



AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

Material Revision

Submitted to:
Sacramento County Office of Education

Date:
December 10, 2021

OVERVIEW

Rocklin Academy Family of Schools currently offers transitional kindergarten at our Rocklin Academy Gateway campus in Placer County. To provide access to full-day learning the year before kindergarten for families in the Citrus Heights and surrounding areas, Rocklin Academy Family of Schools seeks to provide transitional kindergarten as an option for families at American River Collegiate Academy. As a “second year” of kindergarten, our current transitional kindergarten program was designed in collaboration with preschool, transitional kindergarten, and kindergarten educators utilizing Core Knowledge Preschool Standards, Core Knowledge Kindergarten Standards, and California Preschool Learning Foundations Standards. As with many public schools in the State, Rocklin Academy Family of Schools is currently preparing for implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 130 - Transitional Kindergarten Expansion including redesigning transitional kindergarten standards and curriculum to meet the needs of younger four year old students. In addition to redesigning the transitional kindergarten program, budgets will be developed with staffing ratios per SB 130. Knowing that Universal Transitional Kindergarten is going to cause a great demand on hiring teachers in an environment where a teacher shortage exists, we continue to focus on recruitment and pipeline strategies to meet the transitional kindergarten credentialing requirements. We look forward to partnering with the Sacramento County Office of Education to provide a high-quality, distinct transitional kindergarten program at American River Collegiate Academy.

American River Collegiate Academy Material Revisions	
Page Number	Proposed Revision
10	At full capacity, American River Collegiate Academy intends to serve students in grades transitional kindergarten through twelve.
18	Consistent with the other Rocklin Academy elementary schools, American River Collegiate Academy plans to have a student to teacher ratio of 24 to 1 in grades K-3, and 30 to 1 in grades 4-12. American River Collegiate Academy’s transitional kindergarten will align with SB 130 class size ratios with one adult per 12 pupils in the 2022-2023 school year and one adult for every 10 pupils in the 2023-2024 and each year after, or as otherwise indicated in law. Although American River Collegiate Academy intends to plan assumptions based on grade level ratios indicated above, these ratios are not intended to be enrollment caps, but rather a reasonable approximation of the level of community interest. Actual grade level ratios may be adjusted based on community interest and demand.

	By the end of the first charter term, American River Collegiate Academy plans to serve approximately 498 students in grades TK – 6.
33	Through the use of research and evidence-based programs, American River Collegiate Academy's TK-2 curriculum will address the areas of phonemic awareness, systematic and explicit phonics instruction, fluency, and vocabulary.
33	Consistent with RAFOS' existing elementary schools, American River Collegiate Academy will use Pearson's Developmental Reading Assessment ("DRA") assessments to diagnose current reading level or other appropriate assessment resources beginning in Kindergarten.
35	American River Collegiate Academy currently uses the Eureka Math curriculum for transitional kindergarten through sixth grade mathematics instruction. As the age-span of transitional kindergarten shifts due to Universal Transitional Kindergarten, teacher-created curriculum will be developed in collaboration with the preschool director and transitional kindergarten teacher.
52	Both the ELPAC SA and IA are paper–pencil assessments administered in seven grade spans—TK, K, 1, 2, 3–5, 6–8, 9–10, and 11–12. In kindergarten and grade 1, all domains are administered individually.
85	In addition, parents will receive report cards for their students at each grading period, three times annually for Transitional Kindergarten through grade 6, and twice annually for grades 7-12 in standards-based report cards (See Sample Report Cards in Appendix J).
211	For students in grades transitional kindergarten through 12 inclusive, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and pass time shall meet or exceed the same level that Ed. Code prescribes for the LEA.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution Approving Material Revision to the American River Collegiate Academy Charter to Add Transitional Kindergarten Resolution No. 22-02

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2020, the Sacramento County Board of Education (Board) approved the American River Collegiate Academy (ARCA) Charter to serve students in grades K-12 within the San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD).

WHEREAS, the ARCA charter petition approved by the Board did not contemplate offering Transitional Kindergarten (TK) at ARCA. In order to provide access to full-day learning the year before kindergarten for families in the Citrus Heights and surrounding areas, ARCA is now seeking to update its charter so that it may provide TK as an option for families.

WHEREAS, under Education Code section 47605(a)(4), after receiving approval of its petition, a charter school that proposes to expand operations to additional grade levels must request a material revision to its charter, and the chartering authority must consider whether to approve the grade levels at an open, public meeting.

WHEREAS, ARCA has submitted the attached request for a material revision to its charter, which further details its plans for offering TK and specifies the areas and pages of the charter to be revised so that ARCA may offer TK as part of its approved charter.

WHEREAS, while charter schools are not currently required to provide TK, Senate Bill (SB) 130 calls for the expansion of TK, and will gradually phase in TK so that it is available to all 4-year-old children by 2025-2026.

WHEREAS, while families are not required to enroll their children in TK, making TK available to more students supports the public policy of California.

WHEREAS, a public hearing regarding ARCA's request for a material revision was held on January 11, 2022.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The Sacramento County Board of Education hereby approves a material revision to the American River Collegiate Academy (ARCA) charter to provide Transitional Kindergarten to families, as set forth in ARCA's attached request for a material revision.
3. The Sacramento County Board of Education hereby authorizes the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools or designee to take any other actions needed to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento County Board of Education on this 11th day of January 2022, following a legally authorized public hearing, by the following vote:

AYES	_____	_____
NOES	_____	_____
ABSENT	_____	_____
ABSTAIN	_____	_____

Karina Talamantes, Board President

David W. Gordon, Board Secretary