

# Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request

## Charterholder Info

### Charter Holder

**Name:**  
BASIS Schools, Inc.

**CTDS:**  
07-84-03-000

**Mailing Address:**  
7975 N. Hayden Rd, Suite B-  
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Scottsdale, AZ 85258

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### Representative

**Name:**  
Carolyn McGarvey

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## Downloads



## Current Grade Levels

### Current Grade Levels Served

- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th 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

4th

### Curriculum Samples



— Statement of reduced requirements


### Effective Date

08/01/2016

## Attachments

Board Minutes —

Narrative —

Timeline for implementation — 

**Additional Information**

No documents were uploaded.

## Signature

**Charter Representative Signature**

Carolyn McGarvey 09/10/2015

MINUTES  
of the Meeting  
of the

BASIS Ahwatukee, BASIS Chandler, BASIS Chandler Primary, BASIS Goodyear, BASIS Goodyear Primary, BASIS Mesa, BASIS Oro Valley, BASIS Oro Valley Primary, BASIS Peoria, BASIS Phoenix, BASIS Phoenix Central, BASIS Prescott, BASIS Scottsdale, BASIS Scottsdale Primary, BASIS Tucson, BASIS Tucson North, School Governing Bodies.

September 3, 2015  
9:00 AM

Location  
BASIS Schools, Inc.  
Conference Room  
7975 N Hayden Rd. Suite B205  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

School Governing Body Members were present telephonically. Members of the public were permitted to attend the meeting at the BASIS School, Inc. office, telephonically, or at an of the above listed schools.

Members:

Board Members Present at Location: None

Board Members Present - Telephonic: Carolyn McGarvey, Rizwan Safdar, and Kristen Jordison, Anthony Pitucco, Sashi Jasthi, and Michael Beaulieu

Board Members Not Present: Mittida Raksanaves, and Christine Martinmaas

Also Present: Rebecca Carey, Jonathan Gelbart, Anita Gettleson, Monabeth Kappeler, Michele Baird, Dale Eckman, Georgina Eckman, and Onida Perkel (at location) Suzanne Miller, Stephanie Terrell, Lyn Music, and Yin Liu (telephonic)

1. Call to Order of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
  - a) Carolyn McGarvey called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.
2. Call to the public
  - a) There were six members of the public present at the BSI office and one present telephonically. McGarvey asked if they would like to address the Board at this time, but they all indicated that they were there just to observe the meeting.
3. Carolyn McGarvey informed everyone that Dan Nienhauser had resigned effective August 31, 2015 and two new members were appointed by the BASIS Schools, Inc. (BSI) Board to the school governing body. She took a moment to introduce the two new members: Michael Beaulieu and Sashi Jasthi and welcomed them to the school governing body.

4. Discussed and ratified the Minutes of the Minutes of the July 29, 2015 and August 4, 2015 Meetings of the BASIS Ahwatukee, BASIS Chandler, BASIS Chandler Primary, BASIS Flagstaff, BASIS Goodyear, BASIS Goodyear Primary, BASIS Mesa, BASIS Oro Valley, BASIS Oro Valley Primary, BASIS Peoria, BASIS Phoenix, BASIS Phoenix Central, BASIS Prescott, BASIS Scottsdale, BASIS Scottsdale Primary, BASIS Tucson, and BASIS Tucson North School Governing Bodies.
  - a) Ratification of Minutes:
    - i. Motion to ratify- Rizwan Safdar
    - ii. Second- Kristen Jordison
    - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
5. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R55 to change the District and Site name for BASIS Tucson to "BASIS Tucson Primary".
  - a) Approval of Resolution 15-R55:
    - i. Motion to approve- Anthony Pitucco
    - ii. Second- Sashi Jasthi
    - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
6. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R56 to change the District and Site name for BASIS Chandler Primary to "BASIS Chandler Primary --South Campus".
  - a) Approval of Resolution 15-R56:
    - i. Motion to approve- Riwan Safdar
    - ii. Second- Anthony Pitucco
    - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
7. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R57 to amend the BASIS Phoenix charter to add grade 4 beginning in SY 2016-17.
  - a) Approval of Resolution 15-R57:
    - i. Motion to approve- Kristen Jordison
    - ii. Second- Anthony Pitucco
    - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
8. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R58 to add a member campus called "BASIS Phoenix-Shea Campus" to the BASIS Phoenix charter located at 3939 E. Shea Blvd., Phoenix, Arizona 85028.
  - a) Approval of Resolution 15-R58:
    - i. Motion to approve- Anthony Pitucco
    - ii. Second- Rizwan Safdar
    - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Body

9. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R59 to change the name of the BASIS Phoenix member campus located at 11850 North 32nd St., Phoenix, Arizona 85028 to "BASIS Phoenix-Cactus Campus".
  - a) Approval of Resolution 15-R59:
    - i. Motion to approve- Kristen Jordison
    - ii. Second- Antony Pitucco
    - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
10. Carolyn McGarvey informed the Board that BSI is currently in real estate negotiations for the purchase of the properties sited in Resolution 15-R60 and 15-R61. Only the corresponding resolution for the property that is purchased will be submitted to the AZ Charter Board.
11. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R60 to change the location of BASIS Scottsdale to the southwest corner of 128<sup>th</sup> St. and Shea Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ 85259.
  - a) Approval of Resolution 15-R60:
    - i. Motion to approve- Anthony Pitucco
    - ii. Second- Sashi Jasthi
    - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
12. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R61 to change the location of BASIS Scottsdale to the southeast corner of 132<sup>nd</sup> St. and Via Linda, Scottsdale, AZ 85259.
  - a) Approval of Resolution 15-R61:
    - i. Motion to approve- Rizwan Safdar
    - ii. Second- Sashi Jasthi
    - iii. Motion to passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
13. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R62 to change the location of BASIS Chandler to The Shoppes at Chandler Heights on the northeast corner of Arizona Ave. and Chandler Heights Rd., Chandler, AZ 85248.
  - a) Approval of Resolution 15-R62:
    - i. Motion to approve- Rizwan Safdar
    - ii. Second- Anthony Pitucco
    - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
  - b) Kristen Jordison asked what the timeline is for the location change. Jonathan Gelbart responded that it would happen next school year (2016-17).
14. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R63 to change the location of the BASIS Ahwatukee K-6 charter to 1800 E. Chandler Blvd., Chandler, AZ 85225.
  - a) Approval of Resolution 15-R63:
    - i. Motion to approve- Kristen Jordison
    - ii. Second- Anthony Pitucco

- iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
15. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R64 to change the name of the BASIS Ahwatukee K-6 charter to "BASIS Chandler Primary-North Campus".
- a) Approval of Resolution 15-R64:
    - i. Motion to approve- Sashi Jasthi
    - ii. Second- Anthony Pitucco
    - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
16. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R65 to change the name of the BASIS Mesa K-6 charter to "BASIS Tucson South".
- a) Approval of Resolution 15-R65:
    - i. Motion to approve- Kristen Jordison
    - ii. Second- Rizwan Safdar
    - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
17. Motion to adjourn
- a) Adjournment:
    - i. Motion to adjourn- Anthony Pitucco
    - ii. Second- Rizwan Safdar
    - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval
  - b) Carolyn McGarvey adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Minutes taken by Rebecca Carey

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Carolyn McGarvey  
Interim Chairperson  
BASIS Schools Governing Body

## **BASIS Phoenix 4th grade addition - Narrative**

### 1) The rationale for the increase in grade levels served

Adding 4th grade to the BASIS Phoenix program will allow us to begin serving students at a younger age, giving us the chance to prepare them earlier for the rigors of the BASIS academic program.

### 2) How the additional grades support the mission, educational philosophy, and methods of instruction

The mission statement of BASIS Phoenix is:

“[to] provide an accelerated liberal arts education at internationally competitive levels for all students. The rigorous college preparatory education at BASIS readies students for competitive admissions process, helps them become eligible for scholarships, prepares them to prosper at top colleges, and enriches their lives.”

Adding 4th grade to the BASIS Phoenix campus will allow even more children to succeed at the high levels described in our mission statement by giving them the chance to prepare for the rigorous BASIS middle school and AP-based high school curriculum at an earlier age than is currently available. The 4th grade program teaches students study skills and organizational skills that will serve them well for the rest of their lives. The additional year of instruction will also allow us to further our educational philosophy of fostering a love of learning and self-reliance in our students, and it will allow our teachers to maintain or even raise their high expectations that form an integral part of their methods of instruction.

### 3) Mastery of coursework and grade-level promotion (for K-8 grades only)

Proficiency requirements for 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be consistent with the proficiency requirements for our 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. The proficiency level of each student will be based on the student’s performance on multiple sources of assessment including homework, class participation, quizzes, tests, and Key Exams, which will be aligned with the Arizona College and Career Ready State Standards.

<b>Letter Grade and Percent Equivalency</b>	
<b>%</b>	<b>Grade</b>
≥ 90	A
≥ 80	B
≥ 70	C
≥ 60	D
≥ 0 < 60	F
n/a	I

We anticipate having five grading periods for grades K-4 as we do for grades 5-7. We will give percentage grades per grading period with year-end traditional letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) based on the periodic percentage grades.

In order to advance to the next grade level, students must receive a grade of 60 percent or higher in all core subjects. Students who fail to meet this requirement do not qualify for promotion status. To remedy their promotion status, these students' parents/guardians must request formally, in writing, permission to obtain conditional promotion status. To advance from conditional promotion status to promotion status, the student must satisfy all Special Summer Project assignment requirements.

Students who fail to earn promotion status, fail to obtain conditional promotion status, or fail to advance from conditional promotion status to promotion status, are held back.

4) Course offerings, proficiency level required for course credit, policy on acceptance of transfer credit, and graduation requirements that identify number of credits in each content area and electives (for 9-12 grades only)

Not applicable

5) Changes in staffing that comply with the Highly Qualified federal guidelines

All changes in staffing needed to serve 4th grade will comply with the Highly Qualified federal guidelines. Most BASIS teachers have degrees in their fields—math, science, English, etc.—which prepares them extremely well to teach students and share their passion for their field with the next generation.



BASIS Phoenix is eligible to submit an Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request with reduced submission requirements as it has an overall rating for 2014 of Exceeds Standard, and is the only school on the charter.