

Instructional Days Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

Name:
Southgate Academy, Inc.

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Representative

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Contractual Days

180

To
200 Calendar Days


Fiscal Year Effective Date
07/01/2014

Type of Change
Permanent Change

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Additional Information*
No documents were uploaded.

Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Sherry Matjasik 03/17/2014

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
SOUTHGATE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

850 W. Valencia Road
Tucson, AZ 85706
March 17, 2014
Time: 10:30 AM

AGENDA

Call to order

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Old Business:

New Business: Renovation Updates

Calendar Change

Program Instruction

Report- Director-Summary of current events/other

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Posted Time: March 14 ,2014 2:30pm

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Call to order: At 10:34 Present: Sherry Matyjasik, Sylvia Calmelat, Luis Peters, Frank Gilvin, Naomi Borbao (Lisa Lee), Delia McCraley

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance: Luis Peters

Reading of Minutes: Sherry Matyjasik read board notes from November 14, 2013 Luis Peters motioned to accept as read. Sylvia Calmelat seconded, all present in favor.

Old Business: SEMP update – no vote required

New Business:

Renovation Updates: Sherry Matyjasik gave the progress of the building renovations. Outside improvements were submitted for permits and should begin construction within the next 30 days. Plans for the inside are being completed and should be ready for General Contractors bids within a week of completion. Since time is of essence, a board meeting will need to be conducted within a week of bids to assure the auditorium is ready for graduation in June. No voted needed at this time.

Program Instruction: Confirmed submission by AZ State Board for Charter schools on 1/20/12. Updated on 7/23/12 Dashboard.

Calendar Change: Submit a letter to Lyle Friesen, Deputy Associate Superintendent of School Finance, and request approval of the 200-day calendar prior to June 1, 2014. – Sylvia Calmelat

1. Submit a 200-day calendar for each school within the district/charter holder, which includes a 10 percent increase in annual instructional hours. Charted below:

Grade Range	Minutes per week	Instructional Hours Required for the Year	10% Increase needed	10% increased Requirement needed for 200 Day Calendar	Actual Southgate Academy Increase per Grade Range (*see below)
KG		356	35.6	391.6	1116
Grades 1-3		712	71.2	783.2	1116
Grades 4-6		890	89	979	1116
Grades 7-8		1000	100	1100	1116
Grades 9-12	1320	720	72	792	1116

* Specific Instructional Day Divisions	Total Days	Hours per day	Hours per year
General Instructional Days (8:45-3:15)	142	6	852
Targeted Intercession Instructional Days (8:45-12:15)	13	3	39
Early Release Days (8:45-2:15)	45	5	225
Total Calendar Days:	200		1116

Note: Grade 9-12 Minutes per week: 1740 (HS meets Minutes required per week over required hours)

Sylvia Calmelat motioned to change school instructional time to being at 8:45 and end at 3:15. Early out days 8:45-2:15 Intercession days 8:45-12:15. Luis Peters seconded, all present in favor.

2. Charters requesting a 200-day calendar must have it approved by the Charter Board prior to approval by School Finance – Sylvia Calmelat will confirm follow-up.
3. Budget for a five percent increase in base level support. Once approved, Bill Sprague will calculate for fiscal year 2014-15.

Submit the "Optional 200 Day Instructional Calendar Compliance Form" – Sylvia Calmelat

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm

March 17, 2014

To: State Board for Charter Schools

Narrative for Change in Instructional Days

Southgate Academy strives to always have the highest level of effective instruction. The Governing Board agreed that while we have seen an increased growth in our students, allowing for additional instruction time will assist in reaching maximum academic growth. As our school continues to attract a growing number of "at-risk" students, it is essential for us to allow adequate time and attention to our students using our curriculum. Our mission encompasses the fact that we will support and monitor the individual growth of our students. This awareness and frequent contact has been essential to meeting the academic and social needs of our schools population.

The proposed 200 day calendar along with the daily instructional schedule clearly demonstrates compliance for each grade level. In fact, the grade levels are over the minimum hours needed in an academic day. Southgate Academy is confident that by adopting the new instructional schedule, our students will be in the best position to close the learning breaches.

The change in the 200 day calendar would apply to Southgate Academy Inc. with only one school in operation as of today. The timeline for implementing the change for instructional days would be beginning July 1, 2014.

In consideration, our mission statement is the belief that all students can learn and achieve at high levels.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia M. Calmelat

Superintendent