A.4. School Calendar and Weekly Schedule

Description of School Calendar

Scottsdale Country Day School's calendar will closely 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 Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The last Friday of each month is an early release for students at 12:30 p.m. The school hours at SCDS 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 and to schedule their family vacations to minimize student absences. The calendar supports the target population of students which SCDS is aiming to attract from the surrounding public schools in the Scottsdale Unified School District.

The early release for students on the last Friday of each month allows for teacher training, professional development, and staff meetings to occur on an ongoing basis. The attached calendar for the 2013/2014 school year highlights the professional development days for staff training are on the last Friday of each month 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 and to ensure teachers have plentiful opportunities in delivering a rigorous and challenging program of study.

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 2013/2014 school year.

CALENDAR 2013-2014

SCOTTSDALE COUNTRY
DAY SCHOOL

July 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	31			

August 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
19	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 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					

October 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	31		

November 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

December 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	31				

AUGUST 2013

Teacher In-Service	August 1-9
Ice Cream Social - 4-6PM	August 8
First Day of School	August 12

SEPTEMBER 2013

No School - Labor Day	September 2

OCTOBER 2013

End of 1st Quarter	October 11
Fall Break/School Closed	October 14-18
Parent/Teacher Conferences 1 - 4PM	October 29 & 30
Early Release 12:30PM	October 29 & 30

NOVEMBER 2013

No School - Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving/School Closed	November 28-29

DECEMBER 2013

End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester	December 20
Winter Break/School Closed	Dec 23 - Jan 3

JANUARY 2014

School Reconvenes (2nd Semester)	January 6
No School - MLK Day	January 20

FEBRUARY 2014

No School - President's Day	February 17

MARCH 2014

End of 3rd Quarter	March 7
Spring Break/School Closed	March 10-14
Parent/Teacher Conferences 1 - 4PM	March 18 & 19
Early Release 12:30PM	March 18 & 19

APRIL 2014

STANDARDIZED TESTING	April 7-17
No School/Staff Development	April 18

MAY 2014

Memorial Day/No School	May 26
Last Day of School	May 28
Graduation Day	May 28
End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester	May 28

JUNE 2014

2013 SCDS Summer Camp	June 2

8:30AM to 3:30PM Monday through Friday
Early release at 12:30PM last Friday of each month.

1st Quarter – 44 days, 2nd Quarter – 42 days = 1st Semester of 86 days
3rd Quarter – 43 days, 4th Quarter = 51 Days = 2nd Semester of 94 days

January 2014

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	

February 2014

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 2014

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
30	31					

April 2014

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 2014

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
19	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2014

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
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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 are cross curricular and 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	This will mirror Monday through Thursday on the days when there is not an early dismissal.
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	This will mirror Monday through Thursday on the days when there is not an early dismissal.
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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