

AGENDA ITEM: Camp Verde Unified School District dba South Verde Technology Magnet Application Overview

Camp Verde Unified School District submitted an application for a new charter school on July 31, 2008.

- The Camp Verde Unified School District is a Public School District organized in 1915 for the purpose of providing PK-12 education in Camp Verde.
- The name of the school is South Verde Technology Magnet and will be located in Camp Verde, Arizona.
- The applicant will serve grades 9-12 and have an enrollment cap of 104 students in the first three years of operation.
- The applicant has not 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.
- All existing schools with parties related to this applicant have an AZ LEARNS profile of Performing or better.

CVUSD dba South Verde Technology Magnet	
Instructional Program	
Mission	South Verde Technology Magnet’s mission is to provide a technology based core education and instruction in the technical arts to students in the Verde Valley, and to provide the opportunities for these students to positively challenge themselves academically, mentally, physically, and spiritually.
Description of Community and Target Market	Camp Verde is located in North Central Arizona and has a population of approximately 13,170 people. The school district includes the Yavapai-Apache Nation. The District serves approximately 1,445 students in grades K-12. The target population is students currently residing within district boundaries who are seeking an alternative to the traditional high school model, remediation and credit recovery. The school also operates a licensed child care center for a Young Moms and Dads program.
Methods of Instruction	The school will utilize a computer based curriculum for core academics and traditional direct instruction for basic skills. Didactic seminars will be provided to develop critical thinking skills. Applied Science Labs will also be utilized.
School Calendar	Standard 180 day schedule
Organizational Structure	
Corporate Principals	Steve King, Amy Romero, Steve Hicks, Linda MacPhee
Governing Body	5 members from the District School Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Simbric, Kelli Spleiss, Dennis Sterrett, Linda MacPhee, Andrea Wrubel
Site Information	
Location	462 S. Main St., Camp Verde, AZ 86322
Secured Facility	South Verde Technology Magnet is located in a 6,000 sq. ft. facility with a computer lab, one traditional classroom, one digital media lab, one robotics lab, one tutoring lab, a lunchroom and daycare.

Year	Grades Served	# of Students	# of Sites
1	9-12	104	1
2	9-12	104	1
3	9-12	104	1

The following information is being provided for consideration:

Applicant’s Background Information:

1. Although Camp Verde School District is the applicant, the members of the district governing board would not complete the documentation required for the principals of an applicant. In an effort to comply with the application requirements, the applicant identified a “corporate board” comprised of the three charter representatives of the three applications submitted by the District plus a current member of the District’s Governing Board. Background information was processed for these individuals. The corporation has four members, with one member serving on the governing board.
 - Steve King currently serves as the principal of South Verde High School in Camp Verde. He has 10 years of teaching experience and five years of administrative experience. In addition to his K-12 endorsement, he also has a standard Adult Education endorsement. Mr. King has a Bachelor of Science Degree in History and a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. Mr. King has been a teacher at Sunnyside Montessori, a currently operating charter school in Camp Verde, and Pathways School, another Camp Verde charter school that closed in 2006.
 - Amy Romero has taught in the District for 13 consecutive years and has expertise in curriculum development and educational leadership. Mrs. Romero holds a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. Mrs. Romero has worked with ADE on the articulated science standards and AIMS tests, she serves on the Camp Verde Chamber of Commerce Executive Board of Directors and is a co-founder and board member of the Southwestern Institute for the Education of Native Americans (Siena).
 - Steven P. Hicks is the Authorized Representative for the dual language school and will serve as the English Language Learner Coordinator for CVUSD. Mr. Hicks holds a Master’s Degree in Intercultural Communications from Wheaton Graduate School in Illinois. Mr. Hicks spent 17 years living and teaching in Latin America and has served as an Adjunct Professor for Yavapai Community College for the last two years. Mr. Hicks will remain an employee of CVUSD and his services will be billed to the charter school.
 - Linda MacPhee sits on the Camp Verde School District Governing Board and will have no day-to-day responsibilities related to the operation of the charter school. Ms. MacPhee was employed for 18 years as a special education teacher in the Beaver Creek School District in Rimrock, Arizona. Ms. MacPhee has a Public Administration Degree from the University of Arizona and a Post Graduate Degree in Education from Prescott College.
2. The AZ LEARNS profiles and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) designations for the existing campuses under the Camp Verde Unified School District are as follows:

School Name	AZ LEARNS	AYP
Camp Verde Elementary School	Performing	Not Met (SI Year 1)
Camp Verde Middle School	Performing Plus	Met
Camp Verde High School	Performing	Met
South Verde Middle High	Performing	Met

New Charter Application Background:

Comprehensive Program of Instruction/Curriculum

Short description:

At South Verde Technology Magnet, students will use an online, computer-based curriculum called OdysseyWare. This will allow for individualization of the curriculum. South Verde Technology Magnet anticipates serving a large population of at-risk students. Approximately 80% of the students are requiring credit recovery. The school also will offer a robotics lab, digital filmmaking, and childcare.

The application fails to meet the minimum requirements in the following areas of the curriculum samples provided:

1. Area 1.1m: Promotion and Retention Plan
 - Proficiency levels are not defined in narrative or appendix A. Minimum Proficiency levels for credit not provided. The revised application did not provide any new information to address this concern.
2. Area 1.1n: Class Size
 - The revised application addressed the inconsistent class size. However, the mention of a satellite campus remains inconsistent with the number of sites mentioned on Attachment C.
3. Area 1.2d: Strategic Plans
 - The revised application addresses the benchmarks and provides more detail of the steps to reach the goals. The revised application does not address the process for evaluation, revision and addition of new goals over time.
4. Area 1.3.9b:
 - The revised application addresses the writing concern but does not address the reading concern.

Business Plan/Budget

Short description:

The Camp Verde Unified School District is a public school district organized in 1915. Camp Verde Unified has a long history, having provided PK-12 education in Camp Verde for ninety-three years. The District operates a main campus with an elementary, middle and high school; leases facility for a second high school in downtown, and owns an undeveloped 80-acre site for future growth.

There are five members of the Governing Board for the District. They are elected by the community and staggered for four year terms. The Governing Board shall act as the controlling and decision making authority for the schools. The Charter Corporate Board shall have the authority to make recommendations to the District Governing Board. The principals of the schools will report to the Charter Corporate Board.

Camp Verde Unified School District leases a facility in downtown Camp Verde. The facility is leased until 2010. The District ensures the facility meets compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

The business section has three areas that do not meet the scoring criteria. The following areas remain deficient:

1. Area 2.2a: Description of Facility
 - Satellite campus indicates 2 sites operating whereas Attachment C states 1 site. Sq. footage isn't consistently stated. The revised application does not address the satellite campus concern.
2. Area 2.3c: High School Proposed Courses
 - The revised application does not address the following concern as required by the criteria for this area. Course descriptions were not provided for the courses taught. Also, no description was given of elective courses & courses offered by Yavapai college instructors.
3. Area 2.9f: Funding Formula Projections
 - The revised application does not accurately represent the state equalization for which the school would be entitled as a Charter Board sponsored school.

Motion Notes for Camp Verde Unified School District dba South Verde Technology Magnet:

- The application includes all required curriculum samples to operate a 9-12 program.
- The application failed to meet the scoring criteria. More than one area in a section scored an “Approaches” and failed to meet the 95% criteria.