

# Grade Level Change to Charter Amendment Request

## Charterholder Info

### Charter Holder

**Name:**  
Success School

**CTDS:**  
07-89-24-000

**Mailing Address:**  
P.O. Box 1929  
Surprise, AZ 85378  
> [View detailed info](#)

### Representative

**Name:**  
Melissa Holdaway

**Phone Number:**  
623-974-4959

**Fax Number:**  
623-974-4931

## Downloads

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## Current Grade Levels

### Current Grade Levels Served

- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th Grade

## New Grade Levels

Identify the total grades to be served which include the current grades served and the new grades that are requested.

### New Grade Levels Served

Kindergarten  
1st Grade  
2nd Grade  
3rd Grade  
4th Grade  
5th Grade  
6th Grade  
7th Grade  
8th Grade

### Curriculum Samples

No documents were uploaded.

**Effective Date**  
08/02/2017

## Attachments

Board Minutes



 [Download File](#) — Board Minutes approving the change

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Narrative —  [Download File](#)

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**Additional Information**

-  [Download File](#) — PowerPoint for parent night showing high school options
-  [Download File](#) — "High School Fair" agenda
-  [Download File](#) — Letter sent to high school parents

## Signature

Charter Representative Signature  
Melissa Holdaway 02/09/2017

Minutes of Governing Board Meeting January 13, 2017  
**Success School**

**Date:** January 13, 2017

**Location:** Arizona Charter Academy  
16011 N. Dysart Road  
Surprise, AZ 85374

**Present:** Melissa Holdaway  
John Randolph  
Mike Godbehere  
Heather Henderson  
Melissa Montenegro  
Rob Di Bacco

**Absent :** Cassandra Carter  
Othell Newbill

**Public:** None

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Discussion Items:**

**Vote to convene to Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Melissa Montenegro and seconded by John Randolph to move into Executive Session to confer with legal advisor at 10:04 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**Vote to return to Regular Public Meeting:**

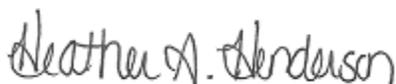
A motion was made by John Randolph and seconded by Melissa Montenegro to move into Public Meeting at 10:29 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**Action Items:**

- 1. Possible action to move to a K-8 school for the 2017-18 school year and close high school:** Mike Godbehere moved to approve Arizona Charter Academy to move to a K-8 school and no longer offer high school grades as of the 2017-18 school year, Rob DiBacco seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Approval of prior board meeting minutes:** John Randolph moved to approve the minutes from the November 3 and 21, 2016 meeting as submitted. Rob DiBacco seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Melissa Montenegro moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 p.m. Mike Godbehere seconded. Motion carried unanimously

**Submitted by:**



Heather A. Henderson  
Secretary

## **Decrease in Grade Level Narrative**

### **Success School/Arizona Charter Academy**

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Success School is requesting a decrease in grade level from K-12 to K-8.

#### **Describe the rationale for decreasing grade levels**

Success School/Arizona Charter has continued to grow and now finds itself with a new challenge. The elementary has reached capacity and families are waiting to enroll. Our high school has reached a point where they need more variety of classes, including AP, honors, electives and courses aligned to their Houses of Study. Obtaining additional facilities is not an option for ACA in the timeframe needed to meet this need. Our high school enrollment has maintained since 2010 between 180 and 200 students. In the meantime, our K- 8 enrollment has increased by 75%. With growth, we have reviewed our options and believe we will best serve students by enhancing and continuing to grow our K-8 population. The middle school will be moving over to the current high school building.

The decision to close the high school program for the school for the 2017-2018 school year was a result of three main factors:

1. Lack of space in our current facilities to expand our current high school offerings
2. Enrollment trends clearly show the demand in our community is much stronger for K-8 than 9-12.
3. Teacher shortages in Arizona are making it extremely difficult to attract high school teachers who are highly qualified in multiple content areas which is needed for a smaller high school like Arizona Charter Academy.

#### **Identify the number of students displaced by the decrease in grade levels**

ACA currently has 155 students in 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> grades that are impacted in this change.

#### **Communication plan to communicate decreased grades to the school community**

Success school implemented a comprehensive communication plan to ensure the decrease in grade levels was done timely and respectfully to all stakeholders. Parents were informed of the decision by letter and email. Three parents meetings were done to inform parents of decision and provide an opportunity for parent questions as well as information on other high schools in the area. Students were informed during individual grade meetings throughout the school day and provided with information about other schools along with support with mentor teachers and staff members. Community members were informed via a media release.

