**Open Meeting Law Complaints Filed Against 113 Arizona Charter Schools**

***The Arizona Legislature has made charter school board meetings irrelevant allowing charter companies to operate in secret***

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**Summary:**

Arizonans for Charter School Accountability has recently filed complaints with the Arizona Attorney Generals Office against 113 charter holders for failing to post school board information on their websites as mandated by law.

All charter holders are aware of Arizona’s Open Meeting Laws and have been audited 1n 2016 to assure compliance. Never the less, 113 charters did not state where public notices are posted or supply school board meeting notices on their websites as required by law. Some of the largest charter companies in the state, including Great Hearts, Arizona Agribusiness, EdKey, Benjamin Franklin, Noah Webster, and Sonoran Science Charter schools failed to comply with the law. Further study revealed that 147 charters did not post notices for any school board meetings in 2017 and 91 have no board notices at all.

Charter holders can be so lax about school board meetings because the State Legislature has allowed charters school board meetings to become a joke. Arizona statues only mandate for charter school boards is to set policy, allowing charter holders to make all operational decisions by the charter corporate board or to a related management company in secret. Corporate board meetings, even for non-profit charters, are not public meetings and their records and transactions cannot be accessed by public records requests.

There are, however, 288 charter holders out of 411 total that complied with the law. Many have completely transparent board meetings and offer their parents access to the governing process. They are to be commended. An example is the Shonto Preparatory Charter School on the Navajo Nation at: <http://shontoprepschool.az.schoolinsites.com/>

**The Charade of Transparency in Many Charter Board Meetings:**

All public agencies are required to follow Open Meeting Laws to assure transparent public access to decision making. Charter schools are audited every year to assure they are following Open Meeting Law requirements. Independent auditors, hired by charter holders, complete the following questionnaire as a part of the annual audit:[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Open Meeting Law A.R.S. § 38-431.01 and § 38-431.02 (See also**

**Attorney General Opinion I00-009)**

1. Did the school conspicuously post a statement on its website

stating where all public notices of its meetings will be posted,

including the physical and electronic locations?

2. Did the school post all public meeting notices on its website?

3. Did the school maintain a record of notices that includes a copy

of each notice that was posted and information regarding the

date, time and place of posting?

4. Were notices and agenda of public meetings posted at least 24

hours before the meeting?

5. Were written minutes prepared or a recording made of

Governing Body meetings?

All charter holders have been audited in 2016 to assure compliance to Open Meeting Laws, yet 113 charters did not state where public notices are posted and/or supply school board meeting notices on their websites as required in questions one and two above. It is possible that some small charter owners have not been educated about Open Meeting Laws, but some of the largest charter companies in the state, including Great Hearts, Arizona Agribusiness, EdKey, Benjamin Franklin, Noah Webster, and Sonoran Science Charter schools failed to comply. These sophisticated businesses have no excuse for failing to meet the law.

The Supreme Court of the State of Washington declared charter schools to be unconstitutional in 2015, citing that charter school boards are not elected and therefore are not accountable to the voters and should not receive public funds.[[2]](#footnote-2) Charter school boards are not elected in Arizona - they are appointed by the charter owner. Charter school boards are only required by statue to “set the policies of the school”.[[3]](#footnote-3) Charter school boards can turn over all of the day-to-day operations of the school, including hiring all staff, to the charter corporate board, even if the charter is non-profit. Many large charter chains “hire” a private charter management company to run the school that is also owned by the charter holder. BASIS, Leona, and Imagine charter companies operate this way. In both cases, all curriculum, personnel, and management decisions are made by a corporate board that is a private organization and is not bound by open meeting laws or public records requests. The charter school board only sets policy.

As a result, a number of charter holders seldom have board meetings, and when they do little is discussed. Below is the BASIS school board agenda for the April 19, 2017 BASIS Schools Board Meeting. All 20 BASIS schools share a single board the meeting that is held on the phone. (The last BASIS school board meeting was eight months prior on August 3, 2016.[[4]](#footnote-4))

