



The Anchor School

Minutes

Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday August 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present

K. Sargeant (remote)

Committee Members Absent

J. Burton, K. James

Guests Present

J. Pinto Taylor (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Sargeant called a meeting of the Academic Achievement Committee of The Anchor School to order on Wednesday Aug 12, 2026 at 7:05 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

- Approve June & August meeting notes next time.

II. Academic Achievement

A. Academic Data Review

- Preliminary GMAS math data received, showing higher proficiency levels each year over the past 3 years, especially when we dial in on the founding cohort
- Waiting on GMAS ELA results (expected in September).
- Reviewed a new visual from the Spring MAP data, showing that 7th grade showed more than 50th percentile in growth levels in Math, & the other grades aren't far behind.
- For Reading MAP data, 7th & 8th grades are both above 50th percentile in growth, and 8th grade is also above 50th percentile in achievement.
- Should have MAP data to share next month.

B. Annual Assessment Calendar

- T.Spinelli reviewed Assessment Calendar
- August Assessments: MAP, STAMP, FIT Georgia

III. Academic Monitoring Updates

A. Enrollment Dates

- Monitoring student attendance daily to get a good sense of enrollment.
- 312 students enrolled, but 260-280 in attendance each day
- Projecting close to projected number for enrollment, but opening waitlist to fill 6th & 7th seats, since 8th has over 90 students & 9th grade has close to 90 students.
- Keep this on the agenda for next month
- Action Item: Dr. PT will work on dates for this upcoming year

B. Enrollment policy discussion

- Need to decide if we want any partners in our enrollment or any schools (outside of TAS) to give priority enrollment to
- Could be a recommendation from this committee to go for a vote in a board meeting
- We have been in conversation with schools about ideas and could find K-8 schools to work with, so that families can have their whole K-12 plan mapped out in advance.
 - Most charter schools in the area seem to be K-8, so those families may already be interested in continuing at a charter school
 - We also get students who are from K-6 schools each year
- Action Item: Dr. PT will chat again with a K-8 school to see if there is still interest there.

C. SCSC Renewal Rubric Resource

- We're in year 4 of our 5 year contract, so we need to reapply to the state of GA over the course of the next 18 months and keep up the good work from previous years.
- We have 2 years of data and we're on track to meet standards.
- We want to have majority of our years where we meet the standards.

D. Pre-Conference LKES

- It's the time of the year when the Academic Committee should meet with Dr. PT to do pre-evaluation & beginning of year conference.
- **Action Item: Kim connect with Shanice and Jasmine and schedule meeting with Dr. PT before September 15th.**

IV. Academic Policy Items

A. TAS Teacher Pathway Framework

- Plan is still in place but need Finance Committee to take it to the board to determine if we can afford this program.

B. Review Testing Policy and Procedure

- No policy change recommendations at this time, since there were recent updates in the family handbooks a few months back.

C. Strategic Plan

- Dr. PT is drafting a RFP this month for strategic planning/vision process for the next 5 years of the school (if we get a 5-year charter renewal).
- 3 Primary Groups for the RFP: The board, staff, & families.
- After proposals are in, interviews will take place.
- This will be a good resource for the next 5 years of the school, informed by stakeholders.

V. Closing Items

A. Succession Planning

- Board Interviews have happened & voting will take place at the next board meeting.
- 3 Buckets of work in each committee:
 - Policy - Combination
 - Logistics (running meeting) - Secretary
 - Communication with Board - Chair

B.

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Sargeant

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.*