

Instructional Days Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

Name:
Academy of Mathematics and
Science South, Inc.

CTDS:
10-85-10-000

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1557 West Prince Road
Tucson, AZ 85705
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Representative

Name:
Tatyana Chayka

Phone Number:

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Contractual Days

180

To
200

Fiscal Year Effective Date
13-14

Type of Change
Permanent Change

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Additional Information*
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Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Tatyana Chayka 07/02/2013

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June 24, 2013

DeAnna Rowe, President
Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
P.O. Box 18328
Phoenix, AZ 85009

RE: Instructional Days Amendment Request

Dear Ms. Rowe,

The Governing Board of Academy of Mathematics and Science South respectfully submits this Amendment Request to offer 200 days of instruction for the 2013-2014 school year. The Governing Board believes that the additional instructional time will lead to greater student outcomes.

The students in our area are at-risk. We would like our year to be 20 days longer than the surrounding district's year. The extended year will help us to provide additional instruction to support student growth.

Attached are the minutes from the Governing Board meeting where the Board approved the increased number of instructional days.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together for the students of Arizona.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tatyana Chayka".

Tatyana Chayka
Board Member
Academy of Mathematics and Science South

Academy of Mathematics and Science South

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AMSS Governing Board June 23rd, 2013

The notice of this meeting was posted in compliance with ARS section 38-431.02 on June 21st, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by Tatyana Chayka at 11:27 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Jill Rich
Chris McNamara (By Phone)
Maria Vasilieva
Tatyana Chayka
Kim Chayka (By Phone)

AMS Staff Members Present:

Martin Durrell

Public Present:

Board Members Absent:

Noel Sherwin
Catherine Borinstein

GENERAL SESSION

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration to approve the 2014 Proposed Budget.

A general overview of the budget was presented by Martin Durrell. Board members asked several specific questions which were responded to by the CFO. Maria Vasilieva made a motion to approve the Proposed Budget as presented.

Kim Chayka seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved by all Board members present

Agenda Item 2- Consideration to authorize Kim Chayka and or Tatyana Chayka to sign all required documents for acquisition, financing and renovation of the Flower Street property.

Kim Chayka detailed the extensive search for a building in identified Phoenix area. The property is 17,500 Sq ft on 1.3 Acres, purchase price \$1,065,000. The building has appraised at over \$2,000,000. We have selected Charter School Development Corp as our lender as they offered a preferred interest rate, 100%

financing and required no cross collateralization with the other schools. Our Legal Council is in the process of the final review of the loan documents.

Maria Vasilieva made a motion to Authorize Kim Chayka and or Tatyana Chayka to sign all required documents for acquisition, financing and renovation of the Flower Street property.

Chris McNamara seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved by all Board members present

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration to select General Contractor from list of proposals.

All Board members received copies of the proposals on June 21st,2013 for prior review. Kim Chayka explained that Low Mountain was the preferred Contractor. They are the lowest bidder, are capable and have current capacity and come well recommended. It is also noted that they have several Charter Schools in their portfolio.

Chris McNamara made a motion to approve Low Mountain as the Contractor of choice. Tatyana Chayka seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by all Board members present

Agenda Item 4 – Consideration to increase grades served from K-5 to K-8

Agenda Item 5 – Consideration to increase the school instructional days from 180 to 200

Agenda Item 6 – Consideration to allow enrollment of KG students turning 5 years old by Dec 31st

Agenda Item 7 – Consideration to allow enrollment of 1st Grade students turning 6 years old by Dec 31st

Tatyana Chayka made a motion to approve Agenda Items 4, 5, 6 and 7 as written.

Maria Vasilieva seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved by all Board members present

Agenda Item 8 – Director Updates

There were no director updates

**Academy of Math and Science South
2013-2014 Calendar**

July 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	16
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

10th First day for teachers
31st First day for students

School Days: 1

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
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

15th Afterschool activity sign-up
19th Afterschool activities begin

School Days: 22

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					

2nd Labor Day: no school
5th PAC meeting at 5:30 pm
6th No afterschool activities
13th Progress reports

School Days: 20

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		

3rd PAC Meeting 5:30
4th 1st quarter ends: no school
8th 1st qtr report cards, parent/student/teacher conferences 1:30-5:30 pm

School Days: 22

November 2013

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	<u>7</u>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	30

7th PAC Meeting 5:30
15th No afterschool activities
11th Veterans Day: no school
22nd Progress report
28th Thanksgiving: no school
29th Thanksgiving: no school