***Public Meeting Announcement***

***Meeting of the Governing Body of***

***BASIS Ahwatukee*** *10210 S 50th Place Phoenix, Arizona 85044****, BASIS Chandler*** *4825 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler, Arizona 85248****, BASIS Chandler Primary North Campus*** *1800 E Chandler Blvd Chandler, Arizona 85225,* ***BASIS Chandler Primary South Campus*** *204 W Chandler Heights Rd Chandler, Arizona 85248****, BASIS Flagstaff*** *1700 N Gemini Rd Flagstaff, Arizona 86001,* ***BASIS Goodyear*** *15800 W Sherman St Goodyear, Arizona 85338****, BASIS Goodyear Primary*** *15800 W Sherman St Goodyear, Arizona 85338,* ***BASIS Mesa*** *5010 S Eastmark Pkwy Mesa, Arizona 85212,* ***BASIS Oro Valley*** *11155 N Oracle Rd Oro Valley, Arizona 85737****, BASIS Oro Valley Primary*** *11129 N Oracle Rd Oro Valley, Arizona 85737,* ***BASIS Peoria*** *25950 N Pleasant Pkwy Peoria, Arizona 85383****, BASIS Peoria Primary*** *25950 N Pleasant Pkwy Peoria, Arizona 85383,* ***BASIS Phoenix*** *11850 N 32nd Street Phoenix, Arizona 85028****, BASIS Phoenix Central*** *201 E Indianola Ave Phoenix, Arizona 85012****, BASIS Phoenix South Primary*** *7975 N. Hayden Rd. Suite C240, Scottsdale, AZ 85258,* ***BASIS Prescott*** *1901 Prescott Lakes Pkwy Prescott, Arizona 86301****, BASIS Scottsdale****, 10400 N. 128th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85259****, BASIS Scottsdale Primary*** *11440 N 136th St Scottsdale, Arizona 85259****, BASIS Tucson Primary*** *3825 E. 2nd Street Tucson, Arizona 85716,* ***BASIS Tucson North*** *5740 E River Rd Tucson, Arizona 85750*

***April 19, 2017***

***9:00am AZ***

***Location***

*BASIS Schools, Inc.*

*7975 N Hayden Rd, Suite C240*

*Scottsdale, AZ 85258*

***Conference Call***

*Dial-in Number: (712) 451-0450*

*Attendee Pin: 925978*

*School Governing Body Members will be present telephonically.*

*Members of the public may attend the meeting in person, telephonically, or at any of the above listed schools.*

*1. Call to Order*

*2. Call to the Public*

*3. Review, discussion, and possible action to ratify the Minutes of the August 3, 2016 meeting of the BASIS Ahwatukee, BASIS Chandler, BASIS Chandler Primary North Campus, BASIS Chandler Primary South Campus, BASIS Goodyear, BASIS*

*Goodyear Primary, BASIS Flagstaff, BASIS Mesa, BASIS Oro Valley, BASIS Oro Valley Primary, BASIS Peoria, BASIS Phoenix, BASIS Phoenix Central, BASIS Prescott, BASIS Scottsdale, BASIS Scottsdale Primary, BASIS Tucson Primary, and BASIS Tucson North School Governing Bodies.*

*4. Review, discussion, and possible action to approve* ***Resolution SGB17-01*** *to adopt the BASIS Schools, Inc. Website Accessibility Policy.*

*5. Motion to Adjourn*

The only thing to come before the BASIS governing board in the eight months since the August 2016 school board meeting was a website accessibility policy. This policy is all the public is allowed to see about the management and operations of 20 BASIS schools in Arizona between August 3, 2016 and April 19, 2017. Decisions regarding curriculum, teacher salaries, construction costs, and upper management compensation were made in secret by the corporate board of BASIS ED Inc. where Open Meeting Laws don’t apply and there is no access to public records.

Many charter school board meetings around the state are this kind of cynical farce. It is no wonder that some charter owners simply don’t bother with them. According to their websites, 147 charter schools did not hold a school board meeting in 2017 and 91 charters have no notices of any board meetings – ever. (See Appendix 1)

All public bodies in Arizona, including charter school boards, are required to inform the public where meetings are held and where notices of meetings can be found. They are also required to post meeting notices at least 24 hours before the meeting. All of this information is to be posted on the charter school’s website.[[5]](#footnote-5)

One hundred and thirteen charters, including some of the largest charter companies in the state, do not have this information on their website. See Table 1.

