

# Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request

## Charterholder Info

### Charter Holder

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## Current Grade Levels

### Current Grade Levels Served

- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade

## New Grade Levels

For each grade level being added, provide the following as a representation of a program of instruction aligned to the State's approved academic standards and to methods of instruction described in the charter. Please note that a separate upload must be prepared for each grade level and content area and be named as such. Additionally, applicants must restate the name of the file in the Brief Description box (e.g., First Grade Reading, HS Algebra II).

### For K-8

Language Arts & Math: A completed curriculum sample for reading, writing, and math for each grade level being added including all attachments as outlined on the [required template and instructions](#).

### For 9-12

Language Arts & Math: A completed curriculum sample for reading, writing, and math coursework for each grade level being added including all attachments as outlined on the [required template and instructions](#). Each course must align with the State's graduation requirements.

### Add Grade Levels

5th  
6th

### Curriculum Samples

-  [Download File](#) — 5th grade language arts-writing
-  [Download File](#) — 5th grade language arts
-  [Download File](#) — 5th grade math
-  [Download File](#) — 6th grade language arts reading
-  [Download File](#) — 6th grade language arts writing
-  [Download File](#) — 6th grade math
-  [Download File](#) — DSP for associated school-Arts Academy at Estrella Mountain

**Effective Date**  
05/01/2015

## Attachments

Board Minutes —  [Download File](#)

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Narrative —  [Download File](#)

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Timeline for implementation —  [Download File](#)

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**Additional Information\***

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## Signature

Charter Representative Signature

Kimberly Steele 09/29/2014

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**Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 5:30pm  
Meeting for AASC Governing Board**

## ~~AGENDA~~ Minutes

**Present:** Kim Steele (Vice President, "KS"), Sam Tomlin (Chairman, "ST"), Agnes Lawson (Board Member, "AL"), Cathie Devers (Board Member, "CD")

**Absent:** none

**Public:** Jessica Finley (Scribe)

ST called meeting to order at 6:31pm and verified a quorum.  
Recited pledge of allegiance.  
Observed a moment of silence.

### AGENDA ITEMS:

#### Discussion and Possible Action:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes for 8-16-12 meeting.
  - KS made a **motion to approve the minutes for the Governing Boards of AASC & AAEM for 8-16-12**, second by CD.
    - No discussion.
  - **Motion was approved unanimously.**
2. Discussion and possible action to approve an amendment to increase grade levels for 2013/2014 school year.
  - When it comes time for the school to move, the enrollment will need to be approximately 400-450 students, which would most likely require increasing the grade level cap. We would also love to keep the families that have attended in grades K-4 involved in the school. To offer maximum flexibility for the future, the board is considering increasing the grade level cap to 8<sup>th</sup> grade and having the charter changed. If this is completed, then the school can expand as much or as little as it would need to.
  - CD made a **motion to approve the amendment to increase grade levels to 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the AASC campus**, beginning the 2013-2014 school year, second by AL.
    - No discussion.
  - **Motion was approved unanimously.**
3. Discussion and possible action regarding upcoming topics for Governing Board meetings.



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- AL will begin planning an initial meeting and training for the new AASC Governing Board.
4. ST made a **motion to adjourn**; meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.



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### Narrative

1. The rationale for the increase in grade levels would be to continue educating the students we service at PLC Arts Academy at Scottsdale. In reviewing a survey that was given to parents when brainstorming the idea of increasing grade levels at our school, it was determined that parents would prefer to remain with PLC AASC if we serviced higher grade levels. Students and parents are already familiar with our system, expectations, and programs used to educate the children at our school therefore; the transition of going from one grade level to the next would be a smooth transition.
2. Adding additional grades will support the mission, philosophy, and method of instruction because students are already familiar with the various teaching methodologies used to acquire success. Adding additional grade levels will allow teachers to spiral the learning for students in order to better prepare them for the following year. The programs that PLC AASC currently uses allow students the opportunity to master the concepts taught and students who struggle with mastering the concepts will receive the one on one attention needed to meet high academic standards coupled with performing arts.
3. Due to high academic demands, mastery level at PLC AASC is 80%. Students who achieve this level along with the requirements needed for passing state mandates will be promoted to the next grade level. Any student who falls below the expectation of the school, a meeting will be held with parents, teachers, and administration to see what things are needed to assist the student in achieving academic success.
4. NA
5. In order to implement the new grades, an additional teacher per grade will need to be added to the teaching staff. Depending on the need of the students will determine if additional special services will be required. Upon hiring any teacher interested in working at PLC AASC, they must meet the Highly Qualified status deemed by federal guidelines.



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### Timeline

The expected timeline for adding both a fifth and sixth grade class to AASC is the beginning of the 2015/2016 school years. It is projected that the fifth grade will service 27 students while the sixth grade will service 15 students.

At this time, this concludes any and all amendments/notifications.