



The Anchor School

Academic Committee Meeting

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Date and Time

Wednesday September 11, 2024 at 8:00 PM EDT

Location

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			8:00 PM
A. Record Attendance		Nicole LeBlanc	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Emily Desprez Isbell	1 m
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Emily Desprez Isbell	1 m
	Approve minutes for Academic Committee Meeting on August 14, 2024		
II. Academic Achievement			8:03 PM

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A. Academic Data Review	Discuss	Josh Pinto Taylor	15 m
Review the data added from July and August thus far. Milestone data and MAP assessment.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAP Math and Reading (School & Grade-Level) data attached • School Dashboard, linked here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10IKymg0kHh87U3Soq8sjvJU8o9Ze9yKN/edit?usp=sharing&oid=115525275646219398079&rtpof=true&sd=true • Milestone Math data (embargoed) 			
B. Academic Assessment Calendar	Discuss	Josh Pinto Taylor	5 m
Present the drafted academic assessment calendar for the 24-25 school year, updated with MAP window recommendations.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment Calendar is attached and also linked here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tDpMa3M9SztGz13h8vQWS8GLqYTflsVY5jEO_0O-k8Y/edit?usp=sharing 			
III. Additional Item from Operations Committee			8:23 PM
Kynea will be the staff member supporting these items.			
A. SCSC Monitoring (for Operations and Academic)	Discuss	Kynea Griffith	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share timeline for initial monitoring, communications, and materials. • Discuss any necessary details and the direct next steps. • Plan to provide an update at the August Board meeting. 			
B. Professional Qualifications Policy	Vote	Kynea Griffith	5 m
Director of Operations will share the final policy for approval (with edits from HR consultant incorporated into the final policy document).			
C. Weighted Lottery and Lottery Timeline	Discuss	Josh Pinto Taylor	10 m
Discuss the weighted lottery and lottery timeline for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.			

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• Dekalb County School Choice dates: https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/school-choice/			

IV. Other Academic Items 8:43 PM

A. SCSC Academic CPF and Renewal Criteria Updates	Discuss	Josh Pinto Taylor	5 m
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Aug 29 meeting: The SCSC is proposing updates to the academic section of the CPF and renewal criteria. Please join us for a webinar to review the changes and gather feedback. All materials will be posted to the website following the webinar.

B. Academic Accreditation	Discuss	Josh Pinto Taylor	5 m
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- Dr. Pinto Taylor will recommend the accreditation track (to potentially pursue in 25-26 and we may vote to give management the decision authority to select the track).
- Discuss the Academic Achievement Committee's role in the accreditation process.

C. TAS High School Progress	Discuss	Josh Pinto Taylor	10 m
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The current strategic work happening in support of developing the HS program:

1. Curriculum Overview Document (Created)
2. Grade Conversion Policy Draft (Created)
3. Director of High School Position (Receiving Resumes)
4. Facility Planning (Future Work)
5. Staffing Model (Created)
6. Multi-Year Projection (Created)
7. Graduation Requirements (Created)
8. HS Specific Policies (Future Work)
9. Diploma Endorsements (Created)
10. CTAE Plan (Future Work)

D. Standards Based Grading and Grade Conversions	Vote	Josh Pinto Taylor	5 m
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	Dr. Pinto Taylor will share a draft policy for when and how TAS does grade conversions. Given that Grade 8 is only a year away (this is when we will begin offering HS credits), We'd like to have this work completed this year.		
E.	Remedial Education Program (REP) Overview	Discuss	Josh Pinto Taylor
	Josh will provide an overview of the REP process at TAS this school year.		
F.	Drug and Alcohol Policy	Discuss	Josh Pinto Taylor
	Recommendation to draft a policy related to drug and alcohol in safety sensitive positions.		
V.	Closing Items		9:18 PM
A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	

The Anchor School is a village of educators, families, and community members that partners with 6th through 12th-grade students* who are developing the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to thrive in school and beyond. Through our commitment to excellent instruction, community partnerships, and holistic student development, we cultivate anchors that build a more just and equitable future.

**In August 2022, the SCSC authorized TAS as a GA Charter School with approval to enroll students who will be in the 6th grade in the fall of 2023.*