A.4 School Calendar and Weekly schedule

ALP will run on a traditional, five-day week schedule beginning in early August and finishing the end of May. This schedule was chosen to align with the local school districts. ALP anticipates that students enrolled in the school will have siblings in area schools and therefore aligning our calendar with the unified school districts will appeal to our target population.

ALP will have a 180-day school year and a lengthened school day, providing students with more breaks between subjects and increased minutes for core academic instruction. This is in alignment with our target population who are learning in three languages.

The school also believes that literacy is the driving focus of academic success and, therefore, we have 85 minutes of literary instruction for kindergarten classes and 120 minutes of literacy instruction for first to third grades each day. We also believe that the other core subjects, math, science and social studies are an important component to a balanced education; therefore these academic subjects will be taught 75 minutes for kindergarten classes and 200 minutes for first to third grades each day. There will be an early dismissal once per month for staff development. Kindergarten students will be dismissed at first recess of the day while higher grades will be dismissed at the lunch recess. During the October 2013 and March 2014, there will also be early dismissals for parent/teacher conferences. The early dismissal accounts for 75 minutes of academic time for kindergarten and 140 minutes of academic time for higher grades. Our school hours for full day students (all grades except kindergarten) are from 8:00am to 3:00pm (total 7 hours). ALP offers two half day kindergarten programs. AM program begins at 8:00AM and ends at 11:15AM while PM program begins at 11:45AM and ends at 3:00PM. All other grades in ALP start at 8:00AM and ends at 3:00PM. We believe that with our extended school operating hours, our students will have guaranteed success. The school will teach the core academic subjects 469 hours per school year (factored in the early dismissal time for the year) versus the 356 hours that are required by A.R.S. 15-901 for kindergarten and 939 hours per school year (factored in the early dismissal time for the year) for higher grades.

Kindergarten Daily Schedule (ALP offers two half day kindergarten programs – AM program and PM program)

<u>Minutes per day</u>
Language Arts - 85 minutes
Math - 45 minutes
Science/Social studies - 30 minutes

<u>Total minutes per day</u> (excluding attendance, exercises, snack and recess)
160 minutes

Time	Activity
8:00am – 8:05am (AM) 11:45am – 11:50am (PM)	Attendance (5 minutes)
8:05am – 8:15am (AM) 11:50am – 12:00pm (PM)	Morning Exercises (Entire School) (10 minutes)
8:15am – 8:25am (AM) 12:00pm – 12:10pm (PM)	Journaling (10 minutes)
8:25am – 8:40am (AM)	Circle Time (15 minutes)

12:10pm – 12:25pm (PM)	
8:40am – 9:00am (AM) 12:25pm – 12:45pm (PM)	Read Aloud (book is connected to the thematic unit) (15 minutes)
9:00am – 9:45am (AM) 12:45pm – 1:30pm (PM)	Literary Block (include all parts of a balanced literacy program) (45 minutes)
9:45am – 10:00am (AM) 1:30pm – 1:45pm (PM)	Snack and Recess (15 minutes)
10:00am – 10:30am (AM) 1:45pm – 2:15pm (PM)	Math (30 minutes)
10:30am – 10:45am (AM) 2:15pm – 2:30pm (PM)	SSR (include computer reading programs) (15 minutes)
10:45am – 11:15am (AM) 2:30pm – 3:00pm (PM)	Thematic Units (Social Studies, Math, Science, Technology, Projects, Individualized Learning) (30 minutes)
11:15am (AM) 3:00pm (PM)	Dismissal

First, Second and Third Grades Daily Schedule

Minutes per day
Language Arts - 120 minutes
Math - 110 minutes
Science/Social studies - 90 minutes

Total minutes per day (excluding attendance, exercises, snack and recess)
320 minutes

Time	Activity
8:00am – 8:05am	Attendance (5 minutes)
8:05am – 8:15am	Morning Exercises (entire School) (10 minutes)
8:15am – 8:30am	Journaling (15 minutes)
8:30am – 8:45am	Morning Meeting (calendar, discuss the day, review from previous day) (15 minutes)
8:45am – 9:00am	Read Aloud (book is connected to the thematic unit) (15 minutes)
9:00am – 10:00am	Math (60 minutes)
10:00am – 10:15am	Snack and Recess (15 minutes)
10:15am – 11:30am	Literary Block (include all parts of a balanced literacy program) (75 minutes)
11:30am – 12:15pm	Lunch and Recess (45 minutes)
12:15pm-12:30pm	SSR (include computer reading programs) (15 minutes)
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Thematic Units (Social Studies, Math, Science, Technology, Projects, Individualized Learning) (90 minutes)
2:00pm – 2:15pm	Recess (15 minutes)
2:15pm – 2:50pm	Math (35 minutes)
2:50pm – 3:00pm	Wrap up (10 minutes)
3:00pm	Dismissal

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AUGUST 2013

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

12 First Day for Students
23 Staff Development Early Release

SEPTEMBER 2013

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	7	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

2 Labor Day – No School
13 Staff Development Early Release

OCTOBER 2013

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

14 Fall Break Day – No School
18 Staff Development Early Release
23 Preparation for P/T Conferences Early Release
24-25 P/T Conferences Early Release

NOVEMBER 2013

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

1 Staff Development Early Release
11 Veterans Day – No School
20-22 Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER 2013

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

6 Staff Development Early Release
20 Early Release
Dec 23-Jan 3 Winter Break – No School

Dec 23 – Jan 3 Winter Break – No School
10 Staff Development Early Release
20 M.L. King Day – No School

JANUARY 2014

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

7 Staff Development Early Release
17 Presidents' Day

FEBRUARY 2014

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

7 Staff Development Early Release
12 Preparation for P/T Conferences Early Release
13-14 P/T Conferences Early Release
24-28 Spring Break – No School

MARCH 2014

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

11 Staff Development Early Release
25 Spring Break Day – No School

APRIL 2014

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

2 Staff Development Early Release
22 Last Day for Students Early Release
26 Memorial Day

MAY 2014

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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