

BASIS at Innovation Park Replication Application Summary Report

BASIS School, Inc. submitted a complete replication application for the 2009-2010 replication cycle. The corporate entity seeks a charter to replicate BASIS Scottsdale, which itself was a replication of the academic program of BASIS Tucson, chartered prior to the Board's replication option, and to operate a school at Innovation Park in Oro Valley, north of Tucson, AZ. The school will be named BASIS at Innovation Park. BASIS School, Inc. is an Arizona non-profit corporation that was incorporated on March 25, 1998. BASIS School, Inc. currently holds two charters, each of which operates a school site: BASIS Tucson and BASIS Scottsdale, both serving students in grades 5-12.

Mission Statement:

Consistent with BASIS Scottsdale, BASIS at Innovation Park will have the following mission: "The mission of BASIS at Innovation Park is to provide a rigorous 21st Century liberal arts education to middle and high school students. Our goal is to provide an academic foundation for lifelong learning."

Academics:

BASIS Scottsdale has experienced the following academic success as measured by the Arizona Department of Education's profiles and the requirements of No Child Left Behind:

School Year	AZ LEARNS	Adequate Yearly Progress
2007-2008	Excelling	Met
2006-2007	Excelling	Met
2005-2006	Excelling	Met

BASIS Scottsdale's AIMS scores are consistently well above the state average in each content area and in each grade level tested. In 2007-2008 school year, 100% of the middle school students scored proficient on AIMS Math, with 79% of six grade students exceeding the state standards. On AIMS Reading, 99-100% of the students met or exceeded the state standards at every grade level. On the AIMS Writing assessment, over 91% of students at every grade level met or exceeded the state standards. The applicant's intent is to replicate the BASIS academic model that has produced these results at BASIS at Innovation Park.

Market Analysis:

BASIS School, Inc. anticipates that BASIS at Innovation Park will serve two types of students: those who live in Oro Valley and North Tucson and those who do not live in the surrounding area but whose parents work at Innovation Park. As part of the Tucson "Bio-Corridor," Innovation Park is home to several biotechnology companies, research institutions and centers, hospitals and clinical laboratories. Honeywell also has a facility employing 700+ in the immediate area. After speaking with representatives from several of the companies, BASIS School, Inc. believes that locating a middle/high school with an accelerated curriculum in mathematics and science near these companies would attract children of the current employees at companies in the business park as well as the students who live in Oro Valley and North Tucson. Innovation Park is located in close proximity to at least nine housing developments and additional neighborhoods in the North Tucson area.

Governance Structure:

The Board of Directors of BASIS School, Inc. is the Corporate Board responsible for corporate policy and operations of the corporation, including the charter schools. There are currently six members on the BASIS School, Inc. Board of Directors. However, according to its bylaws, the board of directors can range from three to nine members. BASIS School Governing Boards consist of BASIS Tucson and BASIS Scottsdale School Boards. These boards are the governing bodies for the schools and are responsible for policy decisions of the charter schools. The BASIS at Innovation Park School Board would initially involve a majority of members who are either on the BASIS Scottsdale or BASIS Tucson School Boards or high level staff in the existing schools to ensure consistency in school policies across the schools.

Consistent with the operations of both BASIS Scottsdale and BASIS Tucson, BASIS School, Inc. would be the charter holder for BASIS at Innovation Park. Beginning July 1, 2009, BASIS School, Inc. intends to contract with BASIS Educational Group (BEG), an Arizona corporation whose major shareholders are Michael and Olga Block, to manage BASIS Scottsdale, BASIS Tucson, and, subject to approving the replication application for a charter, BASIS at Innovation Park. As principals of BEG, the Blocks will be directly involved in the management of BASIS at Innovation Park.

	BASIS Scottsdale	BASIS at Innovation Park
Instructional Program		
Grade Levels	5-12	5-12
Special Emphasis	Mathematics and Science with a focus at the Upper School on the College Board's Advanced Placement program in core subjects	Mathematics and Science with a focus at the Upper School on the College Board's Advanced Placement program in core subjects
Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sciences as separate subjects beginning in 6th grade Topics taught early and often to prepare for advanced coursework in the upper school Middle school students required to pass end-of-year comprehensive exams in core subjects Focus on organizational and study skills in early grades High school students required to take at least six AP exams paid for by the school School uses internal and external exams to measure academic progress and strength of curriculum Remediation efforts to support learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sciences as separate subjects beginning in 6th grade Topics taught early and often to prepare for advanced coursework in the upper school Middle school students required to pass end-of-year comprehensive exams in core subjects Focus on organizational and study skills in early grades High school students required to take at least six AP exams paid for by the school School uses internal and external exams to measure academic progress and strength of curriculum Remediation efforts to support learning
Demographics		
Location	11440 N. 136 th Street Scottsdale, AZ 85259	Innovation Park in Oro Valley Tucson, AZ 85755
Enrollment	545 students	Up to 450 students
Ethnicity	Approximately 85% White, 14% Asian	Unknown
Organizational Structure		
Corporate Principals	Olga Block and Michael K. Block	Olga Block and Michael K. Block
Authorized Representative(s)	Olga Block and Michael K. Block	Michael K. Block
Corporate Directors	Terry Sarvas, Clint Bolick, Kristen Jordison, and John Morton	Terry Sarvas, Clint Bolick, Kristen Jordison, and John Morton
Governing Board	8 members: 4 school officials and 4 community members	Initially, a majority of members from BASIS Scottsdale or BASIS Tucson school boards

Suggested Motion:

Accept the application and grant the replication charter for BASIS at Innovation Park.