

APPROVED



The Anchor School

Minutes

Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday February 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Location

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ngf-bsag-prx>

Or dial: (US) +1 260-468-0174 PIN: 597 098 506#

Committee Members Present

E. Desprez Isbell (remote), K. James, K. Sargeant (remote)

Committee Members Absent

N. LeBlanc

Committee Members who arrived after the meeting opened

K. James

Guests Present

J. Pinto Taylor (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Desprez Isbell called a meeting of the Academic Achievement Committee of The Anchor School to order on Wednesday Feb 11, 2026 at 7:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

E. Desprez Isbell made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Committee Meeting on 01-14-26.

K. Sargeant seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Academic Achievement

A. Academic Data Review

Reviewed the MAP Winter assessment achievement and growth scores:

- Steady growth in math across all grade levels
- Steady growth in reading in 7th and 8th grade
- Concern: decrease of 2 pts on average from 6th grade reading in the fall to 6th grade reading in the winter testing administration

K. James arrived at 7:18 PM.

B. Academic (Assessment) Calendar

Action Item: Dr. PT

- Align October break in 2026-2027 SY with Dekalb County Fall Break (Oct 5-9)
- October Teacher Planning (Day of Practice) day on October 12

Action Item: Emily

- Add Academic Calendar as an Item for Action/Vote for board meeting
- Add Assessment Calendar as an Item for Information for board meeting

III. Academic Monitoring Updates

A. Enrollment Dates

- 97% of 6th grade coming back for 7th grade
- 93% of 7th grade coming back for 8th grade
- 85% of 8th graders coming back for 9th grade
- Total of 243 students already enrolled for next year
- 62 6th grade applications, 12 7th grade applications, and 10 8th grade applications, and 19 9th grade applications.
- Planning to gap 9th grade enrollment at 90 students and 120 in other grades
- Lottery is on Friday, Feb 13, seat offered/receiving enrollment documents

IV. Academic Policy Items

A. TAS Teacher Pathway Framework

B. Grade Acceleration Procedure

- Dr. PT added a GPA consideration/weight applied to that course (if it's a middle schooler in a high school course, or a high schooler in a college course).

Action Item:

- Dr. PT to review policies related taking advanced courses (like Algebra 1 in 8th grade and AP courses in high school). Potentially add policy language on weighted grading/GPA to the advanced course criteria policy.
- All committee members to gather information from other schools around weighted grading

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Desprez Isbell

B. April Academic Committee Meeting

- April 8th is kids spring break so we are moving the April Academic Committee Meeting to Wednesday, April 15 at 7pm.

Action Item:

- Emily to update in Board on Track
- Emily to check with Morgan about the procedure needed for notifying the legal organ.

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.*