Table 1 – Charter Holders not following Open Meeting Laws

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| **Charter Holder** | **URL Link** |
| Academy of Excellence | http://www.academyofexcellenceaz.com/ |
| Accelerated Elementary and Secondary schools | http://www.allaccelerated.org/tucson/ |
| Allen Cochran Enterprises, Inc (Center Educational Excellence) | http://ceeschool.com/ |
| Anthem Preparatory Academy (Greathearts) | http://anthemprep.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Archway Classical Academy Chandler | http://archwaychandler.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Archway Classical Academy Cicero | http://archwaycicero.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Archway Classical Academy Glendale | http://archwayglendale.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Archway Classical Academy Lincoln | http://archwaylincoln.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Archway Classical Academy North Phoenix  | http://archwaynorthphoenix.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Archway Classical Academy Scottsdale | http://archwayscottsdale.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Archway Classical Academy Trivium East | http://archwaytriviumeast.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Archway Classical Academy Trivium West | http://archwaytrivium.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Archway Classical Academy Veritas | http://archwayveritas.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Arete Preparatory Academy | http://areteprepacademy.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Arizona Academy of Science & Technology | http://www.arizonaacademyofscience.org/ |
| Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center Inc ESTRELLA | https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/estrella-mountain.html |
| Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center Inc Prescott | https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/prescott-valley.html |
| Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center Inc PV | https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/paradise-valley.html |
| Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center Inc Red Mountain | https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/red-mountain.html |
| Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center Inc SMCC | https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/south-mountain.html |
| Arizona Call A Teen Youth Resources, Inc | http://acyraz.org/ |
| Az-Tec High School | https://ahs-amsd-nm.schoolloop.com/ |
| Benjamin Franklin Charter School | https://www.bfcsaz.com/ |
| Blue Adobe Project | http://blueadobe.org/ |
| Blueprint Education, Inc. (On-Line) | https://www.blueprinteducation.org/ |
| Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley dba Mesa Arts Academy | http://clubzona.org/locations/mesa\_arts\_academy |
| Bradley Academy of Excellence, Inc | http://bradleycreemos.org/ |
| Carpe Diem Collegiate High School(Desert View) | http://www.desertviewmhs.com/ |
| Chandler Preparatory Academy (Great Hearts) | http://chandlerprep.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Cholla Academy (Westland) | www.westlandcharterschool.com |
| Cicero Preparatory Academy (Greathearts) | http://ciceroprep.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Crown Charter School, Inc. | http://www.crowncharter.com/index.html |
| Daisy Education Corporation Sonoran Science Academy Peoria | https://www.sonoranschools.org/ |
| Daisy Education Corporation(Paragon Science) | http://www.sonoranschools.org/psak12\_home.aspx |
| Daisy Education Corporation(Sonoran Science Davis Mothan | https://www.sonoranschools.org/ |
| Daisy Education Corporation(Sonoran Science Phoenix) | https://www.sonoranschools.org/ |
| Daisy Education Corporation(Sonoran Science) | https://www.sonoranschools.org/ |
| East Valley Academy | http://www.mpsaz.org/eva |
| Edkey, Inc. (Pathfinder) | http://eastmark.sequoiapathfinder.org/ |
| Edkey, Inc. Arizona Conservatory for Arts & Academics | www.azconservatory.org |
| Edkey, Inc.(Redwood)(AZ Conservatory Arts) | www.azconservatory.org |
| Edkey, Inc.(Sequoia Charter) | http://www.sequoiaelementary.org/ |
| Edkey, Inc.(Sequoia Ranch)(Children's First) | cfaphoenix.org |
| Edkey, Inc.Deaf | http://www.sequoiadeafschool.org/ |
| Edkey, Inc.Sequoia Choice Schools | http://sequoiaprecision.org/ |
| Employ-Ability Unlimited | http://www.employabilitycharters.com/ |
| Ethos Academy: A Challenge Foundation Academy | http://ethos.teamcfa.school/ |
| Excalibur Charter School, Inc.(Avalon) | http://avaloncharterschool.com/ |
| Founding Fathers Academies(Jefferson) | http://www.jeffersonacademy.us/ |
| Glendale Preparatory Academy (Great Hearts) | http://glendaleprep.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Global Renaissance Academy (Grand Canyon Prep) | http://www.grandcanyonprep.com/ |
