

Las Américas ASPIRA Academy
Head of School Update
January 24, 2019

2019-2020 Enrollment Update

- Choice Application Window ended January 9th @ 11:59pm; 780 applications received by close of window (see breakdown below)
- Lottery to be held on Saturday, January 26th @8am

Grade	Number of Applications	Sibling Preference	Employee Preference
KN	290	43 <i>(possibly 2 more)</i>	2
1	78	1	0
2	64	0	0
3	63	0	0
4	47	0	0
5	50	0	0
6	99	3	0
7	75	4	0
8	14	0	0
TOTAL	780	51 <i>(possibly 53)</i>	2

Quick Search:

School Choice Applications 2019/2020

Grade	Active	W/D	Total
KN	300	14	314
01	84	1	85
02	66	1	67
03	63	3	66
04	50	0	50
05	50	1	51
06	101	1	102
07	77	0	77
08	15	1	16
09	0	0	0
10	0	0	0
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
Total:	806	22	828

Modification Requests

- Minor: Enrollment increase for 2019-200 school year from 780 to 897
- Major: Adding grades 9-12 to grade configuration beginning 2020-2021 school year
 - Timeline
 - CSAC Meeting: January 29th @1pm in Cabinet Room (Dover)
 - Public Hearing #1: February 11th @5pm in Newark Public Library
 - Initial CSAC Report Delivered: February 4th
 - School Response Due: February 19th
 - CSAC Meeting: March 12th @1pm in Cabinet Room (Dover)
 - Final CSAC Report Delivered: March 19th
 - Public Hearing #2: April 8th @5pm in Cabinet Room (Dover)
 - Public Comments Closes: April 12th
 - Secretary of Education Decision to State Board: April 18th

School Culture & Climate – Discipline Report

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	2015-2016 AVERAGES AND TOTALS	2014-2015 AVERAGES AND TOTALS
School year: 2015-2016													
Incidents per day / Average	11	22	25	17	17	10	11	10	11	13	N/A	14.7	N/A
Detentions/Total	0	2	9	14	10	11	6	11	10	8	N/A	81	15
Suspensions/Total	4	16	6	2	3	6	11	5	9	11	N/A	73	36
Suspensions per Trimester 2015-2016													
T1 = 26 suspensions													
T2 = 22 suspensions													
T3 = 25 suspensions													
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	2016-2017 AVERAGES AND TOTALS	2015-2016 AVERAGES AND TOTALS
School year: 2016-2017													
Incidents per day / Average	7	15	9	10	9	6	10	14	10	9	5	9.5	14.7
Detentions/Total	0	3	1	1	0	3	9	10	6	15	0	48	81
Suspensions/Total	0	1	5	8	6	3	14	14	11	12	5	79	73
Suspensions per Trimester 2016-2017													
T1 = 14 suspensions													
T2 = 23 suspensions													
T3 = 42 suspensions													
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	2017-2018 AVERAGES AND TOTALS	2016-2017 AVERAGES AND TOTALS
Current school year: 2017-2018													
Incidents per day / Average	6	18	14	17	9	10	11	14	13	12	5	11.7	9.5
Detentions/Total	0	1	14	3	18	9	4	2	4	27	0	82	48
Suspensions/Total	0	4	13	2	6	13	14	8	4	18	0	82	79
Suspensions per Trimester 2017-2018													
T1 = 19 suspensions													
T2 = 33 suspensions													
T3 = 30 suspensions													
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	2018-2019 AVERAGES AND TOTALS	2017-2018 AVERAGES AND TOTALS
Current School Year 2018-2019													
Incidents per day/average	5	13	13	12	15	14						12.0	11.7
Detentions/Total	0	6	9	1	0	0						16	82
In-School Suspensions/Total	0	1	7	8	6	4						26	N/A
Out-of-School Suspensions/Total	0	3	6	2	7	0						18	82
FYIs/Total	4	90	152	78	114	77						515	N/A
Bus Referrals/Total	2	23	20	26	22	12						105	N/A
Suspensions per Trimester 2018-2019													
T1													
T2													
T3													

**This information is based on a total of 84 school days ranging from 8/27/18 until 1/18/19. *Averages thus far*

Note: Starting this school year, In-school suspensions (ISS) and out-of-school suspensions (OSS) are being recorded/tracked separately. Suspensions overall are down 46% compared to last year thanks to restorative practices.

Culture and Climate Update – December/January 2018

▪ December

- The Culture and Climate Team has the Positive Referral Howl Out System, where staff recognize students who are seen demonstrating one or more of our ASPIRA character traits. On Fridays, a randomly selected student Howl Out is read on the morning announcements. December's Howl Out students were: Aldo Sanchez, Diego Sosa-Hernandez, Olivia McGinnes, and Josephine DeCaire.
- On Wednesday, December 19, 2018, we held our second annual Buddy Celebration. At the start of the school year, current ASPIRA students are paired with new student to help them adjust to their new school. This event celebrates their transition into our ASPIRA family.

▪ January

- During the month of January, there are several positive initiatives to start the new year off on the right paw! This month, we had a positive, high-energy performance at our first R.A.P. (Realize Anything's Possible) Assembly with performers Cutright and Ike.
- We are celebrating our 2nd annual Kindness Week and "Positive Vibes Only" Apparel Day during the week of January 22nd through the 25th. School-wide activities included the Kindness Challenge, Spread Kindness Confetti, and the Positive Post-It Campaign.



R.A.P. Assembly



Visual & Performing Arts Update

- Band and choir is beginning their repertoire for their Spring concert and Music in the Parks competition.
- Students are continuing their **Seussical** rehearsals in preparation for their performances on February 22nd and 23rd.
- ASPIRA's first ever Design Team, led by Ms. Koronik, is creating the sets and backdrops for the musical.

Athletics Update

From the desk of the Athletic Director Corey Fortunato

ASPIRA Academy Athletics is nearing the half-way point of the winter sports season! We have three sports competing – Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball, and Cheerleading. The highlight of the season so far is our girls' undefeated record! The support for our athletics program can be heard throughout the school during our home games!

✚ **Boys' Basketball** – 1 wins 4 losses

✚ **Girls' Basketball** – 3 win 0 losses

Please come out and support our ASPIRA student-athletes by attending games. There are home games for both teams upcoming, including an 8th grade night on January 30th. Please see the full schedule on ASPIRAacademysports.com.

Family Resource Center Update

- Adult Classes/Family Workshops
 - Adult English classes being offered 2x/week
 - Adult Spanish class scheduled to begin by March 2019
 - Financial literacy workshops and coaching sessions being offered in partnership with \$tand By Me
 - Additional workshops with Parent Information Sessions (PIC) being planned for the spring
 - Family workshop on “Puberty and Having the Talk with your child” under development in partnership with Christiana Care Health Systems; to be hosted in February/March
 - Health & Wellness Fair (proposed for May 18th)

- Family Assistance
 - Assisted two families during November-January with coordinating housing relocation, obtaining financial support, and securing all household items
 - Assisted two family members find employment (coaching, resume writing and interview tips)
 - Collaborated with a local church to provide toys to our K/1st graders and other families in need.

- United Way
 - United Way Reading Angels (tutorial) program is well underway; two of our EL students are being tutored in reading comprehension weekly
 - Collaborated with United Way to assist three of our families with major gifts during their December Winter Sleigh event.
 - Assisting United Way with reestablishing the Latino Affinity Group, which are employees from various industries with common goals to make a difference in our communities. We will host first meeting at LAAA and provide the group with opportunities to achieve their goal of having a positive impact in education.

Academic Excellence Committee Update

- Committee meeting will continue in February and continue every other month