A.4 School Calendar and Weekly Schedule

a) Compliance with Required Instructional Time

The school will use an alternative calendar, consisting of 150 instructional days; four days a week from Monday to Thursday, from 7:30 AM to 10:00 PM (see bell schedule below). This will offer students an opportunity for 1,650 hours of instructional time, far in excess of the minimum requirement. Also, the flexible schedule affords young parents the opportunity to avoid childcare expenses for 20% of the week. Furthermore, the many students who come to us with an interruption in their education are provided an opportunity to take six or more courses to catch up and graduate in a timely manner. Our older population may attend school at the end of their work day and obtain the high school diploma that they may not otherwise have attained in a more traditional daytime setting. The Monday-Thursday core instruction schedule offers time for the school to provide supplemental remediation on Fridays.

It is expected that all students will take a minimum of six courses per quarter per year, or a total of 900 instructional hours for the year.

b) Rationale

Given that students within the NAS-Phoenix target population will most likely bring to school significant personal challenges, the school offers a flexible schedule that includes additional instructional time. Many students need to work, and the school anticipates that approximately 20% will be either young parents or pregnant moms. Offering students a flexible schedule allows them to build education and work into their lives. As such, NAS-Phoenix will apply for a waiver to the traditional school year calendar.

New America School – Phoenix- Bell Schedule 2016-2017	
7:30 – 8:15	Period 0 – Credit Recovery (unscheduled)
8:20 - 9:20	Period 1
9:23 - 10:23	Period 2
10:26 - 11:26	Period 3
11:30 - 12:05	Lunch
12:10 - 1:10	Period 4
1:13 - 2:13	Period 5
2:16 - 3:16	Period 6
3:20 - 4:20	Professional Learning Communities (PLC)/ Common Planning Time
4:24 - 5:24	Period 7
5:27 - 6:27	Period 8
6:30 - 7:30	Period 9
7:35 - 7:55	Dinner
7:57 - 8:57	Period 10
9:00 - 10:00	Period 11

Of the above schedule, a student will receive in Year 1 a minimum of 360 minutes of instruction per day. This will include the core subjects of Mathematics, Science, English and Social Studies and option courses. Each class will be 60 minutes in duration.

School Calendar 2016-2017

	JULY 2016						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						

AUGUST 2016							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	2-5 All Staff Training 8 First Day of School
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				

	SEPTEMBER 2016						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2	3
5 No School (Labor Day) 9 Staff PD	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	

OCTOBER 2016							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
						1	7 Staff PD 13 Last Day of Quarter I 17 Second Quarter Begins
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31						

	NOVEMBER 2016						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
4 Parent/Teacher Conferences 11 No School (Veteran's Day) 18 Staff PD 23-25 No School (Thanksgiving)			1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			

DECEMBER 2016							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2	3	2 Staff PD 19-30 No School (Winter Break)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

	JANUARY 2017						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2 No School (Winter Break) 5 Last Day of Quarter II 6 Staff PD 9 Third Quarter Begins 16 No School (MLK, Jr. Day)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

FEBRUARY 2017							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	3 Staff PD 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences 20 No School (President's Day)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28					

	MARCH 2017						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3 Staff PD 13-17 No School (Spring Break) 23 Last Day of Quarter III 27 Fourth Quarter Begins 31 No School (Cesar Chavez Holiday				1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

APRIL 2017							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
						1	14 Staff PD
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30							

	MAY 2017						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5 Staff PD 25 Last Day of School 26 Graduation (staff service day) 29 No School (Memorial Day)		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			

JUNE 2017							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2	3	1-30 No School (Summer Break)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		

2016-2017 School Calendar Legend	
	Professional Development Day
	First Day / Last Day of Quarter
	Parent / Teacher Conference
	Holiday
	Graduation

Annual Calendar

MONTH	STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS	TEACHER SERVICE DAYS
August	15	19
September	16	17
October	17	18
November	16	18
December	9	10
January	16	17
February	15	17
March	14	15
April	16	17
May	16	18
June	0	0
TOTAL	**150**	**166**

c) In addition to instructional days, once a month on Friday, staff will take part in a planned professional development program focused on curriculum planning, assessment, SIOP training, Model Performance Indicators, MAP training, using data to inform instruction, classroom management, cultural sensitivity building, differentiation of instruction and other best practices that address our student population.

The structure for the day will include a morning session (9:00- noon) where a key topic (listed) above will be presented, and an afternoon Professional Learning Community (PLC) session (12:30-4:00) that will focus primarily on curriculum development, developing assessment instruments, and monitoring student progress.