| Graysmark Schools Corporation | http://www.graysmarkacademy.com/ |
| Happy Valley East | http://hvseast.com/ |
| Happy Valley School, Inc | http://happyvalleyschool.org/ |
| Hirsch Academy: A Challenge Foundation Academy | http://hirsch.teamcfa.school/ |
| Khalsa Family Service | https://khalsamontessori.org/ |
| Khalsa Montessori Elementary Schools | http://www.khalsamontessorischool.com/ |
| Lifelong Learning Research Institute Inc.(Air And Space Academy) | http://www.airandspaceacademy.com/ |
| Lifelong Learning Research Institute, Inc.(Air And Space Academy) | http://www.airandspaceacademy.com/ |
| Lincoln Preparatory Academy Great Hearts | http://lincolnprep.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Little Lamb Community School(Mission Montessori) | http://www.missionmontessori.com/ |
| Maryvale Preparatory Academy Greathearts | http://maryvaleprep.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Milestones Charter School | http://milestonescharterschools.com/ |
| Montessori House | http://montessori-house.com/ |
| **No Location or Meeting Notices** |   |
| Noah Webster Schools-Mesa | https://www.noahwebster.org/campus/mesa/ |
| Noah Webster Schools-Pima | https://www.noahwebster.org/campus/pima/ |
| North Phoenix Preparatory Academy dba Greathearts | http://northphoenixprep.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Painted Desert Demonstration Projects, Inc.(Star School) | http://www.starschool.org/ |
| Presidio School | https://www.presidioschool.com/ |
| PS Charter Schools(Pieceful Solutions) Autistic | https://www.piecefulsolutions.com/ |
| Scottsdale Preparatory Academy Greathearts | http://scottsdaleprep.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Sedona Charter School, Inc. | http://sedonacharterschool.com |
| Skyview School, Inc. | http://www.skyviewschool.org/ |
| Sonoran Science Academy Broadway | https://www.sonoranschools.org/ssabroadwayk8\_home.aspx |
| Southern Arizona Community Academy, Inc. | http://www.sacaeagles.com/ |
| Southgate Academy, Inc | http://www.southgateaz.org/ |
| Starshine Academy | http://www.starshineacademy.org/ |
| StrengthBuilding Partners | http://www.strengthbuilding.org/?page\_id=464 |
| Teleos Preparatory Academy Greathearts | http://teleosprep.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| The Edge School Inc | http://www.edline.net/pages/EdgeHighSchool |
| The FARM at Mission Montessori | http://www.missionmontessori.com/ |
| The Griffin Foundation, The | www.griffinfoundation.org |
| The Rising School | http://www.risingschool.org/ |
| Trivium Preparatory Academy Greathearts | http://triviumprep.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Tucson Collegiate Prep., Inc.(Paragon Prep) | http://paragonprep.education/home |
| Veritas Preparatory Academy Greathearts | http://veritasprep.greatheartsacademies.org/ |
| Yuma Private Industry Council dba Ed Opportunity Center | http://ypic.com/CHS/Charter\_high.html |
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| **No Location Notice** |   |
| American Heritage Academy (EdKey) | http://www.americanheritageacademy.org/ |
| Arizona Montessori Charter School at Anthem (Caurous Academy) | http://caurusacademy.org/ |
| Calibre Academy, Inc. | http://www.calibreacademy.com/ |
| Challenge School, Inc. | http://www.challengecharterschool.net/ |
| Collaborative Pathways, Inc.(AZ College Prep Academy) | http://www.arizonacollegeprep.com/ |
| Compass High School, Inc. | https://www.compasshighschool.com/ |
| Eastpointe High School, Inc. | www.eastpointehs.com |
| Edkey, Inc.(Sequoia Pathway) | http://www.sequoiapathway.org/ |
| Edkey, Inc.(Sequoia Village)(George Washington) | http://www.sequoiavillageschool.org/ |
| Fit Kids, Inc. (Champion) | http://www.championschools.org/ |
| Incito Schools | http://www.incitoschools.org/ |
| Juniper Tree Academy(Desert View) | http://www.desertviewacademy.com/ |
| Montessori Education Centre - Charter School | http://www.montessorictr.org/ |
| Nosotros Academy | http://nosotrosacademy.com/ |
| P.L.C. Charter Schools(Arts Academy) | http://www.plcaaem.org/ |
| Patagonia Montessori Elementary School | http://www.patagoniamontessori.org/index.html |
| Patriot Academy | http://www.patriotacademyaz.org/ |
| **No Meeting Notices** |  |
| Arizona Language Preparatory | http://azlanguageprep.org/ |
| Camelback Education, Inc. | http://www.camelbackacademy.com/home |
| Country Gardens Charter Schools | http://cgcsaz.com/ |
| Espiritu Community Development Corporation | https://www.espiritu.org/ |
| Espiritu Community Development Corporation | https://www.espiritu.org/ |
| Espiritu Schools | https://www.espiritu.org/ |
| Fountain Hills Charter School | http://fhcspto.org/index.htm |
| GAR, LLC (Student Choice HS) | http://studentchoicehighschool.com/ |
| Genesis Academy | http://www.genesiscity.org/ |
| Insititute for Transformatived Education, Inc. (Changemaker HS) | http://changemakerhighschool.org/ |
| Leman Academy of Excellence, Inc. | https://lemanacademy.com/ |

