Educational Plan
A.4 School Calendar and Weekly Schedule

ECA will be successful fulfilling its mission of helping students earn both a high school diploma and a post-secondary degree, partly through the design of its schedule. Students will be required to attend school longer and to take a rigorous curriculum designed to expose them to the career ready skills necessary to be successful in a technology related position upon graduation. Students will be provided with additional time for support and supplemental instruction to help them succeed.

ECA Instruction Time

ECA will operate a 182-day calendar, thus surpassing the requirements of A.R.S. §15-341.01 by 2 instructional days. ECA will have 5 hours of daily instruction or 300 minutes.

Instructional Hours Required by Statute	Grades 9-12	ECA Actual
Per Year	720	910
Average per day	4 (180)	5 (182)

The ECA calendar complies with Arizona statute for the hours/minutes of instruction for the grades it serves, 11 and 12. The ECA calendar contains 910 instructional hours per academic year.

Students will follow a weekly schedule where the same classes meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the following week meet on Tuesday and Thursday. Each class session lasts 2 hours and each course has 5 sessions per week over the trimester.

The table below depicts the weekly schedule listing daily instructional minutes dedicated to each core content area for each grade level. Instructional minutes for each course: 120

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
One	1. Algebra II 2. Composition 3. Economics	US Government Introduction to Programming	Algebra II Composition Economics	US Government Introduction to Programming	Algebra II Composition Economics
Two	4. US Government 5. Introduction to Programming	Algebra II Composition Economics	US Government Introduction to Programming	Algebra II Composition Economics	US Government Introduction to Programming

This schedule allows students to have 62 hours of instructional time for a core course over a trimester. This allows ECA to award the student .5 credit hours for the course. Students have time in this schedule for 5 core or elective courses concurrently.

Daily instruction, outlined in the table below, provides for 120 minutes of instruction for each core and elective course offered that day. Over a two week period, a class will have met 5 times for 600 instructional minutes. Students take 5 core or elective courses concurrently.

Typical 11th Grade Daily Schedule

Hours	Blue	Minutes	White	Minutes
8:15-8:30	Homeroom		Homeroom	
8:30-10:30	Class A - *Composition*	120	Class D – *US Government*	120
10:30-12:30	Class B - *Algebra II*	120	Class E – *Introduction to Programming*	120
12:30-1:00	Lunch		Lunch	
1:00-3:00	Class C - *Economics*	120	Class F	0
3:00-4:00	After-school activities		After-school activities	
Total Daily		360		240

Typical 12th Grade Daily Schedule

Hours	Blue	Minutes	White	Minutes
8:15-8:30	Homeroom		Homeroom	
8:30-10:30	Class A - *Literature*	120	Class D – Application Development using Java I	120
10:30-12:30	Class B - *Statistics*	120	Class E – *Introduction to Database and XML with jQuery*	120
12:30-1:00	Lunch		Lunch	
1:00-3:00	Class C - *Group Theory*	120	Class F – *Student Professional Experience*	120
3:00-4:00	After-school activities		After-school activities	
Total Daily		360		240

The block of time labeled Class F is not considered instructional time and is used for study time or supplemental learning.

Weekly Schedule Based on Improving Pupil Achievement

Fulfilling ECA's mission of helping students earn both a high school diploma and a post-secondary degree, which will increase student achievement in the target population, will require students to attend school longer. Students will take a rigorous program of study, including up to five courses per trimester, which will require students to attend class longer. Additionally, a sixth block of time has been allocated for additional, supplemental student learning. This additional block is not counted in the instructional minutes.

Two hour time blocks for each class allows instructors to both immerse students in topics and provide them with an opportunity to apply the topics while in class. This allows instructors to gather formative assessment data easily which is then used to improve instruction, reinforce concepts and prescribe supplemental learning when needed. This cadence persists for the trimester offering students an intense but well-supported environment for learning. Trimester lengths range

from 13 to 15 weeks, depending on break schedules. Three trimesters per academic year allow students to take fifteen trimester courses over the year.

Professional Development

Activity (from PMP)	Timeline (from PMP)	Dates	Notes
1. Conduct summer Professional Development. New instructors start one week earlier.	July 2015, annually, as needed for new hires	July 27 – August 14	New instructors are immersed in philosophy and instructional approach
2. In-services focused on classroom delivery and management, teaching methodology, and best practices as prescribed by formative assessment results and classroom observations	Each trimester	November 17, 18, 19 March 1, 2, 3 April 13, 14, 15	Covered topics are determine by student assessment data, these occur after school
3. Provide product knowledge training for new classroom technology and/or courseware	Each trimester, as needed	November 17, 18, 19 March 1, 2, 3 April 13, 14, 15	Covered topics are determined by teacher development needs, these occur after school
4. Provide training on specific Arizona standards and high school requirements	August, ongoing as needed	August 3 – 14 during summer session	As needed
5. Evaluate Professional Development activities and their impact on student learning	July, as activities occur	Each session	This determines if sessions, providers or approaches are repeated or discontinued

School Calendar

2015 - 2016 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

July 2015						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su
		01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
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August 2015						
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September 2015						
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October 2015						
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November 2015						
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December 2015						
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January 2016						
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February 2016						
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March 2016						
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April 2016						
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May 2016						
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June 2016						
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First and Last Day of School
Teacher training (after school)
Holiday/Break (staff&students)
Teacher Training (no school)
Trimester starts
Trimester ends

Key school dates:

Monday, August 17, 2015	First Day of School
Monday, September 07, 2015	Labor day
Thursday, October 22, 2015 to Friday, October 23, 2015	Fall Break
Wednesday, November 11, 2015	Veterans Day
Friday, November 13, 2015	Last day of trimester
Monday, November 16, 2015	First Day of Second Trimester
Thursday, November 26, 2015 to Friday, November 27, 2015	Thanksgiving Break
Tuesday, December 22, 2015 to Friday, January 01, 2016	Winter Break
Monday, January 04, 2016	School reopens
Monday, January 18, 2016	Martin Luther King - No School
Monday, February 15, 2016	Presidents Day - No School
Friday, February 26, 2016	Last Day of Second Trimester
Monday, February 29, 2016	First Day of Third Trimester
Monday, March 14, 2016 to Friday, March 18, 2016	Spring Break
Friday, May 27, 2016	School Ends