Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

2011-2012 Application

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Cover Sheet

I certify all information contained in this application package is complete and accurate, realizing that any misrepresentation could result in disqualification from the charter application process or revocation after award. I understand that incomplete application packages will not be considered.

The applicant acknowledges that all information presented in the application package, if approved, becomes part of the charter and will be used for accountability purposes throughout the term of the charter.

The applicant acknowledges that the principals have read all Arizona statutes regarding charter schools and that, if approved to operate a charter school, the applicant is subject to and will ensure compliance with all relevant federal, state and local laws and requirements.

The applicant acknowledges that if approved to operate a charter school, the applicant must execute a charter contract with the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools within twelve months of the date of approval of the charter by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools. A charter that is not timely signed expires.

The applicant approved to operate a charter school must begin providing educational services within twelve months of execution of the charter or within twenty-four months of approval of the charter, whichever date occurs later.

The applicant acknowledges that if approved to operate a charter school, the applicant must provide the minimum number of days of instruction as defined in A.R.S. §15-341.01 within the State's fiscal year that begins July 1st and ends June 30th. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the charter.

La Tierra Community School, Inc.
Applicant Name

Anita Fernández
Authorized Representative (Printed Name)

Signature of Authorized Representative

12-1-10
Date

Title Page

Name of Applicant Applying for the Charter La Tierra Community School, Inc.
(This may be a public body, private person or private organization A.R.S. §15-183.B)

Name of Proposed Charter School La Tierra Community School
x New School ☐ Converted School

Authorized Representative for Applicant Anita Fernández
(This may be the individual applicant or an individual authorized by the applicant)

Title/Relationship to Applicant School Co-Founder/Authorized Rep.

Authorized Representative Mailing Address 1045 Walnut Rd.

City Prescott State AZ Zip 86303

County Yavapai E-mail: afernandez@prescott.edu

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Type of Organization	When listing the names of the officers, members, partners or board members of the applicant, (collectively referred to as Principals) provide the charter name and sponsor if the individual has ever served as a Principal, or as a member of a governing body or an administrator for a charter before.		
	Principals Name(s)	Charter Name(s)	Sponsor
x Non-Profit Corporation	Anita Fernández David DenHartog Paul Burkhardt Francisco Lisbona Bev Santo		
☐ For-Profit Corporation			
☐ Partnership			
☐ Sole Proprietorship			
☐ Tribal Entity			
☐ LLC			
☐ School District			
☐ Other			

The governing body of a charter school is responsible for the policy decisions of the school. (A.R.S. §15-183.E.8) Please indicate the make-up of this body below.

School Governing Body ***(Body responsible for the policy decisions of the school.)***				
Member Type	**Number**	**Name**	**Name**	**Name**
Organization Principals	2	David DenHartog	Anita Fernández	
School Staff				
Parents	1	Francisco Lisbona		
Community	2	Paul Burkhardt	Bev Santo	
Other				

Target Population

Mission Statement: (use only this space)

La Tierra Community School provides an active, transformative educational experience and values a respect for diversity, academic rigor and a commitment to social and environmental justice.

Our program uses the natural and cultural resources of the Southwest to foster local, relevant connections for children through learning expeditions.

We value children's sense of curiosity and discovery as well as their ability to think critically, reflect upon their world and promote positive change in their community.

	Grades Served Please **remove** any grades not being taught.	**Total Number Served** Enrollment cap at all campuses and in all grades combined.	**Sites** Number Operating
Year _____1_____	K 1 2 3	46	_____1_____
Year _____2____*	K 1 2 3 4	71	_____1_____
Year _____3___*	K 1 2 3 4 5	93	_____1_____

*The addition of grades will require an amendment request after the approval and signing of the contract.

School Calendar

x Standard ☐ Extended School Year

☐ Alternative **(please describe in 5 words or less)**

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Number of Instructional Days_____180_____

Target Start Date_____8/8/2011_____

Complete the following information for each site indicated above. If planning more than one site, provide the following information for each site. Attach an additional page if necessary.

1. Please provide specific boundary information (e.g. targeted 10 mile radius) on the planned location for your school: The boundary area for this school will be the Prescott Unified School district although we hope to draw students from the tri-city area (Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley).

2. Number of classrooms, offices, etc. necessary, along with total square footage to implement your program as described: **Year 1**: 2 classrooms plus office (approx.1600 sq. ft.). **Year 2:** 3 classrooms plus office space (approx. 2400 sq. ft). **Year 3:** classrooms plus office space and extra classroom (approx. 3800 sq. ft.)

3. If facility arrangements have been made, provide the information below:

Proposed School Name:_____La Tierra Community School_____

Site Address: _____885 Sunset Ave._____(optional site)_____

City: ___Prescott_____ Zip Code: __86305_____ County: ___Yavapai_____