A.4 School Calendar and Weekly Schedule

Incito Schools will have a traditional-style school calendar with 180 days of instruction. The process of setting any future school calendar will begin with a community committee to include an opportunity for public input, and is ultimately approved by the schools Governing Board.

The 2013-2014 Incito Schools year will begin on August 5, 2013 and end May 22, 2014. Kinder-eighth graders will receive 1,080 instructional hours during 180 days to meet the required 1,068 hours during 180 days. The school day will begin at 7:45 a.m. and dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Incito students will receive 6 hours of instruction 5 days per week. This schedule is in full compliance with A.R.S. §15-901 and A.R.S. §15-341.01.

As much as possible, the Incito calendar follows the same schedule as the surrounding school districts so that families with older children in other schools will have the same vacation days. Some of the neighboring public schools employ a pattern of early release days on Wednesdays to accommodate faculty and staff development. Incito will maintain the similar pattern with the exception of needing to release early. Rather, we envision teachers maximizing instructional minutes therefore conducting professional development after school hours. The calendar allows for week long breaks in October and March and a longer break in late December through early January, these match the neighboring school districts. Following the school districts tradition, parents will be expected to come in to the school for in-depth student-led conferences twice a year, scheduled in the calendar for October and March.

We will offer full and half day kindergarten classes with a charge to families for full day. Our full and half day program will be well-structured to provide students ample opportunity to learn and grow at the same levels. Our half-day program will begin at 7:45 and end at 11:45. Our full day program will begin at 7:45 and end at 2:15 with a possible fee of $315/month for the second half of the month.

It is the goal of Incito Schools to offer before and after school care to families with working parents. We believe this schedule will serve the target population adequately.

Professional Development

"Sustained and intensive professional development for teachers has a direct and positive impact on student achievement. American teachers report that much of the professional development available to them is not useful" (NEA, 2009). Nations that invest the most in continually improving and strengthening the skills of their educators have the highest gains in student achievement (NEA, 2009). With this being said, we believe our professional development training is one of the most important components towards the success of our instructional programs. The theoretical framework we support in our academics comes from the influence of a teacher's in-depth content knowledge. Incito Schools believes that *good* teachers are much more effective than *more* teachers. To teach all students according to today's standards, teachers need

to understand the subject matter deeply and flexibly so that they can help students create useful cognitive maps, relate one idea to another, and address misconceptions. Teachers need to see how ideas connect across fields and to everyday life. This kind of understanding provides a foundation for pedagogical content knowledge that enables teachers to make ideas accessible to others. Our professional development will take place two weeks prior to the start of the school year and every Wednesday for two hours 2:30-4:30 p.m. (with the exception of holidays and student-led conference days). Teachers will have nearly 80 hours of professional development before the school year begins, and will gain an additional 72 hours throughout the school year. This doesn't include the time that will also be built into our teachers' school days hours for ongoing, job-embedded intensive professional development and collaboration (e.g., teaming). Our professional development will be in full alignment to the Model Core Teaching Standards. We will ensure teachers are being prepared by the critical dispositions listed in each of the standards from the Model Core Teaching Standards.

Daily Instructional Minutes

Incito Schools K-8th graders will receive 360 minutes of instructional time five days each week, totaling 1800 minutes per week. The half day kindergartens will receive 240 minutes of instructional time five days a week, totaling 1200 minutes per week.

2013 – 2014 INCITO WEEKLY SCHEDULES
Weekly instructional time, K-8th graders 360 minutes of instructional time needed

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday-C&C courses
Instruction Intro	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00
Core Academics-Literacy	8:00-9:30	8:00-9:30	8:00-9:30	8:00-9:30	8:00-9:30
Core Academics-Math	9:30-10:45	9:30-10:45	9:30-10:45	9:30-10:45	9:30-10:45
Core Academics-Social Studies	10:45-11:30	10:45-11:30	10:45-11:30	10:45-11:30	10:45-11:30
Lunch & Recess	11:30-12:00	11:30-12:00	11:30-12:00	11:30-12:00	11:30-12:00
Core Academics-Science	12:00-1:20	12:00-1:20	12:00-1:20	12:00-1:20	12:00-1:20
Special Areas	1:20-2:00	1:20-2:00	1:20-2:00	1:20-2:00	1:20-2:00

Dismissal	2:00-2:15	2:00-2:15	2:00-2:15	2:00-2:15	2:00-2:15
Total Daily Academic Time	360 minutes	360 minutes	360 minutes	360 minutes	360 minutes

2013 – 2014 INCITO WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Weekly instructional time, half day Kindergartens 240 minutes of instructional time

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday-C&C courses
Instruction Intro	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00	7:45-8:00
Core Academics-Literacy & Math	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00	8:00-11:00
Lunch & Recess	11:00-11:35	11:00-11:35	11:00-11:35	11:00-11:35	11:00-11:35
Dismissal	11:35-11:45	11:35-11:45	11:35-11:45	11:35-11:45	11:35-11:45
Total Daily Academic Time	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes

Weekly Schedule Rationale

At Incito, we will offer a 90 minute reading block to ensure our program of instruction in literacy is given adequate daily time in our schedule. We will have a 75 minute math block to include Singapore Math with additional components of Math Exemplars and Cognitively Guided Instruction. There is a 45 minute social studies and 80 minute science block to include writing across disciplines, real world problem based learning opportunities. At Incito, our core beliefs hold that we will offer college and career readiness courses. We have supported our schedule to show alignment to these beliefs. We have set aside Fridays in our weekly schedule for College and Career Readiness courses (C&C courses). Students will still receive core academics for reading and math with the afternoon accommodation for C&C courses. These courses will be offer for all learners. We will formulate a committee of parents, community members, teachers and leadership to design the courses being offered, the expectations and school standards all aligned to our schools core beliefs.

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2013-2014 Calendar

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August 2013						
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October 2013						
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November 2013						
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December 2013						
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First Day for Students	August 5
Labor Day	September 2
Student-Led Conferences	October 6-7
Fall Break	October 14-18
Columbus Day	October 14
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Break	November 27-29
Winter Break	Dec. 20-Jan.3
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20
President's Day	February 17
Student-Led Conferences	October 6-7
Spring Break	March 10-14
Last Day for Students	May 22

K-8 Quarters End/Days

October 9	44 days
December 20	43 days
March 7	43 days
May 24	50 days
Total Days	180 days

Every Wednesday beginning Aug. 14 teachers will have professional development from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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January 2014						
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March 2014						
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April 2014						
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May 2014						
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