Click on any link and see if school board information is “conspicuously” displayed. It isn’t there at all.

**Conclusions:**

There fewer requirements for charter schools in Arizona than in any other state in the union. One hundred and thirteen charter holders do not feel the need to inform the public about board meetings because no one at the state level cares. Arizona law does not allow the Department of Education or the Auditor General to monitor charter schools. The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools apparently does not monitor charters for compliance either. The independent audits submitted by 133 charter owners have inaccurate information about Open Meeting Law compliance. The accuracy of the rest of the financial audits obviously comes into question.

The lack of transparency in Arizona charter schools has been carefully crafted by conservative state legislators since the beginning of charter schools in 1994. Prior to 2000, Arizona statues required charter school boards to make “operational and policy decisions” for the school. The 2000 Arizona Legislature struck the word “operational” from the law, taking all requirements for operational transparency away from public charter school boards and allowing all management decisions to be made in secret at the corporate level.[[6]](#footnote-6)

Washington State decided that charters are not public schools because their boards are not elected. Charter oversight is so lax in Arizona that 91 charter schools may not be holding school board meetings at all and all decisions are made in secret at corporate meetings. How can these charters be considered “public” schools when their goal is to hide all information from the public – except the “website accessibility policy”?

**APPENDIX**

Table 1 – Charter schools posting no notices of meetings in 2017

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| Charter Holder | URL Link | Last Board Meeting Notice |
| Liberty High School | [http://www.liberty-high.net/](http://www.liberty-high.net/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 12/16/16 |
| SRPMIC COMMUNITY SCHOOLS | [http://www.srpmic-ed.org/](http://www.srpmic-ed.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 12/1/16 |
| TUCSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL | [http://tucsonprepschool.org/](http://tucsonprepschool.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 12/1/16 |
| Hirsch Academy: A Challenge Foundation Academy | [http://hirsch.teamcfa.school/](http://hirsch.teamcfa.school/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | Dec-16 |
| Global Renaissance Academy (Grand Canyon Prep) | [http://www.grandcanyonprep.com/](http://www.grandcanyonprep.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 12/1/16 |
| Ridgeline Academy, Inc. | [http://www.ridgelineacademy.org/](http://www.ridgelineacademy.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 11/14/16 |
| Fit Kids, Inc. (Champion) | [http://www.championschools.org/](http://www.championschools.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 11/1/16 |
| Pinnacle High School-Casa Grande | [http://casagrande.pinnacleeducation.com/index.php?lang=en](http://casagrande.pinnacleeducation.com/index.php?lang=en" \t "_parent) | 10/31/16 |
| Pinnacle Education-Kino Academy, Inc. | [http://tempeeast.pinnacleeducation.com/index.php?lang=en](http://tempeeast.pinnacleeducation.com/index.php?lang=en" \t "_parent) | 10/31/16 |
| Pinnacle Education-Tempe, Inc. | [http://tempeeast.pinnacleeducation.com/index.php?lang=en](http://tempeeast.pinnacleeducation.com/index.php?lang=en" \t "_parent) | 10/31/16 |
| Pinnacle Education-Westmark Chandler Boulevard, Inc | [http://tempeeast.pinnacleeducation.com/index.php?lang=en](http://tempeeast.pinnacleeducation.com/index.php?lang=en" \t "_parent) | 10/31/16 |
| James Sandoval Preparatory High School Crown Pointe | [https://www.crownpoinths.net/](https://www.crownpoinths.net/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 10/14/16 |
| GEM CHARTER SCHOOL (Good Earth) | [http://goodearthmontessori.com/](http://goodearthmontessori.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 10/12/16 |
| Canyon Rose Academy, Inc. | [http://www.go2rose.com/schools/canyon-rose-academy](http://www.go2rose.com/schools/canyon-rose-academy%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 10/1/16 |
| Pima Rose Academy, Inc. | [http://www.go2rose.com/schools/pima-rose-academy](http://www.go2rose.com/schools/pima-rose-academy%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 10/1/16 |
| Montessori Day Public Schools Chartered | [https://mdpsc.org/](https://mdpsc.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 10/1/16 |
| Kestrel Shools, Inc. | [http://vpahighschool.com/](http://vpahighschool.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 10/1/16 |
| Montessori Education Centre - Charter School | [http://www.montessorictr.org/](http://www.montessorictr.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 10/1/16 |
| Heritage Elementary School | [http://heritageacademyaz.com/](http://heritageacademyaz.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 10/1/16 |
| Academy Del Sol | [http://www.academydelsol.com/](http://www.academydelsol.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 10/1/16 |
| E-Institute Charter Schools, Inc | [http://www.e-institute.us/](http://www.e-institute.us/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 10/1/16 |
| Incito Schools | [http://www.incitoschools.org/](http://www.incitoschools.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 10/1/16 |
| Arizona Community Development Corporation ( La Paloma) | [https://lpatucson.org/](https://lpatucson.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 10/1/16 |
| The Griffin Foundation, The | [www.griffinfoundation.org](www.griffinfoundation.org%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 9/28/16 |
| Morrison Education Group dba Sun Valley Charter School | [http://www.sunvalleycharterschool.com/](http://www.sunvalleycharterschool.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 9/20/16 |
| The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc. | [http://odyprep.com/](http://odyprep.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 9/16/16 |
| Midtown Primary School | [http://midtownprimaryschool.com/index.html](http://midtownprimaryschool.com/index.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 8/1/16 |
