

# Instructional Days Amendment Request

## Charterholder Info

### Charter Holder

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Arete Preparatory Academy

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## Contractual Days

180

**To**  
174


**Fiscal Year Effective Date**  
2015

**Type of Change**  
Permanent Change

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## Signature

**Charter Representative Signature**  
Daniel Scoggin 11/10/2014

**MESA PREPARATORY ACADEMY**  
**Board of Directors Minutes**

Date: 14 April 2014

Time: 5 p.m.

Location: Mesa Preparatory Academy

A meeting of the Great Hearts Academies-Mesa Prep Board of Directors was held at Mesa Preparatory Academy, 1303 S. Lindsay Road, Mesa, AZ 85204, notice having been duly given.

**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Mapes called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. The following directors/administrators were present/absent:

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Kiann Mapes	President	x		
Karen Tibbitts	Vice President	x		
Maidi Terry	Secretary		x	
Diane Bishop	Director	x		By phone
Andrew Ellison	Director	x		By phone
Lois Yates	Director		x	
<b>Administration</b>				
Robert Wagner	Headmaster, MPA/Dean of GH Athletics	x		
Ramsey Margison	School Accounting Manager, GH	x		
Brienne Esones	Staff Accountant, GH	x		
Michele Wilson	Director of Academy Giving, MPA	x		

**II. Call to the Public**

Ms. Mapes made a call to the public at 5:19 p.m. There 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**

The instructional hours have been checked and meet the state requirements.		Ms. Tibbitts made a motion that the board approves the SY 2014-15 calendar. Ms. Bishop seconded, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried at 5:22 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. Financial Report**

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**VII. Headmaster's Report**

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**VIII. Great Hearts Reports**

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**IX. Enter Executive Session**

To discuss an employee issue.  <i>Minutes transcribed separately.</i>		
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**X. Leave Executive Session**

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**IX. Possible Motions from Executive Session**

None.		
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**IX. Announcements/Adjournment**

		Ms. Tibbitts made a motion that the board adjourns. Ms. Bishop seconded, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried at 6:07 p.m.
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Submitted by Maida Terry, Secretary  
-Allison Harmon, Scribe-

**Arete Preparatory Academy**  
**2014-2015 School Year**

Normal School Hours: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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

	Full Day	Half Day	Early Release
	FD	HD	ER
July	0	0	0
August	11	0	3
September	16	1	4
October	10	4	3
November	13	1	3
December	10	2	3
January	12	2	4
February	15	0	4
March	12	1	3
April	16	0	5
May	11	3	2
June	0	0	0

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 174

## NARRATIVE

Arete Preparatory Academy (formerly named Mesa Preparatory Academy) was approved for 180 instructional days in its application. 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 174. 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:

### Explanation of the Calendar

The Calendar shows the total number of instructional full days (126), half days (14) and early release days (34), which add to the total 174 instructional days for the year.

### Explanation of the Daily Instructional Schedule

The Daily Instructional Schedule for each grade (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) provides two tables: the one on the left shows the periods that meet on each full day, half day, and early release day and the total amount of non-instructional time, instructional time, and passing period time 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, for half days in orange and for early release days in yellow. These color-coded instructional minutes are carried over to the table on the right, which displays 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 Arete 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
6	1,003.17	890
7	1,003.17	1,000
8	1003.17	1,000
9	992.67	720
10	992.67	720
11	992.67	720
12	992.67	720

In every grade, as shown by the Daily Instructional Schedule, the number of instructional hours provided by Arete Preparatory Academy in its 174 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 174 day calendar is the FY15 school year.