

**Arizona State Board for Charter Schools**  
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**ADDING GRADE LEVELS TO CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUEST**

(Charter Holder Name) VISTA GROVE PREPARATORY PUBLIC CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL (CTDS) 078946000

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 2929 E.MCKELLIPS ROAD

(City, State) MESA, AZ (Zip) 85213

(Charter Representative's Name) WILLIAM COATS

(Phone Number) 602.953.2933 (Fax Number) 602.277.4900

**Failure to submit all required documentation will result in the Amendment Request being returned without being processed. Faxed copies will not be accepted. Please send originals.**

**Adding grade levels served for charter**

Included are the following:

- Board minutes approving the change (If the body is subject to Open Meeting Law, minutes must comply with ARS §38-431.01)
- Narrative that 1) provides background and support for expansion; 2) how the additional grades support the philosophy, methods of instruction, special emphasis, and mission of the charter
- Timeline for implementation
- Proficiency level required for credit and/or promotion and credit transfer policies

For each grade level being added, provide the following as a representation of a program of instruction aligned to the State Academic Standards and to the methods of instruction described in the charter:

- Math – A completed curriculum sample template including all required attachments as outlined on the template attached.
- Language Arts - A completed curriculum sample template, for both reading and writing, including all required attachments as outlined on the template attached.

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and VISTA GROVE PREPARATORY ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

**FROM SERVING GRADES: 7<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**TO SERVING GRADES: 7<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup>**

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 6<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY, 2010, and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, to take effect at such time as it is signed by both parties.

  
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Charter Representative Signature

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Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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MINUTES FROM PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF:

- EL DORADO PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
- MAYA PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
- SKYVIEW PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
- SUMMIT PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
- TEMPE ACCELERATED PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

AND

- GILBERT ARTS ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- LIBERTY ARTS ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- MONTEZUMA PUBLIC CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
- SOUTH POINTE PUBLIC CHARTER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
- SOUTH POINTE PUBLIC CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- VISTA GROVE PREPARATORY ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- VISTA GROVE PREPARATORY ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

DATE: Thursday, May 6, 2010

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: 7878 N. 16TH STREET  
SUITE 150  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85020

MEETING CALLED  
TO ORDER

11:30 a.m.

ATTENDEES

BILL COATS WAS PRESENT

AGENDA TOPICS

ACTION ITEM I

Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request

For: Liberty Arts Academy Public Charter Elementary School

Adding Grade Level: 7th

PROPOSED AMENDMENT REQUEST WAS REVIEWED AND A MOTION TO PASS WAS MADE SECONDED AND PASSED BY BILL COATS

ACTION ITEM II

Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request

For: Vista Grove Preparatory Academy Public Charter Middle School

Adding Grade Level: 9th

PROPOSED AMENDMENT REQUEST WAS REVIEWED AND A MOTION TO PASS WAS MADE SECONDED AND PASSED BY BILL COATS

ACTION ITEM I

Site Specific Change in Grades Served Notification Request

For: Liberty Arts Academy Public Charter Elementary School

Adding Grade Level: 7th

PROPOSED NOTIFICATION REQUEST WAS REVIEWED AND A MOTION TO PASS WAS MADE SECONDED AND PASSED BY BILL COATS





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**ACTION ITEM II**

**Site Specific Change in Grades Served Notification Request**

For: Vista Grove Preparatory Academy Public Charter Middle School

Adding Grade Level: 9th

PROPOSED NOTIFICATION REQUEST WAS REVIEWED AND A MOTION TO PASS WAS MADE SECONDED AND PASSED BY BILL COATS

**REPORTS AND INFORMATION (NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)**

**\*PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

\*INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE GOVERNING BODY ARE ASKED TO SIGN THE SPEAKERS' ROSTER PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING.



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### **Special Emphasis:**

Vista Grove Middle School will provide a small learning community for students in grade 7-9 who are seeking an alternative to the large size of traditional schools or are unsatisfied with their current school meeting their needs (academically or socially). Vista Grove Middle School will target students in grade 7-9, providing an alternative choice to students and families that would like grades 7-9 to remain at the same school. Recent changes now force Mesa Public School District's 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to enroll in high school settings. The overarching goal is to improve student learning and achievement in core subject areas with a special emphasis on providing a small learning community to all our students.

### **Credit Transfer Policy:**

Students who were previously enrolled in a private school, charter school or school district shall be eligible to transfer credits earned in courses or instructional programs at the previous school or school district. The leadership team at Vista Grove Middle School will analyze transcripts and course descriptions to determine whether a credit earned by a student who was previously enrolled in another school will be assigned as an elective or core credit.

Any such students will be provided with a list that indicates which credits have been accepted as an elective credit and which credits have been accepted as a core credit by Vista Grove Middle School. Within ten school days after receiving the list, the student may request to take an examination in each particular course in which core credit has been denied. Vista Grove Middle School will accept the credit as a core credit for each particular course in which the student takes an examination and receives a passing score (60% or higher) on a test designed and evaluated by a highly qualified teacher in the school who teaches the subject matter on which the examination is based.