## Communication Plan for moving to a K-8 School

<b>Organizational Change Communication Plan</b>	
<b>Guiding Principles</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be transparent and respectful in order to build and maintain trust</li> <li>• The message must be consistent, but also tailored to the targeted audience.</li> <li>• Feedback will be listened to and carefully considered.</li> <li>• Send the same message multiples times through a variety of media</li> <li>• When something is not known, we won't "make it up". We'll say when we don't know</li> </ul>	
<b>Context</b>	
Description of change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACA has decided to move to a K-8 school and close the High School after the 2016-2017 school year. After reviewing the High School student numbers, the high schools expanding in the area, the Governing Board, Melissa Holdaway and Heather Henderson believe in the students' best interest to close the High School Campus.</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose or Objectives</b>	
Why are you communicating this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The organizational structure will change next school year. People need to understand where they fit in to the new structure and feel comfortable with the change.</li> </ul>
What business outcomes could be impacted?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a risk of losing staff and students if change is not communicated effectively and stakeholders have the assurance of a positive and stable environment.</li> </ul>
What do you want people to know or do differently?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They want to know if we are financially okay, what high school options are available for our students, what will happen with the current high school staff. Why after 15 years have we decided to no longer offer high school?</li> <li>• Some staff members will want to move into a different role resulting in the high school closing and will want to know how if there is an opportunity for them.</li> </ul>
<b>Risk Analysis</b>	
What happens if you don't communicate this	Lose the trust and respect of the students, parents, staff and all stakeholders in the community.
What are potential downsides of communicating this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This communication will distract people from doing their core work for the remainder of the school year.</li> <li>• Potential of losing current HS students and K-8 families who are upset with the change.</li> <li>• Staff may leave their jobs early which would affect students.</li> <li>• Next year's enrollment could take a downward turn for the upcoming 17-18 school year.</li> </ul>
What could make this communication fail?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication could fail if we do not successfully communicate the benefit of the change all stakeholders and are not authentic.</li> </ul>

Stakeholder Analysis				
<b>Stakeholder</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admin Team</li> <li>• Instructional Team</li> <li>• Staff</li> <li>• Students</li> <li>• Parents</li> <li>• Community Partners</li> <li>• Governing Board</li> <li>• Vendors</li> </ul>		<b>Relative Importance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High</li> <li>• High</li> <li>• Highest</li> <li>• Highest</li> <li>• Highest</li> <li>• Medium – need to manage interface changes</li> <li>• Medium – need to manage interface changes</li> <li>• Low – they should notice no change</li> </ul>		
Communication Process				
Description or Action	Target Audience	Media to be used	Timing or Frequency	Date
Admin Team to be spoken to one on one about new organization	Admin Team	One to one	Month prior to announcement	Jan 13th
Admin Team to be spoken to one on one about new organization	Admin Team	One on one	M. Holdaway H. Henderson	Jan 13th
Announcement to Staff	High School Staff	One on one	S. Olson M. Holdaway	Jan 17th
Announcement to Staff	K-8 Staff	K-8 meeting	H. Henderson	Jan 17th
Create talking points for Admin to address questions about the change to ensure consistency	All Admin	Talking points	Day of announcement	Jan 17th
Change in high school will be announced to students	Students	Class by Class	S. Olson	Jan 17th
Change in high school will be announced to HS parents	Parents	School Messenger & ltr home	S. Olson I. Harris M. Holdaway	Jan 17th
Create parent night for high school options in the local area: PEC, Imagine Prep, New HS coming, Local HS	Parents & Students	Meeting	S. Olson M. Holdaway	Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>
High School Fair and information night	Parents & Students	Meeting	S. Olson A. Purvis	Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Change in high school closing will be announced to community partners	Community members and partners	One on One	M. Holdaway	Jan 27 <sup>th</sup> – Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>
Send out press release to all media outlets announcing the change	Media Outlets	Email	M. Holdaway	Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>

Counselors/Staff Available for parents or students for counseling or enrollment with other schools	Parents * Students	One on One	S. Olson A. Purvis I. Harris	Jan 17 – March 31st
Tour of district and charter schools in the area	Students	Field Trip	A. Purvis	Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> – Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Assessment</b>				
<p>Key Success Factors for this Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A widespread understanding of why the change is occurring and what will happen during the change</li> <li>• Confidence in the leadership responsible for the change</li> <li>• Engagement of leaders at all levels. The most credible change agent is the principals and admin team.</li> <li>• Engagement of staff. Engaged leaders need to bring staff along if the change is to be successful</li> <li>• Well thought out communication with consistent messaging</li> </ul>				
<p>Leading Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against plan</li> <li>• Number of times and/or different media that a message is communicated</li> <li>• Amount of feedback received</li> </ul>		<p>Lagging Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employee perception surveys</li> <li>• Employee retention rate for first year after the change</li> </ul>		

