Education Plan
A.2 Target Population

The mission of Havasu Preparatory Academy High School, at the request of parents and community, is to provide a continued educational program from Havasu Preparatory Academy. Currently, graduates and parents of Havasu Preparatory Academy have very limited choices from which to select their high school program. Outside if its singular, traditional public school, (including its online program and two alternative campuses, Wave and Round Table), there are two private schools (Bethany Christian K-12 and Our Savior Lutheran K-10), and one 9-12 charter (Telesis). These limited options have motivated parents, students, staff, and community members for Havasu Preparatory Academy to actively pursue a secondary charter to complete its current K-9 system. This 9-12 high school will provide a nurturing environment for learners that encourages high expectations for success through the use of technology, the arts and cooperative learning instruction. Every student will be provided with ample opportunities to become involved in their community through leadership roles, all while enhancing compassion, support and cultural diversity.

Havasu Preparatory Academy High School will serve families from the entire community of Havasu City, which included three primary zip codes: 86403, 86404, and 86406. Havasu Preparatory Academy High School will be a school of choice for a general high school population with a focus on college preparation and a program to increase student knowledge and academic achievement. It will target students in grades 9-12 who are seeking an alternative to the large size of traditional high schools (1,700+) in the described area or who are unsatisfied with their current school meeting their needs (academically or socially). The anticipated class size is an average of no more than 30 students per class, and the budget is based on a 25:1 student to teacher ratio. This will allow for individual student attention, implementation of differentiated instruction, and maintenance of effective classroom management strategies to ensure learning for all.

The demographics of the local high school community served are:

- Hispanic – 12.1%
- White – 84%
- Black – less than 1%
- Asian – less than 1%
- American Indian – less than1%
- Hawaiian – less than 1%
- Free/Reduced Lunch – 42%

Population of Havasu City has remained constant over the past few years, with the census reporting only the addition of 11 residents between 2011 and 2012, having leveled out after demonstrating a 25% increase from 2000-2010. http://www.havasunews.com/news/census-population-growth-in-havasu-stagnant/article_324786b4-c4ed-11e2-a870-001a4bcf887a.html

Havasu Preparatory Academy High School will serve approximately 120 students in its first year of operation, with a projection of 180 in year 2, and 240 in year 3. The community will benefit from the addition of this school of choice as it will provide a place for students to go who may prefer a smaller school setting with a strong focus on academic achievement and college

preparation. Families dissatisfied with current school options will now have an alternative high school choice in the community.

The table below illustrates the percent passing rates for AIMS Reading & Math in the high schools within the targeted area:

	Havasu High School	Telesis
Reading	86%	70%
Math	67%	52%

The use of the model endorsed by Lezotte and Edmonds to monitor student learning and provide timely interventions based on individual student performance is coupled with the Response to Intervention model. The school time schedule will allot for additional periods in order for tiered instruction to take place in math and reading. The curriculum choices support our educational philosophy of rigor and relevance. Our targeted population will benefit from the enrichment and tiered instructional support needed to pass AIMS, or its equivalent, exams.

The differences between the local schools and the state average continue to increase, as students are educated within the local schools. South Ridge High School, a Leona Group school with a similar targeted population, has found success in using an educational philosophy based on the work of Lezotte and Edwards coupled with the Rigor and Relevance model as well as a Response to Intervention model with appropriate testing, placement and intervention. This model is working for our target population as our tenth grade population, which was a product of the local schools, has now been scoring above the state average for the past five years.

The anticipated class size is an average of 25 students per class with a teacher/student ratio of 1:25 (based solely on full-time, general education teachers). A review of teacher/student ratios from the comparative school data that we provided in this application reveals that this ratio is appropriate. Havasu High School has a 21:1 ratio and Telesis has a 20:1 ratio. We believe that our ratio is comparable to our the two high schools in our community, and that we will be able to deliver high-quality education and personalized attention through this ratio.