| Juniper Tree Academy(Desert View) | [http://www.desertviewacademy.com/](http://www.desertviewacademy.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 7/12/16 |
| Carpe Diem Collegiate High School(Desert View) | [http://www.desertviewmhs.com/](http://www.desertviewmhs.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 7/12/16 |
| Compass High School, Inc. | [https://www.compasshighschool.com/](https://www.compasshighschool.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 7/11/16 |
| Premier Charter High School | [http://www.premierhighschool.com/](http://www.premierhighschool.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 7/1/16 |
| International Commerce Secondary Schools, Inc. | [http://www.humsci.org/](http://www.humsci.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 7/1/16 |
| Humanities and Sciences Academy of the U.S., Inc. | [http://www.humsci.org/](http://www.humsci.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 7/1/16 |
| Flagstaff Montessori, LLC | [http://flagmontessori.com/](http://flagmontessori.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 7/1/16 |
| Edkey, Inc. (Pathfinder) | [http://eastmark.sequoiapathfinder.org/](http://eastmark.sequoiapathfinder.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 7/1/16 |
| Founding Fathers Academies(Jefferson) | [http://www.jeffersonacademy.us/](http://www.jeffersonacademy.us/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 7/1/16 |
| The Phoenix School of Academic Excellence | [http://www.phoenixschoolofacademicexcellence.com/](http://www.phoenixschoolofacademicexcellence.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| CASA Academy | [http://casaacademy.org/](http://casaacademy.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| The Academy of Building Industries, Inc. | [https://www.aobihs.com/](https://www.aobihs.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| Phoenix Education Management LLC(SABIS International) | [https://sis.sabis.net/](https://sis.sabis.net/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| Paramount Education Studies Inc | [https://www.paramountacademy.com/](https://www.paramountacademy.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| Life Skills of Arizona, Inc. | [https://www.lifeskillshs.com/about-life-skills/locations/life-skills-high-school-of-arizona.html](https://www.lifeskillshs.com/about-life-skills/locations/life-skills-high-school-of-arizona.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| Liberty Traditional Charter School | [https://ltsarizona.org/phoenix-charter-school/](https://ltsarizona.org/phoenix-charter-school/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| Starshine Academy | [http://www.starshineacademy.org/](http://www.starshineacademy.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| Calibre Academy, Inc. | [http://www.calibreacademy.com/](http://www.calibreacademy.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| Patriot Academy | [http://www.patriotacademyaz.org/](http://www.patriotacademyaz.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| Noah Webster Schools-Mesa | [https://www.noahwebster.org/campus/mesa/](https://www.noahwebster.org/campus/mesa/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| Noah Webster Schools-Pima | [https://www.noahwebster.org/campus/pima/](https://www.noahwebster.org/campus/pima/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| Cholla Academy (Westland) | [www.westlandcharterschool.com](www.westlandcharterschool.com%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 6/1/16 |
| Academy of Excellence | [http://www.academyofexcellenceaz.com/](http://www.academyofexcellenceaz.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 5/1/16 |
| Metropolitan Arts Institute, Inc. | [http://www.metro-arts.org/](http://www.metro-arts.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 4/27/16 |
| Mohave Accelerated Elementary School | [mohavelearning.org](mohavelearning.org%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 4/1/16 |
| Mohave Accelerated Learning Center | [mohavelearning.org](mohavelearning.org%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 4/1/16 |
| West Valley Arts & Technology Academy(Riverbend Prepz) | [http://www.riverbendprep.org/](http://www.riverbendprep.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 3/30/16 |
| Avondale Learning dba Precision Academy | [https://precisionacademyschool.wordpress.com/](https://precisionacademyschool.wordpress.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 11/4/15 |
| Omega Alpha Academy | [http://www.oaa-k12.org/](http://www.oaa-k12.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 5/11/15 |
| Milestones Charter School | [http://milestonescharterschools.com/](http://milestonescharterschools.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 4/1/13 |
| Heritage Academy Laveen, Inc. | [http://heritageacademyaz.com/](http://heritageacademyaz.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Heritage Academy Queen Creek, Inc. | [http://heritageacademyaz.com/](http://heritageacademyaz.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Heritage Academy, Inc. | [http://heritageacademyaz.com/](http://heritageacademyaz.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Desert Star Academy | [https://www.desertstaracademy.org/](https://www.desertstaracademy.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Fountain Hills Charter School | [http://fhcspto.org/index.htm](http://fhcspto.org/index.htm%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Highland Free School | [http://highlandfreeschool.org/](http://highlandfreeschool.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Challenger Basic School, Inc. | [https://www.challengerbasic.com/](https://www.challengerbasic.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Challenge School, Inc. | [http://www.challengecharterschool.net/](http://www.challengecharterschool.net/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Concordia Charter School, Inc | [http://concordiacharter.org/](http://concordiacharter.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Create Academy | [http://createacademy.org/](http://createacademy.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Arizona Language Preparatory | [http://azlanguageprep.org/](http://azlanguageprep.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Camelback Education, Inc. | [http://www.camelbackacademy.com/home](http://www.camelbackacademy.com/home%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Country Gardens Charter Schools | [http://cgcsaz.com/](http://cgcsaz.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Espiritu Community Development Corporation | [https://www.espiritu.org/](https://www.espiritu.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
