountant, GH	x		
Diane Tyson	Director of Academy Giving, APA	x		

II. Call to the Public

Ms. Chaney made a call to the public at 4:09 p.m. There		
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was no public present.		
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III. Approval of Consent Agenda

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IV. Review and Possible Approval of the SY 2014-15 Calendar

Mr. Smith verified that the number of instructional hours is compliant with the state requirements.		
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	Mr. Beskar made a motion that the board approves the SY 2014-15 calendar. Mr. Sherwood seconded, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried at 4:12 p.m.	
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V. Review and Possible Approval of the SY 2014-15 Extracurricular and Field Trip Fee Schedule

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VI. Headmaster's Report

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VII. Financial Report

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VIII. Great Hearts Reports

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IX. Possible Executive Session

N/A.		
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X. Leave Executive Session

N/A.		
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XI. Possible Motions from Executive Session

N/A.		
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XII. Announcements/Adjournment

		Mr. Sherwood made a motion that the board adjourns. Mr. Uhlemann seconded, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried at 5:36 p.m.
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Submitted by Dave Beskar, Secretary
-Allison Harmon, Scribe-

Anthem Preparatory Academy 2014-2015 School Year

Normal School Hours: K-2nd 8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m., 3rd-8th 8:00 a.m.-3:05 p.m., 9th-12th 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
JULY			1	2	3	4	5	JANUARY					1	2	3	
			so	so	so	so	WK							BR	BR	WK
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	WK	so	so	so	so	so	WK			WK	NIS	NIS	HD	HD	HD	WK
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19			11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	WK	so	so	so	so	so	WK			WK	FD	FD	FD	FD	FD	WK
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26			18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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27	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
WK	so	so	so	so				WK	FD	FD	FD	FD	HD	WK		
AUGUST						1	2	FEBRUARY								
						so	WK			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			WK	FD	FD	FD	FD	FD	WK
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	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			WK	FD	FD	FD	FD	HD	WK
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	17	18	19	20	21	22	23			WK	H	FD	FD	FD	FD	WK
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30		WK	FD	FD	FD	FD	FD	WK		
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SEPTEMBER								MARCH								
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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NOVEMBER								MAY								
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29		24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
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December								JUNE								
	30	1	2	3	4	5	6			31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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	WK	FD	FD	FD	FD	FD	WK			WK	so	so	so	so	so	WK
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
WK	BR	BR	BR	H	BR	WK		WK	so	so	so	so	so	WK		
28	29	30	31					28	29	30						
WK	BR	BR	BR					WK	so	so						

	Half Day	Early Release	Full Day
July	0	0	0
August	1	0	14
September	1	0	20
October	0	0	18
November	1	0	16
December	0	0	15
January	4	0	13
February	1	0	18
March	1	0	16
April	1	0	20
May	3	0	12
June	0	0	0

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NARRATIVE

Anthem Preparatory Academy is approved for 180 instructional days. In creating the calendar for the FY15 school year the administrative staff with the approval of the school's Board of Directors set the number of instructional days at 175.

The reason for reducing the number of instructional days was two-fold: a) to provide more instructional time per period per day and b) to provide additional non-instructional days within the school year for professional development for teachers. Both of these actions result in improved pupil achievement since a) increasing the amount of instructional time per period provides time for more intense and focused instruction and for teachers to spend more time with students who may require additional help in understanding the concepts presented in the lesson and b) providing additional days for professional development increases the effectiveness of the school's teachers in delivering instruction and meeting students' academic needs.

The school calendar and daily instructional schedule provided demonstrate compliance with ARS §15-901 regarding instruction for each grade served as follows:

- The Calendar shows the total number of instructional half-days (13), early release days (0) and full days (162), which add to the total 175 instructional days for the year.
- The Daily Instructional Schedule for each grade (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) provides two tables: the one on the left shows the periods that meet on each full day and half day and the total amount of non-instructional time, instructional time, and passing period time (6-12) for each category; in grades 6-12, passing minutes count as instructional minutes if they occur between instructional classes. The total instructional minutes (shown in the column labeled Attendance Minutes Countable) for full days is highlighted in blue and for half days in orange. These color-coded instructional minutes are carried over to the table on the right, which shows the number of full days, half days, and early release days for each month of the school year in the green columns. The color-coded instructional minutes are at the top of each green column with the total number of days in each category (full day, half day, early release day) at the bottom of each green column. Multiplying the total number of days in each category by the number of instructional minutes at the top of each column provides the total number of instructional minutes per year for each category, which is the number in red below each green column. Dividing each of these red numbers by 60 provides the number of instructional hours per year for each category, which is the number in blue below the number in red. The total instructional hours per year is at the bottom of column 5.

For Anthem Preparatory Academy, the total number of instructional hours provided per year in each grade served compared to the number required by ARS §15-901 is:

GRADE	INSTRUCTIONAL HRS PROVIDED	INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS REQUIRED
K	596.83	356
1	948.92	712
2	989.42	712
3	1,061.25	712
4	1,047.75	890
5	1,047.75	890
6	1,016.42	890
7	1,016.42	1,000
8	1,016.42	1,000
9	969.43	720
10	969.43	720
11	969.43	720
12	969.43	720

In every grade, as shown by the Daily Instructional Schedule, the number of instructional hours provided by Anthem Preparatory Academy in its 175 day calendar is greater than the number of instructional hours required by ARS §15-901, thereby demonstrating compliance with the statute.

The timeline for implementing the 175 day calendar is the FY15 school year. The change will be implemented at Anthem Prep only, and there are no concurrent requests being submitted.