**Describe plan to provide displaced students assistance with the following:**

**1. Identify education options**

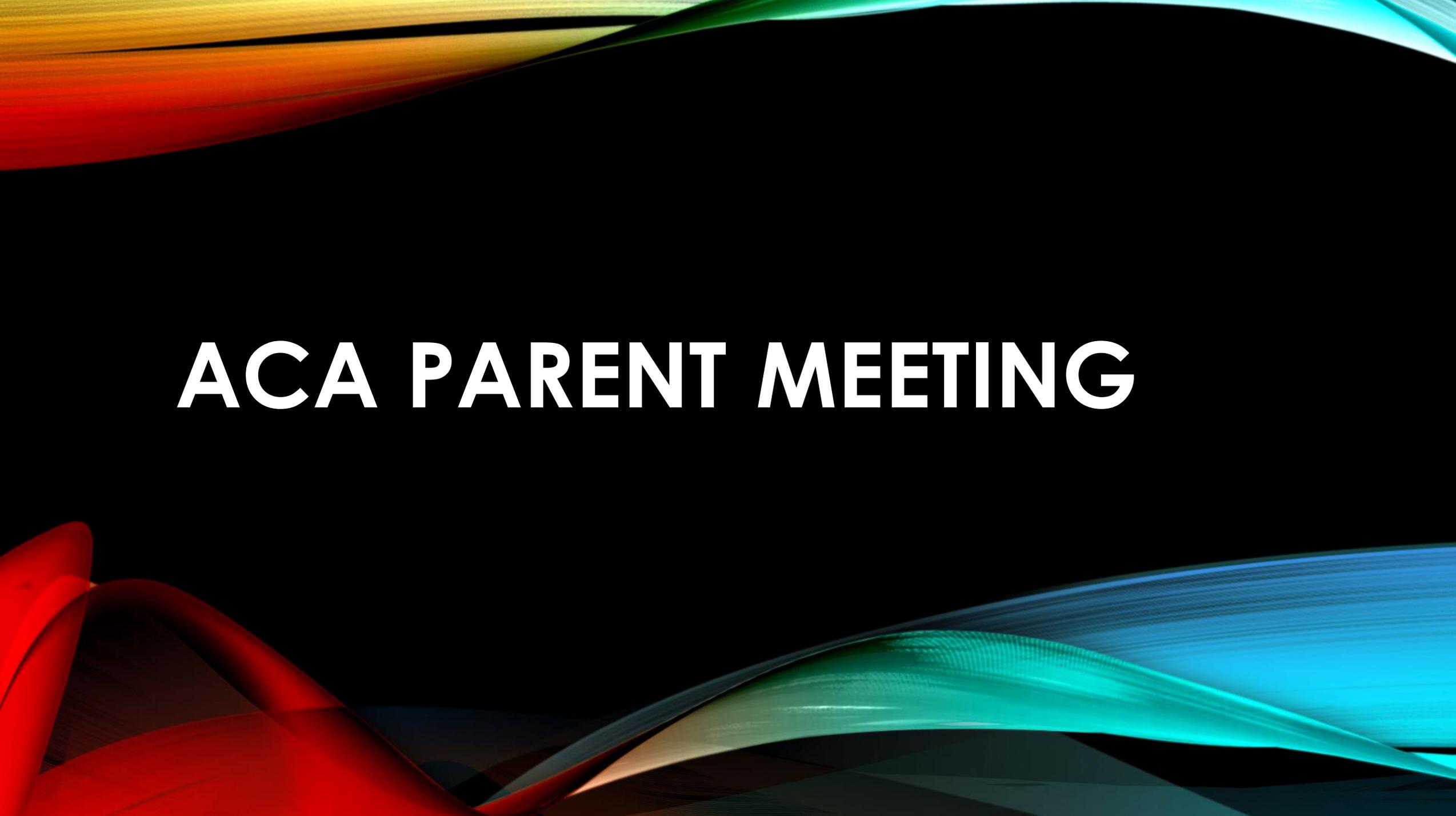
- a. Success school held multiple parent nights and communicated the reason for the change as well as information for all district, charter, and online schools in the area. In addition, we had a copy of each student’s information (transcripts, etc.) that parents could take with them to submit when enrolling in another school for the 2017-18 school year. In addition to the information on the PowerPoint, each parent was given a pamphlet with all of the schools information to take with them to use as a reference. (both the PowerPoint and pamphlet have been uploaded for your review)