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| Espiritu Schools | [https://www.espiritu.org/](https://www.espiritu.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Genesis Academy | [http://www.genesiscity.org/](http://www.genesiscity.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Compass Points International, Inc. Northpoint Expeditionary Academy) | [http://www.northpointacademy.org/](http://www.northpointacademy.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Benjamin Franklin Charter School | [https://www.bfcsaz.com/](https://www.bfcsaz.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Allen Cochran Enterprises, Inc (Center Educational Excellence) | [http://ceeschool.com/](http://ceeschool.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center Inc Prescott | [https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/prescott-valley.html](https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/prescott-valley.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center Inc ESTRELLA | [https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/estrella-mountain.html](https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/estrella-mountain.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center Inc Red Mountain | [https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/red-mountain.html](https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/red-mountain.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center Inc PV | [https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/paradise-valley.html](https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/paradise-valley.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center Inc SMCC | [https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/south-mountain.html](https://www.aaechighschools.com/public-charter-school/south-mountain.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Arizona Call A Teen Youth Resources, Inc | [http://acyraz.org/](http://acyraz.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Blueprint Education, Inc. (On-Line) | [https://www.blueprinteducation.org/](https://www.blueprinteducation.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Daisy Education Corporation(Paragon Science) | [http://www.sonoranschools.org/psak12\_home.aspx](http://www.sonoranschools.org/psak12_home.aspx%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Daisy Education Corporation(Sonoran Science) | [https://www.sonoranschools.org/](https://www.sonoranschools.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Daisy Education Corporation(Sonoran Science Phoenix) | [https://www.sonoranschools.org/](https://www.sonoranschools.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Daisy Education Corporation(Sonoran Science Davis Mothan | [https://www.sonoranschools.org/](https://www.sonoranschools.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Daisy Education Corporation Sonoran Science Academy Peoria | [https://www.sonoranschools.org/](https://www.sonoranschools.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Employ-Ability Unlimited | [http://www.employabilitycharters.com/](http://www.employabilitycharters.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Khalsa Family Service | [https://khalsamontessori.org/](https://khalsamontessori.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Sedona Charter School, Inc. | [http://sedonacharterschool.com](http://sedonacharterschool.com" \t "_parent) | 0 |
| Skyview School, Inc. | [http://www.skyviewschool.org/](http://www.skyviewschool.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Sonoran Science Academy Broadway | [https://www.sonoranschools.org/ssabroadwayk8\_home.aspx](https://www.sonoranschools.org/ssabroadwayk8_home.aspx%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley dba Mesa Arts Academy | [http://clubzona.org/locations/mesa\_arts\_academy](http://clubzona.org/locations/mesa_arts_academy%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| StrengthBuilding Partners | [http://www.strengthbuilding.org/?page\_id=464](http://www.strengthbuilding.org/?page_id=464" \t "_parent) | 0 |
| Accelerated Elementary and Secondary schools | [http://www.allaccelerated.org/tucson/](http://www.allaccelerated.org/tucson/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Anthem Preparatory Academy Greathearts | [http://anthemprep.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://anthemprep.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Glendale Preparatory Academy (Great Hearts) | [http://glendaleprep.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://glendaleprep.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Cicero Preparatory Academy (Greathearts) | [http://ciceroprep.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://ciceroprep.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Lincoln Preparatory Academy Great Hearts | [http://lincolnprep.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://lincolnprep.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Maryvale Preparatory Academy Greathearts | [http://maryvaleprep.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://maryvaleprep.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| North Phoenix Preparatory Academy dba Greathearts | [http://northphoenixprep.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://northphoenixprep.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Scottsdale Preparatory Academy Greathearts | [http://scottsdaleprep.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://scottsdaleprep.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Veritas Preparatory Academy Greathearts | [http://veritasprep.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://veritasprep.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Trivium Preparatory Academy Greathearts | [http://triviumprep.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://triviumprep.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Teleos Preparatory Academy Greathearts | [http://teleosprep.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://teleosprep.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Chandler Preparatory Academy (Great Hearts) | [http://chandlerprep.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://chandlerprep.