

# Instructional Days Amendment Request

## Charterholder Info

### Charter Holder

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## Contractual Days

200

**To**  
179

**Fiscal Year Effective Date**  
2015

**Type of Change**  
Permanent Change

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## Signature

**Charter Representative Signature**  
Daniel Scoggin 12/03/2014

## Maryvale Preparatory Academy Board of Directors Minutes

Date: 16 April 2014

Time: 5 p.m.

Location: Maryvale Preparatory Academy

A meeting of the Great Hearts Academies- Maryvale Preparatory Academy Board of Directors was held at Maryvale Preparatory Academy, 6301 W. Indian School Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85033, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice having been duly given.

### I. Call to Order

Mr. Huseth called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. The following directors/administrators were present/absent:

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Ward Huseth	President	x		
Aaron Kindel	Vice President	x		By phone; left early
Kevin Topper	Secretary	x		
Helen Hayes	Director	x		
Jay Heiler	Director		x	
Brian Taylor	Director	x		
<b>Administration</b>				
Mac Esau	Headmaster, Maryvale Prep	x		
Ramsey Margison	Staff Accountant, GH	x		
Vivian Solis	Staff Accountant, GH	x		
Carrie Siegel	Development Officer, GH	x		
Terry Powell	Development Officer, GH	x		

## **II. Call to the Public**

Mr. Huseth made a call to the public at 5:11 p.m. There was no public present.

## **III. Approval of Consent Agenda**

## **IV. Review and Possible Approval of the SY 2014-15 Calendar**

Mr. Esau verified that the number of instructional hours is compliant with the state requirements.

Ms. Hayes made a motion that the board approves the SY 2014-15 calendar. Mr. Topper seconded, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried at 5:14 p.m.

## **V. Review and Possible Approval of the SY 2014-15 Extracurricular and Field Trip Fee Schedule**

## **VI. Headmaster Report**

## **VII. Financial Report**

## **VIII. Great Hearts Reports**

**IX. Enter Executive Session**

N/A.

**X. Leave Executive Session**

N/A.

**XI. Possible Motions from Executive Session**

N/A.

**XII. Announcements/Adjournment**

Mr. Huseh adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

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Submitted by Kevin Topper, Secretary  
-Allison Harmon, Board Scribe-

## NARRATIVE

Maryvale Preparatory Academy is approved for 200 instructional days. In creating the calendar for the FY15 school year the administrative staff with the approval of the school's Board of Directors set the number of instructional days at 179.

The reason for reducing the number of instructional days was two-fold: a) to provide more instructional time per period per day and b) to provide additional non-instructional days within the school year for professional development for teachers. Both of these actions result in improved pupil achievement since a) increasing the amount of instructional time per period provides time for more intense and focused instruction and for teachers to spend more time with students who may require additional help in understanding the concepts presented in the lesson and b) providing additional days for professional development increases the effectiveness of the school's teachers in delivering instruction and meeting students' academic needs.

The school calendar and daily instructional schedule provided demonstrate compliance with ARS §15-901 regarding instruction for each grade served as follows:

### Explanation of the Calendar

The Calendar shows the total number of instructional half-days (0), early release days (46) and full days (133), which add to the total 179 instructional days for the year.

### Explanation of the Daily Instructional Schedule

The Daily Instructional Schedule for each grade (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) provides two tables: the one on the left shows the periods that meet on each full day, early release day, and half day and the total amount of non-instructional time and instructional time (shown in the column labeled Attendance Minutes Countable) for each category. The total instructional minutes for half days is highlighted in orange, for early release days in yellow, and for full days in blue. These color-coded instructional minutes are carried over to the table on the right, which shows the number of half days, early release days, and full days for each month of the school year in the green columns. The color-coded instructional minutes are at the top of each green column with the total number of days in each category (half day, early release day, full day) at the bottom of each green column. Multiplying the total number of days in each category by the number of instructional minutes at the top of each column provides the total number of instructional minutes per year for each category, which is the number in red below each green column. Dividing each of these red numbers by 60 provides the number of instructional hours per year for each category, which is the number in blue below the number in red. The total instructional hours per year is at the bottom of column 5.

For Maryvale Preparatory Academy, the total number of instructional hours provided per year in each grade served compared to the number required by ARS §15-901 is:

GRADE	INSTRUCTIONAL HRS PROVIDED	INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS REQUIRED
K	1,037.00	356
1	1,037.00	712
2	1,159.75	712
3	1,159.75	712
4	1,159.75	890
5	1,159.75	890

In every grade, as shown by the Daily Instructional Schedule, the number of instructional hours provided by Maryvale Preparatory Academy in its 179 day calendar is greater than the number of instructional hours required by ARS §15-901, thereby demonstrating compliance with the statute.

The timeline for implementing the 179 day calendar is the FY15 school year.