

Enrollment Cap Notification Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

Name:
The Odyssey Preparatory
Academy, Inc.

CTDS:
07-85-61-000

Mailing Address:
6500 South Apache
Buckeye, AZ 85326
> [View detailed info](#)

Representative

Name:
Megan Olson

Phone Number:
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Enrollment Cap

From:
3000

To:
3800

Attachments

Board Minutes –  [Download File](#)

Increase to Enrollment Cap Attachments

The following 2 attachments are only required if the enrollment cap is increasing.

Documentation that current facilities can accommodate requested capacity –  [Download File](#)

Narrative describing the staffing changes and recruiting efforts that will be made to reach capacity –  [Download File](#)

Additional Information

 [Download File – Eligibility Form.](#)

Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Megan Olson 10/10/2016

Board Minutes

The Odyssey Preparatory Academy

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of The Odyssey Preparatory Academy and to the general public that the Board will hold a meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specific time. One or more members of the Board may participate in the meeting by telephonic communications.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(H), the Board may discuss and take action concerning any matter listed on the agenda.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) the Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Mary Daniels at (602) 680-0967. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Meeting Location: 1495 S. Verrado Way, Buckeye, AZ 85326

September 6th, 2016

Meeting Time: 10:00

Chairman: Megan Olson

Other Board Members: Mary Daniels, Holly Johnson, Kathryn Tracy and Tracey Fry

- I. Call to order- meeting called to order 10:01
- II. Roll call- Mary Daniels, Holly Johnson, Kathryn Tracey, Tracey Fry and Megan Olson telephonically
- III. Open issues
 - * Discussion Odyssey Institute as Skyview's home school of designation but other adding policies for other home school organizations – will add to agenda for next meeting on October 11.
- IV. New business
 - A. Possible dismissal/approval of scholars from Sienna Hills
 - Family withdrew
 - B. Review/approve cleaning bid for Apache campus – City Wide
 - Tracey motions to approve the cleaning bid from City Wide –Apache Campus
 - Fry seconds the motion
 - Unanimously approved

- C. Approve enrollment cap for the next 3 years to 3800 for all schools of The Odyssey Preparatory Family of Schools
- Daniels motions to approve enrollment cap for the next 3 years to 3800 for all Odyssey schools
 - Fry seconds to motions
 - Unanimously approved

V. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 10:31

The Odyssey Preparatory Academy (TOPA), Inc., is seeking Board approval to increase the school's enrollment from 3000 scholars to 3800 scholars over the course of the next three years. All schools operated under the charter meet standards set by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools as determined by the Arizona State Department of Education and are eligible to request an enrollment cap increase.

The charter holder currently operates three elementary schools, a junior high school and a high school in the West Valley. The increase in enrollment would be absorbed across all five schools and is being requested in order to accommodate the number of scholars on the waitlist for two of TOPA's West Valley elementary schools and allow for the third West Valley elementary school as well as the junior high and high schools to fill their facilities to capacity.

The chart below represents Odyssey's current enrollment as well as projected enrollment increases over the next three years.

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
K-5	1688	1783	1783	1783
6 th grade	225	250	275	300
7 th grade	225	250	275	300
8 th grade	225	250	275	300
9 th grade	225	250	275	300
10 th grade	143	225	275	275
11 th grade	128	143	225	225
12 th grade	88	128	143	225
Totals	2947	3279	3526	3708

Since opening its first school in 2009, the organization has built its capacity to support quality and long-term academic success. At The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc., scholars new to the schools due to increasing enrollment will benefit from an already well-developed curriculum, sound instruction and ongoing assessment practices. In spite of explosive growth since opening in 2009, all five schools have established, solid academic programs. The district has developed a seamless K-12 program in consideration of the fact that many scholars that start in one of the elementary schools continue to the junior high and high schools. With that in mind, the elementary academic program has been closely aligned to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program offered at the junior high and high schools. Both schools are authorized by IB and have also received AdvancEd accreditation based upon a rigorous review of the academic program. The high school graduated its first class in 2016 with 100% of eligible scholars graduating and a high percentage of graduates matriculating to a college or university. TOPA schools maintain a high teacher retention rate and have been able to consistently hire highly qualified teachers due to its outstanding reputation in the West Valley.

Annually, the schools receive more teacher applicants than are needed. In preparation for the anticipated growth, Odyssey has established a solid administrative team at each school and throughout the district and does not foresee the need for additional administrative staff.

TOPA has built its capacity to support quality and long-term operational success. The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc. has the capacity to support the quality and long-term operational success of the organization even with the increase in enrollment as requested. In both 2015 and 2016, the charter holder met the Board's operational performance expectations, including complying with its obligations to the Board. The charter holder owns five school sites with adequate school facility space to support the enrollment increase requested. TOPA schools have maintained re-enrollment rates in excess of 95%.

The organization has the ability to maintain its financial viability with the proposed growth. TOPA meets the Board's financial performance expectations, maintains a reserve fund, and has a strong scholar enrollment record, with more than 95% of scholars re-enrolling each year. This year Odyssey finished the final phase of the junior high/high school campus with the completion of a 56,000 square foot junior high building. The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc. meets the Board's financial performance expectations for FY2014 and FY2015.



Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

Eligibility Form

Review the Academic Performance Eligibility instructions for the amendment or notification request being submitted; fill out the following information, sign at bottom, scan, and upload as described in the appropriate amendment or notification instructions.

Charter Holder Information	
Name of Charter Holder	The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc.
Schools operated under charter requesting amendment/notification	The Odyssey Preparatory Academy The Odyssey Institute for Advanced and International Studies
Charter Representative name	Holly Johnson, Megan Olson
Target date of implementation	2017-2018
Amendment/Notification Request type(s)	Enrollment Cap Increase

Check box below to indicate completion of eligibility review by charter holder

I understand that to be eligible to apply for reduced submission requirements for the purposes of an amendment or notification request, the following criteria must be met by each school operated by the Charter Holder, as specified in the Academic Performance Eligibility and Consideration of Operational Compliance instructions. I have reviewed all relevant Academic Dashboards, and operational compliance, and found that these criteria have been met.

- Each school operated under the charter for which expansion is being requested is eligible to receive an overall rating and has an overall rating of "Meets" or "Exceeds" Standard in the most recent fiscal year that State assessment data is available, or
- The school operated under the charter for which expansion is specifically being requested has an overall rating of "Meets" or "Exceeds" Standards in the most recent fiscal year that State assessment data is available, and
- The Charter Holder requesting expansion is currently in compliance with all areas listed in the Consideration of Operational Compliance instructions.

Signature (Replace the [brackets] with the requested information before printing.)

I, [Charter Representative's Name], acting on behalf of [Charter Holder Entity], believe [Charter Holder Entity] meets the eligibility requirements for reduced submission requirements outlined above, and understand that Board staff will review the academic performance and operational compliance of the Charter Holder to confirm eligibility.

Signed: Holly Johnson Date: 9-9-16