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Archway Classical Academy Chandler | [http://archwaychandler.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://archwaychandler.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Archway Classical Academy Cicero | [http://archwaycicero.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://archwaycicero.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Archway Classical Academy Glendale | [http://archwayglendale.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://archwayglendale.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Archway Classical Academy Lincoln | [http://archwaylincoln.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://archwaylincoln.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Archway Classical Academy North Phoenix  | [http://archwaynorthphoenix.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://archwaynorthphoenix.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Archway Classical Academy Scottsdale | [http://archwayscottsdale.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://archwayscottsdale.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Archway Classical Academy Trivium East | [http://archwaytriviumeast.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://archwaytriviumeast.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Archway Classical Academy Trivium West | [http://archwaytrivium.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://archwaytrivium.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Archway Classical Academy Veritas | [http://archwayveritas.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://archwayveritas.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Arete Preparatory Academy | [http://areteprepacademy.greatheartsacademies.org/](http://areteprepacademy.greatheartsacademies.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Az-Tec High School | [https://ahs-amsd-nm.schoolloop.com/](https://ahs-amsd-nm.schoolloop.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Blue Adobe Project | [http://blueadobe.org/](http://blueadobe.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Bradley Academy of Excellence, Inc | [http://bradleycreemos.org/](http://bradleycreemos.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Crown Charter School, Inc. | [http://www.crowncharter.com/index.html](http://www.crowncharter.com/index.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| East Valley Academy | [http://www.mpsaz.org/eva](http://www.mpsaz.org/eva%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| The Edge School Inc | [http://www.edline.net/pages/EdgeHighSchool](http://www.edline.net/pages/EdgeHighSchool%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Edkey, Inc. Arizona Conservatory for Arts & Academics | [www.azconservatory.org](www.azconservatory.org%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Edkey, Inc.(Redwood)(AZ Conservatory Arts) | [www.azconservatory.org](www.azconservatory.org%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Edkey, Inc.(Sequoia Charter) | [http://www.sequoiaelementary.org/](http://www.sequoiaelementary.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Edkey, Inc.Sequoia Choice Schools | [http://sequoiaprecision.org/](http://sequoiaprecision.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Edkey, Inc.Deaf | [http://www.sequoiadeafschool.org/](http://www.sequoiadeafschool.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Excalibur Charter School, Inc.(Avalon) | [http://avaloncharterschool.com/](http://avaloncharterschool.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Graysmark Schools Corporation | [http://www.graysmarkacademy.com/](http://www.graysmarkacademy.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Happy Valley East | [http://hvseast.com/](http://hvseast.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Happy Valley School, Inc | [http://happyvalleyschool.org/](http://happyvalleyschool.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Khalsa Montessori Elementary Schools | [http://www.khalsamontessorischool.com/](http://www.khalsamontessorischool.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Lifelong Learning Research Institute, Inc.(Air And Space Academy) | [http://www.airandspaceacademy.com/](http://www.airandspaceacademy.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Lifelong Learning Research Institute Inc.(Air And Space Academy) | [http://www.airandspaceacademy.com/](http://www.airandspaceacademy.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Little Lamb Community School(Mission Montessori) | [http://www.missionmontessori.com/](http://www.missionmontessori.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Montessori House | [http://montessori-house.com/](http://montessori-house.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Tucson Collegiate Prep., Inc.(Paragon Prep) | [http://paragonprep.education/home](http://paragonprep.education/home%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Presidio School | [https://www.presidioschool.com/](https://www.presidioschool.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| PS Charter Schools(Pieceful Solutions) Autistic | [https://www.piecefulsolutions.com/](https://www.piecefulsolutions.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| The Rising School | [http://www.risingschool.org/](http://www.risingschool.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Southern Arizona Community Academy, Inc. | [http://www.sacaeagles.com/](http://www.sacaeagles.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Southgate Academy, Inc | [http://www.southgateaz.org/](http://www.southgateaz.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| The FARM at Mission Montessori | [http://www.missionmontessori.com/](http://www.missionmontessori.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Yuma Private Industry Council dba Ed Opportunity Center | [http://ypic.com/CHS/Charter\_high.html](http://ypic.com/CHS/Charter_high.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Edkey, Inc.(Sequoia Ranch)(Children's First Leadership) | [cfaphoenix.org](cfaphoenix.org%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |
| Arizona Academy of Science & Technology, Inc | [http://www.arizonaacademyofscience.org/](http://www.arizonaacademyofscience.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_parent) | 0 |

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