

Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

Name:
Center for Creative Education,
Inc.

CTDS:
13-87-61-000

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Representative

Name:
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Downloads

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Current Grade Levels

Current Grade Levels Served

- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th 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 Alegebra 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

7th
8th

Curriculum Samples


-  [Download File](#) — 7th Grade Geometry
-  [Download File](#) — 7th Grade Language Arts
-  [Download File](#) — 7th Grade Writing
-  [Download File](#) — 8th Grade Geometry
-  [Download File](#) — 8th Grade Language Arts
-  [Download File](#) — 8th Grade Writing

Effective Date
08/06/2015

Attachments

Board Minutes —  [Download File](#)

Narrative —  [Download File](#)

Timeline for implementation —  [Download File](#)

Additional Information*

No documents were uploaded.

Signature

Charter Representative Signature

Mary Ann Green 12/18/2014



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January 13, 2014

At 5:40 p.m. the Public Meeting was called to order by Maryann Green– Leslie approved.

Members present were Maryann Green, Janet Batchelder, Leslie Stevens, and Raylene Scott. Our guest was Angi Grubbs. Maryann moved to approve consent agenda, Leslie seconded, motion carried.

Member(s) not present were Nancy Jaurequi.

Maryann moved to approve the minutes from the December meeting, Janet seconded, motion carried.

Regular Agenda:

1. Angi Grubbs introduced herself to the Board as a person to have a position on the Board. She asked to observe the procedure this evening.
2. Audit: Maryann reviewed the findings of the VVM audit.
3. Maryann presented possibility of expanding the school to include 7th & 8th grades. Leslie moved we move ahead with applying to Charter Board for expansion. Janet seconded and motion was carried.
4. Staff Training: Mr. Allen is pursuing his Montessori training. He believes a grant is possible. Maryann made the motion that if he receives grant money, VVM will help with expenses. Janet seconded this motion, and the motion carried.
5. After Angi expressed an interest in joining the VVM Board, Leslie moved to include Angie on the Board. This motion was seconded by Janet and carried by all.
6. Director's Report
 - a. Financial Report: at present time the bank balance is \$26,062.00
 - b. The possibility of a Bluegrass Festival was discussed.

Motion was made by Maryann to adjourn the meeting, Raylene seconded. Motion carried – and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2014 at 5:30p.m.



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NARRATIVE:

A Center for Creative Education, Verde Valley Montessori, is requesting to expand its Charter to include the seventh and eighth grades. The property and space required for the expansion is currently available and we have a teacher who is interested in Montessori training at this level.

Parents have been asking to continue the Montessori Method into the early adolescent years. They are seeking a continuation of a learning environment that is responsive to the developmental needs of their child and in harmony with the Montessori educational foundation already established.

Dr. Montessori felt that looking at the developmental stages was critical to meeting the needs of a child. The idea of respecting people for their stage of development is important in facilitating a Montessori classroom. Early adolescents are in a time of learning about who they are and how they relate to the world. They want to be trusted and valued for the contribution that they make to society. They are interested in justice, human dignity, and the earth. They want and need opportunities for self-expression, social interaction, and meaningful work to prepare for career and life.

The curriculum that will be used is the Montessori correlated to the Common Core (Career and College Ready) for seventh and eighth grades. We have utilized the correlating by Montessori Made Manageable as a source for kindergarten through sixth grades successfully and feel confident that it will meet the needs of the students and the Arizona Department of Education.

Upon approval by the Charter Board, Verde Valley Montessori plans to open a small, possibly 10 to 12 student, Middle School to begin in August of 2015. The seventh and eighth grades would be a multi-age classroom.



Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

Eligibility/Exclusions Form

Review the **Academic Performance Eligibility** instructions for the amendment or notification request being submitted; fill out the following information on both pages, sign at bottom, scan, and upload as described in the appropriate amendment or notification instructions.

Charter Holder Information	
Name of Charter Holder	MARYANN GREEN
Schools operated under charter requesting amendment/notification	A CENTER FOR CREATIVE EDUCATION
Associated Schools (list all)	MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE AND VERDE VALLEY MONTESSORI
Charter Representative name	MARYANN GREEN
Target date of implementation	AUGUST, 2014
Amendment/Notification Request type(s)	AGL 7 th AND 8 th

Check box below to indicate completion of eligibility review by charter holder

I understand that to be eligible to apply for reduced submission requirements for the purposes of an amendment or notification request, the following criteria must be met by each school operated by the Charter Holder, and all Associated Schools as specified in the Academic Performance Eligibility and Consideration of Operational Compliance instructions. I have reviewed all relevant Academic Dashboards, State letter grades, and operational compliance, and found that these criteria have been met.

- Each school operated by the Charter Holder that is eligible to receive an Overall Rating has an Overall Rating of Meets or Exceeds on the most recent and prior Academic Dashboard (or, if State letter grades have been released but Academic Dashboards are not yet available, then an Overall Rating of Meets or Exceeds on the most recent Academic Dashboard, and an A, B, A-Alt, or B-Alt on the current letter grade), and
- Either 75 % or more of all Associated Schools* eligible to receive an Overall Rating must have an Overall Rating of Meets or Exceeds on the most recent Academic Dashboard, or if one or more Associated Schools are excluded** for academic performance purposes, then 100% of the remaining Associated Schools* eligible to receive an Overall Rating must have an Overall Rating of Meets or Exceeds on the most recent Academic Dashboard, and
- The charter holder requesting expansion is currently in compliance with all areas listed in the Consideration of Operational Compliance instructions.

* For the *Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request* or *Site Specific Change (Increase) in Grades Served Notification Request*, this criterion refers only to Associated Schools that serve the grades being requested. For the *Alternative Calendar Notification Request*, this criterion refers only to Associated Schools that have an approved alternative calendar.

**If an Associated School is being excluded from the academic eligibility criteria review, complete and attach Page 2.

Signature (Replace the [brackets] with the requested information before printing.)

I, [Charter Representative's Name], acting on behalf of [Charter Holder Entity], believe [Charter Holder Entity] meets the eligibility requirements for reduced submission requirements outlined above, and understand that Board staff will review the academic performance and operational compliance of the charter holder to confirm eligibility.

Signed: Maryann Green Date: 3/28/14