

Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

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Downloads

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Current Grade Levels

Current Grade Levels Served

- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- 9th Grade
- 10th 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

3rd

Curriculum Samples

 [Download File](#) — Statement of reduced requirements

Effective Date

08/01/2016

Attachments

Board Minutes —  [Download File](#)

Narrative —  [Download File](#)

Timeline for implementation —  [Download File](#)

Additional Information

No documents were uploaded.

Signature

Charter Representative Signature

Carolyn McGarvey 12/08/2015

MINUTES
of the Meeting
of the

BASIS Ahwatukee, BASIS Chandler, BASIS Chandler Primary- South Campus, BASIS Chandler Primary- North Campus, 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 Primary, BASIS Tucson North, School Governing Bodies.

December 2, 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 any of the above listed schools.

Members:

Board Members Present at Location: None

Board Members Present - Telephonic: Carolyn McGarvey, Rizwan Safdar, Kristen Jordison, Mittida Raksanaves, and Michael Beaulieu

Board Members Not Present: Anthony Pitucco, and Christine Martinmaas

Also Present: Rebecca Carey, Caylee Migliorini, and Jonathan Gelbart (at location) Anastasia Korte (telephonic)

1. Call to Order of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
 - a) Carolyn McGarvey called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.
2. Call to the public
 - a) No members of the public were present at the meeting location or telephonically.
3. Discussed and ratified the Minutes of the November 4, 2015 meetings of the BASIS Ahwatukee, BASIS Chandler, BASIS Chandler Primary-South Campus, BASIS Goodyear, BASIS Goodyear Primary, BASIS Flagstaff, 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 Primary, and BASIS Tucson North School Governing Bodies.
 - a. Ratification of November 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes:
 - i. Motion to ratify- Mittida Raksanaves
 - ii. Second- Kristen Jordison

- iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies present
4. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R79 to begin serving grade 3 at BASIS Flagstaff, as authorized in the charter, in SY 2016-17.
 - a. Approval of Resolution 15-79:
 - i. Motion to approve- Rizwan Safdar
 - ii. Second- Mittida Raksanaves
 - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies present
5. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R80 to begin serving grade 4 at BASIS Scottsdale, as authorized in the charter, in SY 2016-17.
 - a. Approval of Resolution 15-R80:
 - i. Motion to approve- Kristen Jordison
 - ii. Second- Mittida Raksanaves
 - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies
6. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R81 to amend the BASIS Ahwatukee charter to add grade 3 beginning SY 2016-17.
 - a. Approval of Resolution 15-R81:
 - i. Motion to approve- Rizwan Safdar
 - ii. Second- Mittida Raksanaves
 - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies
7. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R82 to change the grades served at BASIS Scottsdale Primary to K-3 beginning SY 2016-17.
 - a. Approval of Resolution 15-R82:
 - i. Motion to approve- Rizwan Safdar
 - ii. Second- Mittida Raksanaves
 - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies
8. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R83 to change the grades served at BASIS Tucson Primary to K-4 beginning SY 2016-17.
 - a. Approval of Resolution 15-R83:
 - i. Motion to approve- Kristen Jordison
 - ii. Second- Mittida Raksanaves
 - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies

9. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R84 to adopt the BASIS Schools, Inc. Accounting and Procurement Policies for BASIS Chandler Primary- North Campus.
 - a. Approval of Resolution 15-R84:
 - i. Motion to approve- Rizwan Safdar
 - ii. Second- Mittida Raksanaves
 - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies present

10. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R85 to approve the amendment for exemption from the Uniform System of Financial Records for Charter Schools (USFRCS) and Procurement for BASIS Chandler Primary- North Campus.
 - a. Approval of Resolution 15-R85:
 - i. Motion to approve- Kristen Jordison
 - ii. Second- Mittida Raksanaves
 - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies present

11. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R86 to adopt the updated SY 2016-17 BASIS Schools, Inc. Enrollment Policy.
 - a. Approval of Resolution 15-R86:
 - i. Motion to approve- Mittida Raksanaves
 - ii. Second- Rizwan Safdar
 - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies

12. Motioned to adjourn
 - a. Adjournment:
 - i. Motion to adjourn- Mittida Raksanaves
 - ii. Second- Kristen Jordison
 - iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies present
 - b. Carolyn McGarvey concluded the meeting by noting that all of the Resolutions are part of the effort to increase enrollment at all of the BASIS schools.

Minutes taken by Rebecca Carey.

Carolyn McGarvey
Interim Chairperson
BASIS Schools Governing Bodies

BASIS Ahwatukee Addition of 3rd Grade

Narrative

1) The rationale for the increase in grade levels served

Adding 3rd grade to the BASIS Ahwatukee 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 Ahwatukee 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 3rd grade to the BASIS Ahwatukee campus will allow even more children to succeed at the high levels described in our mission statement; students in 3rd grade will have 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 3rd 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 3rd grade will be consistent with the proficiency requirements for our 4th – 7th 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.

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

We anticipate having five grading periods for 3rd grade as we do for grades 4-7. 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 3rd 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 Ahwatukee Addition of 3rd Grade

Timeline for Implementation

BASIS Ahwatukee currently intends to add 3rd grade for the 2016-2017 school year and enroll 60 students in that grade. This means the school would open enrollment for 3rd grade as soon as possible pending ASBCS approval, targeting late January 2016.

BASIS Schools, Inc. may elect, however, to delay implementation to a future year.

This *Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request* will not be submitted in conjunction with any other amendment or notification requests which would warrant concurrent consideration.

BASIS Ahwatukee Addition of 3rd Grade

Statement of Reduced Submission Requirements

BASIS Ahwatukee is eligible to submit this *Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request* with reduced submission requirements as it has an overall rating for FY2014 of "Exceeds Standard" and is the only school on the charter.