

AGENDA ITEM: VECTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT Application Overview

Vector School District submitted an application for a new charter school on August 1, 2008.

- Vector School District is a not-for-profit corporation that was created on May 4, 2006 with the purpose of conducting public education.
- The name of the school is Vector Prep and Arts Academy and will be located in Chandler, Arizona.
- The applicant will initially serve grades K-6 and have an enrollment cap of 250 in the first year and grow to 350 by year three while serving the same grade levels.
- The applicant has met all the substantive eligibility criteria as documented in the following pages and in the [attached scoring rubric](#).
- Fingerprint clearance cards and background information including credit, employment and education have been verified for all corporate principals.
- Related party operations of note:
 - Skyline Schools, Inc. (Rhonda Owens, Charter Representative)
 - Skyline Schools, Inc. has 4 schools in operation: 1 new school and 3 Performing/Met AYP.
 - AZ Compass Schools, Inc. (Brian Shipman, Charter Representative)
 - AZ Compass Schools, Inc. has 1 new school in operation.

Vector School District	
Instructional Program	
Mission	Our mission is to provide each student and family we serve with high quality college preparatory educational programs and services designed to stimulate life-long learning while developing character through academics, athletics and the arts.
Description of Community and Target Market	Will target students in the Chandler, Tempe, and Gilbert area. The tribal leadership of Gila River Indian Community requested Skyline Schools to have the school available to educate their students.
Methods of Instruction	The school will utilize Core Knowledge and will employ teacher directed instruction, collaborative group learning, peer mentoring, differentiated instruction and multiple intelligences approaches.
School Calendar	Standard calendar with 180 instructional days starting August 2009.
Organizational Structure	
Corporate Principals	Ronda Owens, Brian Shipman
Governing Body	Charter Organization: Ronda Owens, Brian Shipman
Site Information	
Location	550 W Warner Rd, Chandler, AZ 85225
Secured Facility	13,500 sq ft facility with 11 classrooms, cafeteria, and dance studio. Four classrooms will be added in year 2 and four more in year 3 to accommodate the enrollment growth.

Year	Grades Served	# of Students	# of Sites
1	K-6	250	1
2	K-6	300	1
3	K-6	350	1

The following information is being provided for consideration:

Applicant's Background Information:

1. The corporation has two members, with both serving on the governing board:
 - Ronda Owens: Currently serves as a corporate principal and superintendent of Skyline Technical High School Inc. She has served in that capacity since 2000. Ronda has a Bachelors degree in Business and a Masters degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix.
 - Brian Shipman: Currently serves as the school principal of Skyline West Prep High School, a school under the charter of Skyline Technical High School Inc. He has served in that capacity since 2000. Brian has a Bachelors of Arts degree in Industrial Photography and a Masters degree in Education Administration and Supervision from Arizona State University.

New Charter Application Background:

Comprehensive Program of Instruction/Curriculum

Short description:

Vector Prep and Arts Academy will offer a college prep curriculum that will utilize the Core Knowledge® curriculum. The Core Knowledge® curriculum outlines specific outcomes for language arts, American and world history, geography, visual arts, music, math and science. The school plans to incorporate performance and visual arts curriculum by offering dance, theatre and visual arts for all students. Administration and teachers at Vector Prep and Arts Academy will monitor and document student proficiency by using formative and summative assessments.

The application meets the minimum requirements in all the areas of the comprehensive Program of Instruction.

Business Plan/Budget

Short description:

Most of the start up activities will be performed by Vector Prep and Arts Academy's corporate principals in coordination with its sister school Skyline Schools. As a sister school, Skyline Schools possess extensive expertise in school start-up, business development, and operations. Vector Prep and Arts Academy has been approved for a \$100,000 revolving line of credit by First Community Bank of which it plans to use \$51,200 for start-up activities. The targeted facility is currently being used as a charter school by AZ Compass Prep School. Vector Prep and Arts Academy has an agreement to lease the facility with a first year rent projection of \$14,060 (triple net) with 4% annual increases thereafter. All facility additions and build outs, as well as their financing, are the responsibility of the landlord.

The school has a first year operational budget that is based on a projected enrollment of 230 students. First year expenditures are anticipated to total \$1,644,296 with a carryover of \$20,695 for the second year of operation.

The application meets the minimum requirements in all the areas of the business section.

Motion Notes for Vector School District:

- The application includes all required curriculum samples to operate a K-6 program.
- The application met the minimum requirements in all areas of the application.