School Days: 18

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				

13th 2nd quarter ends
20th Report cards, no afterschool activities
23th Holiday break begins

School Days : 15

Key

1st day/last day
No School

Monday through Thursday
7:40 am first bell, classes begin, 3:55 pm, classes end, 4:10-6 pm extracurricular activities
Friday
7:40 am first bell, classes begin, 1:00 pm, classes end

**Academy of Math and Science
2013-2014 Calendar**

January 2014						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	
6th Classes resume 8th Afterschool activity sign-up 9th PAC meeting 5:30 pm 13th Afterschool activities begin 20th MLK Day: no school School Days: 19						

February 2014						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						<i>1</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	
6th PAC Meeting 5:30 14th No afterschool activities 17th Presidents Day: no school 21st Progress report School Days: 19						

March 2014						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						<i>1</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
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<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
6th PAC Meeting 14th 3rd quarter ends, no after school activities 10th-14th SAR Science and Engineering Fair 28th 3rd qtr report cards, parent/student/teacher conferences 1:30-5:30 pm 17th-21th Spring Break School Days: 16						

April 2014						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>			
3rd PAC Meeting 7th-18th AIMS Testing School Days: 22						

May 2014						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
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<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>
School Days: 21						

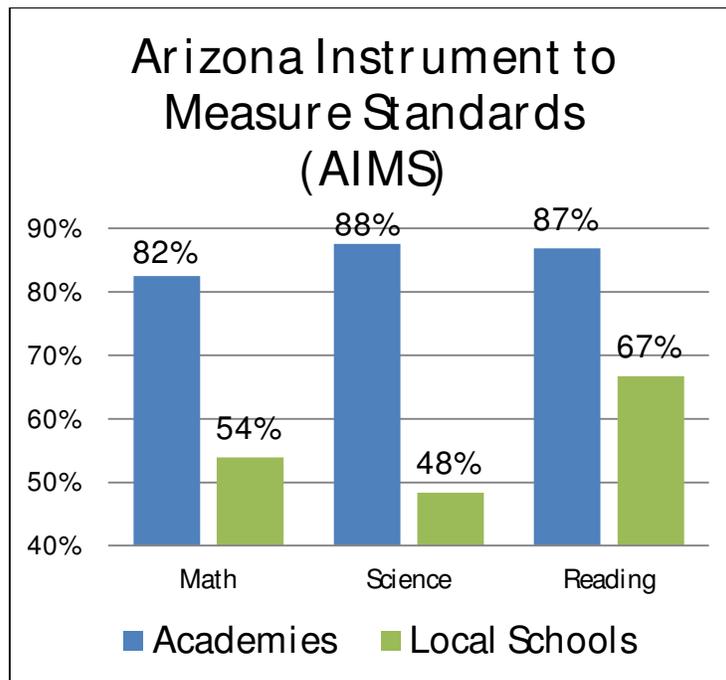
June 2014						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
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<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>					
3rd 4th quarter ends 13th Report cards mailed out 4th Kindergarten, fifth grade, eighth grade promotions 5th Awards Ceremony 6th Last day of school, regular Friday dismissal 1 pm School Days: 5						

Key
1st day/last day
No School

<u>Monday through Thursday</u> 7:40 am first bell, classes begin, 3:55 pm, classes end, 4:10-6 pm extracurricular activities <u>Friday</u> 7:40 am first bell, classes begin, 1:00 pm, classes end

AMSS200-Day Calendar Narrative

Our student population will be more than 80% minority and more than 90% eligible for free and reduced lunch (FRL). Furthermore, 40% of the adult population in this area have not graduated from high school and only 7% have a Bachelor's degree or higher. These demographics are representative of the surrounding at-risk community. AMSS reviewed data from the Arizona Department of Education, US Census Bureau, GreatSchools.org, as well as proprietary real estate brokers' demographic profiles to identify the target population. Furthermore, the academic performance of other schools in the surrounding area indicates our students will likely come to us one or more grade levels behind where they should be. The tables below show the composite AIMS results from 2011-2012 for Academy of Mathematics and Math and Science Success Academy, the partner schools, compared to the composite results for schools in the AMSS market.



We believe that in order for our students to succeed they need, among other things, additional time in the classroom. AMSS will consist of a 200-day calendar where students will be in the classroom for up to 8.5 hours per day with time for elective courses, remediation, and character education. AMSS is committed to improving educational outcomes for this community, and believes that a 200-day calendar will prove that opportunity.