**2. Enrolling in another school**

- a. Success School held a “high school fair” and information night where over 10 schools were invited to give a 5 minute presentation about their school and had a booth after the event where parents could ask questions and pick up

information. Schools who attended included all 4 Dysart district high schools, 5 charter schools, one private school, and one online school (see agenda which was uploaded). Over 300 parents and students attending the event which was open to students in 8-11 grades.

- b. Success School has a guidance counselor is coordinating student tours for local high schools and is taking students to assist them in selecting the school that best meets their needs for the following school year.
- c. Both the guidance counselor and administration team are meeting with parents individually to assist them in enrolling their child in another school next year.



# ACA PARENT MEETING

# MEETING AGENDA

- **Why the change?**
- **Where do you go from here?**
  - Overview of school options
  - District Schools- variances, athletics, West-Mec
  - Charter Schools- enrollment, online options
  - Important deadlines and dates- school tours, High School Open House at ACA
  - Enrollment Questions ONLY
- **Our commitment**
- **General questions**

# MEETING NORMS

**We ask that you....**

- **Listen and speak respectfully**
- **Stay positive and solution-minded**
- **Save questions for the end**
- **Write down or contact us with any questions that are not addressed in the meeting time. We will respond within 24 hours.**



# **HIGH SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

# IMAGINE PREP SURPRISE

148500 N. 156<sup>TH</sup> AVE, SURPRISE (WADDELL RD AND REEMS RD)

[HTTP://SURPRISEPREP.ORG/HOME/PRE-ENROLLMENT-APP/](http://surpriseprep.org/home/pre-enrollment-app/)

- Accredited
- Serves 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades
- No open enrollment deadline, notification in April whether student has a spot or on waitlist
- First come, first serve, no lottery
- No credit recovery classes
- Cambridge International Examinations School
- Dual enrollment courses with opportunities for college credit
- Project based learning
- Move on When Ready Program allows high school students to earn a recognized Grand Canyon Performance-Based Diploma to succeed in college and career as early as the end of their sophomore year
- Sports: cheerleading, football, volleyball, basketball, cross country, wrestling, soccer, baseball, softball, and track field

# HIGHLAND PREP

15331 W. BELL RD STE 212-26, SURPRISE (FUTURE SCHOOL SITE: WADDELL RD AND BULLARD AVE)

[HTTP://HIGHLANDPREPAZ.COM/H/ENROLLMENT-ELECTRONIC-PRE-REG/](http://highlandprepa.com/h/enrollment-electronic-pre-reg/)

- New charter high school
- Serving 9<sup>th</sup> grade and adding a grade level each subsequent year
- STEM focus
- Robotics Programs
- Advanced Placement program
- Homework support, tutoring, workshops, enrichment opportunities, college and career support
- Sports: cheer, football, volleyball, basketball, cross country, soccer, baseball, softball and track field
- Extracurricular activities: student council, NHS, yearbook and robotics

# PARADISE HONORS HIGH SCHOOL

12775 N 175<sup>TH</sup> AVE, SURPRISE

[HTTP://WWW.PARADISESCHOOLS.ORG/CONTENT/ENROLLMENT.ASP](http://www.paradiseschools.org/content/enrollment.asp)

- Accredited
- Serving 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- Open Enrollment – January 23 – February 27, 2017
- Waitlist does not mean student will not be accepted; enrollment continually updates
- Expanding next year
- Time sensitive – 48 hours to accept an enrollment offer if extended
- Offers credit recovery at the student's expense \$100 - \$150 per class
- Dual enrollment courses with opportunity for college credit
- Sports: football, volleyball, basketball, cross country, swimming, soccer, baseball, softball, tennis, and golf
- Extracurricular activities: art, drama, key club, NHS, English SAT prep, student council, yearbook, creative writing

# AAEC EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN

3400 N DYSART RD, AVONDALE

[HTTP://WWW.AAECHIGHSCHOOLS.COM/HIGH-SCHOOL-ENROLLMENT.HTML](http://www.aaechighschools.com/high-school-enrollment.html)

