

Las Américas ASPIRA Academy
Head of School Update
May 23, 2019

2019-2020 Enrollment Update

- 105% goal for SY 2019-2020 = 943
- May 1st Unit Count = 889
- Number of applications received-to-date

Quick Search:

**School Choice Applications
2019/2020**

Grade	Active	W/D	Total
KN	258	90	348
01	88	10	98
02	74	6	80
03	67	5	72
04	59	5	64
05	54	2	56
06	103	18	121
07	86	4	90
08	21	3	24
09	0	0	0
10	0	0	0
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
Total:	810	143	953

Modification Requests

- Minor: Enrollment increase for 2019-200 school year from 780 to 897
 - **APPROVED**
- Major: Adding grades 9-12 to grade configuration beginning 2020-2021 school year
 - **APPROVED**
 - Timeline
 - ☑ CSAC Meeting: January 29th @1pm in Cabinet Room (Dover)
 - ☑ Public Hearing #1: February 11th @5pm in Newark Public Library
(rescheduled twice due to inclement weather; held on Monday, February 25th @5pm in Dover)
 - ☑ Initial CSAC Report Delivered: February 4th
 - ☑ School Response Due: February 19th
 - ☑ CSAC Meeting: March 18th @1pm in Cabinet Room (Dover)
 - ☑ Final CSAC Report Delivered: March 25th
 - ☑ Public Hearing #2: April 8th @5pm in in Newark Public Library
 - ☑ Public Comments Closes: April 12th
 - ☑ Secretary of Education Decision to State Board: April 18th
 - ✚ Delayed vote until May meeting
 - State Board of Education Vote: May 16th

Academic Update

▪ **Summer Learning Program**

- K-5 will hear Book Talks and receive free books to kick off their summer reading
- Volunteer elementary staff are being filmed reading their favorite children's books
- They will take home a Summer Menu describing choices for reading and math activities that support a love of reading and thinking
- They are invited to ASPIRA Lobo Meet Ups at our library
 - + June 26 11am-1pm
 - + July 16 2pm-4pm
 - + August 7 4pm-6pm
- Middle School students will receive a list of recommended titles to read over the summer. They will discuss the books in Book Clubs in September. The book list will include titles of English and Spanish books.
- Students K-8 are encouraged to sign-up for EPIC's summer reading program.
 - + EPIC summer reading. The cost is \$3.00 for 3 months with code SUMMER19 (expires 6/11/19). Includes access to 35,000 books and videos, reading lists by age and subject, offers suggestions based on interest, option for read aloud, Spanish and English.

▪ **Elementary School**

- K-5 Assessments
 - + SBAC - Almost all grades have completed ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science Tests.
 - + iReady - Grades K-1 will be testing on the following two weeks. Grades 2-5 have completed their iReady tests. ILT will be getting together to analyze data and create benchmarks for following years.
 - + Running Records
- Field Day
 - + All grade levels were able to obtain the volunteers and snacks needed to support this event. Events will be held at DelCastle Park this year.
- Retention
 - + Student retention process has been completed. Teachers are communicating and having final meetings with parents/guardians to come up with a plan on how to better support these students during next school year. These plans may include Academic Evaluations and 504 plans, as well as other supports as needed.

▪ **Middle School**

- Student Government sponsored lunch for the team during Team Member Appreciation Week.
- Field Trips to Abbott's Mill Nature Center Slaughter Beach (7th grade) and Historic Philadelphia (8th grade students)
- Solar Car Competition (7th and 8th grade)
- AVID Etiquette Lunch (6th grade)
- Poetry Café (6th grade)
- AVID & NJHS Field Trip to Lums Pond
- AVID Awards Night - Recognition and Dinner
- Moving Up to MS Night
- 8th Grade Formal & 8th Grade Trip to North Bay

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	13.2	13.4	11.9	15	12.9	12.3	12.5	11.7	8		11.6	11.7
Detentions/Total	0	6	9	1	0	0	0	5	0	0		21	82
In-School Suspensions/Total	0	1	7	8	6	7	6	7	8	5		55	N/A
Out-of-School Suspensions/Total	0	3	6	2	7	1	2	4	2	11		38	82
FYIs/Total	4	90	152	78	114	129	100	123	77	44		911	N/A
Bus Referrals/Total	2	23	20	26	22	14	12	15	9	6		149	N/A
Suspensions per Trimester 2018-2019													
T1 = 21 suspensions													
T2 = 37 suspensions													
T3													

**This information is based on a total of 154 school days ranging from 8/27/18 until 5/17/19.*

**Averages thus far*

Culture and Climate Update – May 2019

- The school year is almost over! On Friday, May 31st, we will be having our final character celebration of the school year. We will be celebrating our last two character strengths, resilience and appreciation, as well as reviewing our character strengths from the entire school year!
- The Culture and Climate Team piloted a new program with our middle school students called Brothers and Sisters with Class (BASWC). Our program is committed to exposing youth to rewarding experiences that aid in developing positive peer relationships and cultivating positive self-esteem. We had our end of year celebration on Friday, May 17th. Each student received a certificate and a token of appreciation from the team.



Athletics Update

From the desk of the Athletic Director:

- The 2018-2019 ASPIRA Academy athletics program has come to an end! Our student athletes will celebrate all of their accomplishments at the upcoming Sports Banquet on May 28th. Below you will find team records, as well as a couple highlights.
 - **Volleyball** – 6 wins, 2 losses
 - 1st place at the DIAA Middle School Volleyball Championship
 - **Field Hockey** – 2 wins, 4 losses, 1 tie
 - **Boys' Soccer** – 0 wins, 6 losses, 1 tie
 - **Cheerleading**
 - **Boys' Basketball** – 3 wins, 7 losses
 - **Girls' Basketball** – 7 wins, 1 loss
 - 1st place at the Kathy Conner Basketball Classic
 - **Girls' Soccer** – 2 wins, 5 losses
 - **Baseball** – 3 wins, 3 losses
 - **Softball** – 2 wins, 3 losses

Performing Arts Update

- Spring Concerts were held this past week
 - May 15th: Elementary bands and choir performed
 - May 17th: Middle School bands and choir performed
 - 5th grade dancers kicked off the concerts on both nights as well
- Shine and Dine will be held tomorrow, which is our annual performance and dinner for families before we head to our Music in the Parks competition in Hershey Park (PA)
- Students in MS band and choir will go to Music in the Parks in Hershey Park on Friday, May 24th to compete against neighboring schools. This will be our 4th year performing in Music in the Parks.
- Our Performing Arts Banquet will be held Thursday, May 30th during this event we will celebrate the accomplishments of our students in the performing arts department
- 8th grade band and choir will perform for the final time during graduation on June 6th

Other

- Team Appreciation Week: May 6-10
 - Team Fiesta celebrated on May 8th
 - Student Government sponsored lunch for the team on May 10th