

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) Mary Ellen Halvorson Education Foundation (CTDS) 138757

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 5522 Side Road

(City, State) Prescott (Zip) 86301

(Charter Representative's Name) Mary Ellen Halvorson

(Phone Number) 928/777/0403 (Fax Number) 928/777/0402

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- ✦ Changes in instructional methodology, and/or delivery that affects the emphasis, program of instruction or mission as described in the charter

Included are the following:

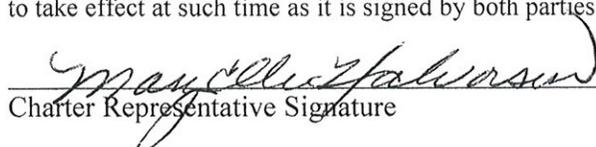
- Board minutes approving the change (If the body is subject to Open Meeting Law, minutes must comply with ARS §38-431.01)
- Narrative describing the change, the rationale for the change, and how the change will meet the ASBCS' adequate level of academic performance for student achievement.

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and Mary Ellen Halvorson Education Foundation (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

FROM: 1 credit Fine/Perfroming Arts as a graduation requirement

TO: 2 credits Fine/Performing Arts as a graduation requirement

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 16 day of May, 2011, and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this ____ day of ____, 20____, to take effect at such time as it is signed by both parties.



Charter Representative Signature

Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

Tri-city College Prep

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September 4, 2011
Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
1700 W. Washington Street
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Dear Board Members:

I am submitting this Charter Amendment Request for an increase in graduation requirements.

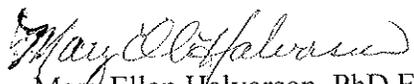
On May 11, 2011, the Tri-City College Prep High School Board of Education voted to increase the school's graduation requirements from 1 credit of Fine/Performing Arts to requiring 2 credits in that category. The Board did not increase the overall credits to graduate.

Tri-City College Prep has a very strong Fine Arts Department that, among other things, has won awards from the Arizona Alliance for the Arts and a nomination for the Kennedy Center for the Arts Award. All the teachers in the Fine Arts have Masters Degrees and many classes in the Fine Arts include community involvement. TCP has a chapter of Tri-M, International Music Honor Society and a very active Art Guild as well as music performances and art shows. We teach those music classes, including a beginning strings class, that have been shown in research to raise SAT scores. For these reasons, the Board of Education felt strongly that students would benefit using one of their elective credits for one more Fine Arts credit.

Implementation of the increase would be reflected in the Graduation Contracts of this year's incoming freshmen class. Every freshman meets with the counselor during the 9th grade year and starts his/her Graduation Plan, a copy of which is kept in the Counseling Office. Upper classmen are already encouraged to take 2 credits of Fine Arts and many already do so because of the quality of the program.

The proposed increase has been well supported by the students, parents and staff.

Thank you,


Mary Ellen Halvorson, PhD Ed

Tri City College Prep High School

5-11-2011

4:00 pm

Members Present:

Bob Ayers

Gary Spiker

Roger Mortenson

Members Absent

Augie Siegel

Paul Hricik

TRI-CITY COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. The Board was called to order by President Bob Ayers at 4:00pm.
2. The agenda was approved along with the minutes from the last meeting.
3. The Board voted to go into Executive session almost immediately to handle students concerns. The Board came out of Executive Session at 4:50pm.
4. Two staff members came to the Board.
 - a. Matt Halvorson presented an article defining Information Technology at the school. He would like it placed in the Student Handbook. The Board liked the article and said it would be voted on when all revisions to the Student Handbook are voted upon for next year.
 - b. The Board voted to go into Executive Session at 5:00pm for Mrs. Grommish. The Board came out of Executive Session at 5:05 pm.
5. There were no committee reports.
6. Action Items:
 - a. The first action item was a request to increase the graduation requirements in the area of Fine/Performing Arts. Currently the graduation requirement is 1 credit, which would be increased to 2 credits without increasing the overall number of credits for graduation. It was approved unanimously by the board.
 - b. The second action item involved follow up information on offering Online Classes. The Board decided to place this item on hold for now. No action taken
 - c. The third action item was the disbursement of the professional development funds. The Board voted unanimously to release the funds.
 - d. The fourth item was bonuses. Mrs. Milliken presented an estimation of what bonuses would be when the performance rubrics were completed. The board voted unanimously to give performance bonuses. The Board was invited to review all teachers' portfolios at their convenience.

7. Call to the public. A parent came to complain about a teacher's grading. The parent was allowed to speak but was informed that the Board could not comment unless the item was placed on the agenda. The parent was informed how to place an item on the agenda.
8. Under current events, the Board was reminded about graduation time and date and asked to let the school know if any Board members need graduation robes.
9. Next meeting on Tuesday 14 June.

Meeting adjourned 5:23 pm

Respectfully submitted

R. Mortenson, Secretary