- Accredited
- Serving 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- Future Student Nights: January 18, February 15 & March 22 @ 4 pm
- Transferable college credits (free college tuition for qualified Arizona resident students)
- No credit recovery classes
- Equine Studies, Math & Sciences, Veterinary & Medical
- Extracurricular activities: student government, National Honor Society, FFA, environmental science club, medical club, chess club, yearbook, music club, volleyball club, soccer club

# PEORIA ACCELERATED HIGH SCHOOL

8885 W PEORIA, PEORIA

[HTTP://WWW.PEORIABULLDOGS.COM/COMPLETE-ENROLLMENT.HTML](http://www.peoriabulldogs.com/complete-enrollment.html)

- **Accredited**
- **Serving 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades**
- **Classes are Monday - Thursday**
- **Fridays: credit recovery classes, tutoring, field trips, college tours, or clubs**
- **Flexible schedules - students can choose the time they start school: 7:50 am, 9:40 am or 11:55 am**
- **Students may accelerate graduation by taking extra classes to earn up to 10 credits each year**
- **Extracurricular activities: key club, prom committee, art club, youth entrepreneurs, STEM, hiking club, writing arts, etc.**

# ENROLLMENT INFO FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Be safe and apply anywhere you are slightly interested
- Pay close attention to deadlines and turn all required paperwork in
  - Usually copy of birth certificate, immunizations
- Just because you're waitlisted doesn't mean you couldn't get accepted eventually. Spots tend to open up over the summer.
- Imagine Prep
  - Accepting Packets Now, no lottery.
  - Notified in April of spot, recommend applying by end of February
- Paradise Honors High School
  - Open Enrollment January 23<sup>rd</sup>-Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, notified by March 22<sup>nd</sup> 48 hours to accept a spot.

# ENROLLMENT INFO FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS CONT.

- **Arizona Agribusiness and Equine Center**
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade spots available. 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> is on a waitlist
  - Do a lottery with waitlist spots, so make sure you still apply
  - No Open Enrollment dates, but students will be notified of spots by February or March. So recommend turning app in ASAP.
- **Highland Prep**
  - Intent to Enroll available

# **DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **DYSART HIGH SCHOOL, 11425 N. DYSART RD, EL MIRAGE**

**[HTTPS://WWW.DYSART.ORG/SCHOOLSITE/?SCHOOLID=205](https://www.dysart.org/schoolsite/?schoolid=205)**

- **Accredited**
- **Serving 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades**
- **Future Freshman Night – Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**
- **Advancement Via Individual Determination international program**
- **Cambridge program curriculum for 9 and 10**
- **Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education**
- **Sports: football, volleyball, basketball, cross country, soccer, tennis, swim and dive, wrestling, and golf**
- **Extracurricular activities: American sign language, anime club, arts/ceramics club, AVID club, band club, JROTC, DECA, drama, yearbook, etc.**

# **DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SHADOW RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, 10909 N PERRYVILLE RD, SURPRISE**

**[HTTPS://DYSART.ORG/SCHOOLSITE/?SCHOOLID=225#](https://dysart.org/schoolsite/?schoolid=225#)**

- **Accredited**
- **Serving 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades**
- **Future Freshman Night – Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**
- **Named as a 2015 Best High School by US News and World Report**
- **Architectural Design and Engineering programs**
- **Sports: football, volleyball, basketball, cross country, baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, swim and dive, wrestling, and golf**
- **Extracurricular activities: arts club, band club, military club, DECA, key club, yearbook, NHS etc.**

# **DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**VALLEY VISTA HIGH SCHOOL, 15550 N PARKVIEW PLACE, SURPRISE**

**[HTTPS://WWW.DYSART.ORG/SCHOOLSITE/?SCHOOLID=220](https://www.dysart.org/schoolsite/?schoolid=220)**

- **Accredited**
- **Serving 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades**
- **Future Freshman Night – Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm**
- **Career & Technical Education Programs**
- **West-MEC programs**
- **Sports: football, volleyball, basketball, cross country, baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, swim and dive, wrestling, lacrosse and golf**
- **Extracurricular activities: Aerobic club, arts club, band club, choir club, drama club, DECA, Interact club, yearbook, NHS etc.**

