A.4 School Calendar and Weekly Schedule

Description of School Calendar

Scottsdale Country Day School's calendar will mirror the calendar for the Scottsdale Unified School District, which is one of the main target areas for our students. The School calendar at SCDS is designed to ensure the minimum number of teaching days per A.R.S. §15-341.01 is met at 180 days. School days are set Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. which allows SCDS to ensure the minimum number of hours taught per week are met per A.R.S. §15-901.

Rationale

By mirroring the Scottsdale Unified School District's calendar, it allows parents to have siblings in other schools, but using the same calendar which works for many factors including convenience and scheduling. This supports the target population of students which SCDS is aiming to attract.

The early release for students on every Friday allows for teacher training, professional development, and staff meetings to occur on a weekly and ongoing basis. The attached calendar for the 2012/2013 school year highlights the professional development days for staff training are on Friday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. These professional development days are consistent with the information provided in Strategy IV of the Performance Management Plans.

The daily start and finish times for students at SCDS has been set to ensure students receive significantly more hours of instruction per week and per year, than set in the Arizona statutes. This way, it will allow the SCDS teachers more time with each student to optimize personal development and success.

Total Instructional Days:

The minimum number of school days per year as described in A.R.S. §15-341.01 is 180 days of instruction. Scottsdale Country Day School meets this by having 180 school days on its calendar. This is highlighted in the school calendar on the following page for the 2012/2013 school year.

CHARTER SCHOOL CALENDAR 2012-2013

SCOTTSDALE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

180 Days of School

AUGUST 2012

Teacher In-Service	August 1-10
Ice Cream Social – 5-7PM	August 9
First Day of School	August 13

SEPTEMBER 2012

No School – Labor Day	September 3

OCTOBER 2012

End of 1st Quarter	October 12
Fall Break/School Closed	October 15-19
Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7PM	October 30

NOVEMBER 2012

Thanksgiving/School Closed	November 22-23

DECEMBER 2012

End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester	December 21
Winter Break/School Closed	Dec 24 - Jan 4

JANUARY 2013

School Reconvenes (2nd Semester)	January 7
No School - MLK Day	January 21

FEBRUARY 2013

No School – President's Day	February 18

MARCH 2013

End of 3rd Quarter	March 8
Spring Break/School Closed	March 11-15
Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 – 7PM	March 26

APRIL 2013

STANDARDIZED TESTING	April 8-19

MAY 2013

Last Day of School	May 24
Graduation Day	May 24

JUNE 2013

2012 SCDS Summer Camp	May 27

Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Every Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Professional Development, Teacher Training, and Teacher Meetings will occur each Friday when students are dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Also 08/01 - 08/10.

July 2012

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 2012

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	

September 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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
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October 2012

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			

November 2012

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	

December 2012

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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January 2013

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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 2013

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		

March 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

April 2013

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				

May 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Description of Weekly Schedule

Scottsdale Country Day School also meets the minimum number of hours/minutes of instruction per day/week for each grade level as described in A.R.S. §15-901. This is highlighted in Table 1 below. Table 2 below highlights that SCDS exceeds the recommended number of instructional hours per school year by the Arizona Department of Education.

Table 1 – Daily and Weekly Instructional Minutes

Instructional Minutes							
	Daily	Weekly		Daily	Weekly		Daily	Weekly
Grade Level	**KG**			**1-3**			**4-6**	
Developmental Reading	90	450		90	450		60	300
Language Arts	60	300		60	300		60	300
Mathematics	60	300		60	300		60	300
Social Studies	30	150		30	150		40	200
Science	30	150		30	150		40	200
Physical Education	30	120		30	120		30	120
Art	15	60		15	60		15	60
Music	15	60		15	60		15	60
Health	15	60		15	60		15	60
Total Minutes	**345**	**1650**		**345**	**1650**		**335**	**1600**

Table 2 – Yearly Instructional Hours

	GRADE						
	KG	**1st**	**2nd**	**3rd**	**4th**	**5th**	**6th**
SCDS Instructional Hours Yearly	990	990	990	990	990	990	990
ADE Recommended Yearly Instructional Hours	712	712	712	712	890	890	890

Rationale

The minimum number of minutes/hours for the SCDS weekly schedule conforms to those described in A.R.S. §15-901. In addition, students have enrichment programs which complement the work done in the core academic areas. The core academics will be conducted during the morning and early afternoon and the enrichments will be conducted late afternoon. Tables 3 and 4 below show the daily and weekly schedules for all grade levels to be served at SCDS.

Table 3 - Weekly Schedule for Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

	Kindergarten through 3rd Grade	
	MONDAY - THURSDAY	**FRIDAY**
TIME	LESSON	LESSON
8:30 – 9:30	Developmental Reading	Developmental Reading
9:30 – 10:00	RECESS	RECESS
10:00 – 11:00	Math	Math
11:00 – 12:00	Language Arts	Language Arts/Reading
12:00 – 12:30	LUNCH	Science
12:30 – 1:00	Developmental Reading	**12:30 p.m. DISMISSAL**
1:00 – 1:30	Social Studies	
1:30 – 2:00	Physical Education/Technology Lab	
2:00 – 2:30	Science	
2:30 – 3:30	Art/Music/Health	
3:30	**DISMISSAL**	

Table 4 - Weekly Schedule for 4th Grade through 6th Grade

	4th – 6th Grade	
	MONDAY - THURSDAY	**FRIDAY**
TIME	LESSON	LESSON
8:30 – 9:30	Math	Math
9:30 – 10:30	Developmental Reading	Reading/Language Arts
10:30 – 11:00	RECESS	RECESS
11:00 – 12:00	Language Arts	Social Studies/Science
12:00 – 12:30	LUNCH	Social Studies/Science
12:30 – 1:00	Developmental Reading	**12:30 p.m. DISMISSAL**
1:00 – 1:30	Social Studies	
1:30 – 2:00	Physical Education/Technology Lab	
2:00 – 2:30	Science	
2:30 – 3:30	Art/Music/Health	
3:30	**DISMISSAL**	

Citation of Sources

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