

Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

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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
- 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

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 11/12/2015

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.

November 4, 2015
12:00 PM

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, Sashi Jasthi, Mittida Raksanaves, and Michael Beaulieu

Board Members Not Present: Anthony Pitucco, and Christine Martinmaas

Also Present: Rebecca Carey, and Jonathan Gelbart (at location) Anita Gettleson (telephonic)

1. Call to Order of the BASIS Schools Governing Body
 - a) Carolyn McGarvey called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.
2. Call to the public
 - a) BASIS Scottsdale Primary parent, Anita Gettleson, attended the meeting telephonically. When asked if she wanted to address the Gov. Body, she replied that she wanted to know if there was an update on the new location for BASIS Scottsdale and if there were changes to the Parent Student Handbook.
 - b) McGarvey responded that she could not address those concerns at the meeting, but that she would follow-up with Gettleson at a later time.
3. Discussed and ratified the Minutes of the October 2, 2015 meetings of the BASIS Ahwatukee, BASIS Chandler, BASIS Chandler Primary, 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, and BASIS Tucson North School Governing Bodies.

a. Ratification of October 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

- i. Motion to ratify- Mittida Raksanves
- ii. Second- Kristen Jordison
- iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies present

4. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R75 to increase the enrollment cap for BASIS Chandler to 1,320 effective SY 2016-17.

a. Approval of Resolution 15-R75:

- i. Motion to approve- Kristen Jordison
- ii. Second- Mittida Raksanves
- iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies present

5. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R76 to increase the enrollment cap for BASIS Scottsdale to 1,320 effective SY 2016-17.

a. Approval of Resolution 15-R76:

- i. Motion to approve- Rizwan Safdar
- ii. Second- Mittida Raksanves
- iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies present

6. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R77 to allow BASIS Mesa to serve grade three, as previously granted within the charter, beginning SY 2016-17 as revised.

a. Approval of Resolution 15-R77 as revised:

- i. Motion to approve- Kristen Jordison
- ii. Second- Mittida Raksanves
- iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of the BASIS Schools Governing Bodies present

b. Carolyn McGarvey explained that there was an error in the language of the Resolution as listed on the agenda. Resolution 15-R77 was revised to read, "It is hereby resolved that the BASIS Schools Governing Body amends the BASIS Mesa charter to add grade three beginning SY 2016-17". The Governing Body approved the revised version of Resolution 15-R77.

7. Discussed and approved Resolution 15-R78 to adopt the updated Enrollment policy for 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, BASIS Tucson North.

a. Approval of Resolution 15-R78:

- i. Motion to approve- Mittida Raksanves
- ii. Second- Rizwan Safdar
- iii. Motion passes by unanimous approval of BASIS Schools Governing Bodies present

8. 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

Minutes taken by Rebecca Carey.

Carolyn McGarvey
Interim Chairperson
BASIS Schools Governing Bodies

BASIS Mesa 3rd grade addition - Narrative

1) The rationale for the increase in grade levels served

Adding 3rd grade to the BASIS Mesa 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 Mesa 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 Mesa 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 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 grades K-3 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 Mesa currently intends to add 3rd grade for the 2016-2017 school year. This means the school would open enrollment for that grade in our November open enrollment cycle, if possible, or as soon after that period as possible pending ASBCS approval. However, BASIS may elect to delay implementation to a future year.

BASIS Mesa 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.