# **DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WILLOW CANYON HIGH SCHOOL, 17901 W LUNDBERG ST, SURPRISE**

**[HTTPS://WWW.DYSART.ORG/SCHOOLSITE/?SCHOOLID=210](https://www.dysart.org/schoolsite/?schoolid=210)**

- **Accredited**
- **Serving 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades**
- **Future Freshman Night – Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
- **Cambridge program curriculum for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades**
- **The International Baccalaureate Program for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades**
- **Advanced Placement courses**
- **Medical lab assistant, TV/Media production and CTE programs**
- **Sports: football, volleyball, basketball, cross country, baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, swim and dive, and wrestling,**
- **Extracurricular activities: Aerobic club, arts club, band club, choir club, drama club, DECA, Interact club, yearbook, NHS etc.**



# ARIZONA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY

335 E GERMANN RD SUITE 140, GILBERT

[HTTP://WWW.CONNECTIONSACADEMY.COM/ARIZONA-ONLINE-SCHOOL/ENROLLMENT](http://www.connectionsacademy.com/arizona-online-school/enrollment)

- Accredited
- Honor and Advanced Placement courses
- College Planning Club
- Online Yearbook
- Extracurricular activities - online school clubs: art, arts & crafts, broadcast and theater arts, movie, music, gaming and technology, robotics, science and sports

# PRIMAVERA ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

2471 N ARIZONA AVE, CHANDLER

[HTTPS://WWW.PRIMAVERA-ONLINE-HIGH-SCHOOL.COM/ENROLL-NOW/](https://www.primavera-online-high-school.com/enroll-now/)

- **Accredited**
- **Full or part-time enrollment**
- **Dual enrollment**
- **Six week courses**
- **Extracurricular activities: student government, art club, book club, manga & anime club, national honor society, career and college readiness club, etc.**

# ARIZONA VIRTUAL ACADEMY

99 E. VIRGINIA AVE SUITE 200, PHOENIX

[HTTP://AZVA.K12.COM/HOW-ENROLL.HTML](http://azva.k12.com/how-enroll.html)

- **Accredited**
- **Honors and Advanced Placement courses**
- **Blended Center, online classes with face-to-face instruction, at Goodyear/Avondale Location**

# OPEN ENROLLMENT PROCESS

- Open enrollment is currently open and Dysart School District is taking applications.
- If you live in a particular boundary but want to attend a different school within the Dysart School District you have to apply for and receive a variance.
- If your child is approved and you receive a variance, once you are notified of your acceptance you need to contact the school you want to attend within 10 days of your open enrollment acceptance.

<https://www.dysart.org/MainSite/>

# AIA ATHLETICS

**Due to school closure, your student can attend any of the following schools without eligibility restrictions:**

- **A private, a charter school not associated with a public school district or a parochial high school in the county in which the parents are domiciled**
- **The public high school closest to the domicile of the parents. However, if a student is seeking a variance (open enrollment) to another district school outside of their home school, the AIA transfer rule will apply:**
  - **In State Transfers – a student shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels until after the first 50% of the maximum allowable Power Rankings regular season contests in those sports in which the student participated during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the transfer.**

# WEST- MEC SATELLITE PROGRAMS

- **Dysart High School-** Graphic Web Design, Digital Photography, Automotive Technology, Sports Medicine, Professional Sales and Marketing, Film and TV
- **Shadow Ridge High School-** Digital Communication, Graphic Web Design, Computer Animation, Engineering, Architectural Drafting, Sports Medicine, Journalism, Professional Sales and Marketing
- **Valley Vista High School-** Digital Communication, Graphic Web Design, Computer Animation, Culinary Arts, Law, Public Safety and Security, Fire Science, Sports Medicine, Professional Sales and Marketing
- **Willow Canyon High School-** Laboratory Assisting, Sports Medicine, Digital Communication, Graphic Web Design, Film and TV, Professional Sales and Marketing

# **WEST- MEC CENTRAL PROGRAMS**

**Paradise Honors- 4 core courses, 2 years of foreign language**

**Imagine Prep- 4 core course**

**Online Schools- Yes. Must work with schedule and you receive a variance, once you are notified of your acceptance you need to contact the school you want to attend within 10 days of your open enrollment notice.**



Questions regarding  
**ENROLLMENT?**



Our commitment  
to you....

**High expectations, fieldtrips, clubs,  
enrollment documents**



# General Questions

# agenda



## High School Information Night

1/24/2017

5:30- 7:00PM

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5:00-5:30PM	<b>School to Set up in gym</b> Set up visuals and AV on laptop/ projector Assist with table set up	GYM
5:30- 5:40PM	<b>Welcome</b> Agenda Norms	OLSON
5:40- 6:40PM	<b>School Presentations</b> Paradise Honors Highland Prep Imagine Surprise AAEC Peoria Accelerated Willow Canyon Dysart HS Shadow Ridge Valley Vista Joy Christian Connections Online	Mike Sears Ken Schlinger Chris McComb Dale Nichols Amanda Bachler Cheryl Pete Amy Hartjen Michelle Bohon Damian Bracey Shawn Garrelts
6:40- 7:00PM	<b>Release to Meet with School Reps</b> Individual School Tables	OLSON Individual School Reps

Matt- Sound check and available to load visual presentation

Erica- Check logistics; table set-up, podium, foyer

Andrea/ Erica/ Olson- meet reps and assist in set up



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January 17, 2017

Dear Parents,

Arizona Charter Academy has served our high school students faithfully for many years and is immensely proud of our accomplishments and achievements during this time. We have an amazing group of students and a staff who have poured their heart and soul into the mission of ACA.

As you are aware, ACA has continued to grow and now finds itself with a new challenge. The elementary has reached capacity and families are waiting to enroll. Our high school has reached a point where they need more variety of classes, including AP, honors, electives and courses aligned to their Houses of Study. Obtaining additional facilities is not an option for ACA in the timeframe needed to meet this need.

With regret, Arizona Charter Academy High School, in consultation with the school's Governing Board, has decided to close the high school program for the school for the 2017-2018 school year and in the foreseeable future. Our high school enrollment has maintained since 2010 between 180 and 200 students. In the meantime, our K- 8 enrollment has increased by 75%. With growth, we have reviewed our options and believe we will best serve students by enhancing and continuing to grow our K-8 population. The middle school will be moving over to the current high school building.

Needless to say it has been a very difficult decision. We have decided to inform you now in order to provide you with as much time as possible to find a new school for the 2017-2018 school year. The administration and staff are committed to ending our high school year with fidelity, integrity and passion.

In action this means:

- Work with all students to complete their course of study.
- Push our students to build on their strong academic, cultural and social skills to equip them for their next high school experience.
- Give 100% effort to obtain the BEST AzMERIT testing scores ever.
- Work with students on making the best decision for their next high school and assisting with any enrollment questions.
- Celebrate the accomplishments and spirit of the ACA High School community through upcoming events.

We realize that you may have many questions about the decision not to reopen high school next year, and we want to talk with you about your concerns. **You are invited to attend a meeting tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:45PM in the MPR or Friday evening, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at which school leaders will be available to talk with you. If you have questions or concerns we have a team of staff available. We will take and return phone calls as quickly as we can. Please contact the front office who will transfer your call to the appropriate staff.**

We have shown, over many years that we are deeply committed to our community and we are determined, with your support and engagement, to help with placement in other schools for the 2017-2018 school year. This is subject to meeting the other school's normal admissions procedures.

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These charter schools include:

- Paradise Honors High School
- Highland Prep High School
- Imagine Prep High School

The local district schools include:

- Dysart High School
- Willow Canyon High School
- Valley Vista High School
- Shadow Ridge High School

For your convenience, student unofficial transcripts and records will be available in the front office as follows:

- Current Juniors – week of February 6th
- Current Sophomores – week of February 13th
- Current Freshman – week of February 21st
- Current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – week of February 13th

As all of you know, Arizona Charter Academy is home to some of the most dedicated teachers and families in the West Valley and will continue to serve and expand the K-8 grade levels with the spirit of excellence we have always maintained. We ask for your continued help. Please work with the Arizona Charter team to bring this school year to a strong conclusion. While we will focus efforts on helping families and our students find a new school next year that best meets their needs, we also want to put our absolute best into every school day until the end of this year. This is a commitment we made to you and through our combined efforts we can make each of the remaining days one where scholars can continue to grow and develop.

Thank you for the commitment and dedication that you bring to the education of your student during their time at ACA.

Sincerely,

ACA Administración



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17 de enero del 2017

Estimados Padres,

Arizona Charter Academy ha servido fielmente a nuestros estudiantes de preparatoria por muchos años y estamos orgullosos de nuestros triunfos y logros durante este tiempo. Tenemos un grupo maravilloso de estudiantes y un personal que ha entregado su corazón y alma a la misión de ACA.

Como ustedes saben, ACA ha continuado creciendo y ahora nos encontramos con un Nuevo reto. La primaria ha alcanzado su capacidad y hay familias que están esperando para matricularse. Nuestra preparatoria ha llegado al punto donde necesitan más variedad de clases, incluyendo nivel avanzado, de honor, electivas, y cursos que se alineen a sus Casas de Estudio. Obtener planteles adicionales no es una opción para ACA en el tiempo necesario para satisfacer esta necesidad.

Lamentablemente, la preparatoria de Arizona Charter Academy, en consultación con la Mesa Directiva Escolar, ha decidido cerrar el programa de preparatoria para el año escolar 2017-2018 y en el futuro previsible. Nuestra matriculación se ha mantenido entre 180 y 200 estudiantes desde el 2010. En el mismo transcurso de tiempo, nuestra matriculación de kínder a octavo grados ha aumentado un 75%. Con el crecimiento, hemos revisado nuestras opciones y creemos que serviremos mejor a los estudiantes mejorando y continuando creciendo nuestra población estudiantil de kínder a octavo grados. La escuela intermedia se moverá al edificio que la preparatoria usa en el presente.

No hace falta decir que esta ha sido una decisión muy difícil de tomar. Hemos decidido informales ahora para proveerles con todo el tiempo posible para encontrar una nueva escuela para el año escolar 2017-2018. La administración y personal estamos comprometidos a terminar el año escolar en la preparatoria con fidelidad, integridad y pasión.

En acción esto significa:

- Trabajar con todos los estudiantes para completar su curso de estudio.
- Empujar a nuestros estudiantes para edificar en sus fuertes destrezas académicas, culturales y sociales para equiparlos para su nueva experiencia en preparatoria.
- Dar el 100% de nuestros esfuerzos para obtener las MEJORES calificaciones en las pruebas AzMERIT.
- Trabajar con los estudiantes para hacer la mejor decisión para su próxima escuela preparatoria y asistirlos con cualquier pregunta de matriculación.
- Celebrar los logros y el espíritu de la comunidad de preparatoria de ACA a través de eventos futuros.

Reconocemos que usted puede tener muchas preguntas sobre la decisión de no abrir la escuela preparatoria en año entrante, y queremos hablar con usted sobre sus inquietudes. **Usted está invitado a asistir a una junta mañana miércoles 18 de enero a las 3:45 pm en la cafetería o el viernes, 20 de enero a las 6:00 pm en las cuales los líderes escolares estarán disponibles para hablar con usted. Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud tenemos a un equipo del personal disponible. Tomaremos y contestaremos las llamadas telefónicas lo más pronto posible. Por favor comuníquese con la oficina escolar y lo transferirán al personal apropiado.**

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Hemos demostrado a través de los años que estamos profundamente comprometidos a nuestra comunidad y estamos determinados, con su apoyo e involucración, a ayudar con la matriculación en otras escuelas para el año escolar 2017-2018. Esto es sujeto a cumplir con los procedimientos normales de admisión de las otras escuelas.

Estas escuelas chárter incluyen:

- Paradise Honors High School
- Highland Prep High School
- Imagine Prep High School

Las escuelas del distrito local incluyen:

- Dysart High School
- Willow Canyon High School
- Valley Vista High School
- Shadow Ridge High School

Para su conveniencia, los expedientes académicos no oficiales y sus registros estudiantiles estarán disponibles en la oficina escolar conforme sigue:

- Estudiantes Juniors (del 11) – la semana del 6 de febrero
- Estudiantes Sophomores (del 10) – la semana del 13 de febrero
- Estudiantes Freshmen (del 9) – la semana del 21 de febrero

Como todos lo saben, Arizona Charter Academy es hogar de algunos de los maestros y familias más dedicadas en el oeste del valle y continuaremos sirviendo y expandiendo los niveles de grado de kínder al octavo con el espíritu de excelencia que siempre hemos mantenido. Le pedimos su ayuda continua. Por favor trabaje con el equipo de Arizona Charter Academy para terminar este año escolar de una manera firme. Mientras enfocamos nuestros esfuerzos en ayudar a las familias y nuestros estudiantes a encontrar una nueva escuela para el año entrante que satisfaga sus necesidades, también queremos dar lo mejor de nosotros cada día escolar hasta el final de este año. Este es un compromiso que hemos hecho con ustedes y a través de nuestros esfuerzos combinados podemos hacer cada uno de los días restantes un día donde los estudiantes puedan continuar creciendo y desarrollándose.

Gracias por el compromiso y dedicación que trae a la educación de su estudiante durante su tiempo en ACA.

Sinceramente,

La Administración de ACA

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