

2021 Charter & Contract School Proposed Amendments

May 2021



Application for Amendment (AFA) Overview

Background & Process:

- The AFA is an annual process for charter and contract schools to propose changes to their existing agreements that require approval from the Board.
- Applications submitted undergo a thorough evaluation conducted by the Office of Innovation and Incubation based upon the nature of the proposed amendment.
- Staff recommends two applications for approval based on an evaluation of performance standards.

Process Timeline:

Activity	Due Date
Application Released	December 18, 2020
Application Due Date	February 10, 2021
Application Evaluation	February – April 2021
Public Hearing	May 5, 2021
Board Vote	May 26, 2021 / June 23, 2021
Effective Date of Approved Amendments	July 1, 2021



2021 AFA Application Overview

School Name	Request	Requested Amendment
Art in Motion Charter School	Temporary Change of Facility	Seeking to temporarily (<6 months) relocate 9th and 10th grade students from the main facility at 7415 S. East End to 7522 S. Greenwood Ave due to construction delays at the main facility.
Chicago Tech Academy High School	Additional Space in Facility <i>(no location change)</i>	Seeking use of a portion of the adjacent, vacant building on the CPS Medill Campus (1301 W. 14th Street/1326 W 14th Pl.) to provide improved educational offerings for existing students.
ASPIRA Charter School - Early College High School	Change of Facility <i>(Permanent relocation in new community)</i>	Seeking to relocate the ASPIRA Early College campus (3986 W Barry Ave) in Avondale to co-locate with the ASPIRA Haugan Middle School (3729 W Leland Ave) in Albany Park.



Recommendations to Approve Amendments to Agreements

Change of Facility (Temporary Relocation)

School	Governance	Current Grades	Current Address	New Address	Proposed Effective Date
Art in Motion Charter School (AIM)	Charter	7-9 <i>(adding 10th in fall 2021)</i>	7415 S. East End	7415 S. East End (7-8) & 7522 S. Greenwood Ave (9-10)	Fall 2021

Recommendation Drivers:

- *Enables Art in Motion to provide continuity of services to enrolled students across all grades.*
- *Use of the temporary facility is anticipated for less than 6 months and is in good condition to provide a safe environment for 9th and 10th grade students*

Change of Facility (No Location Change)

June Board Vote

School	Governance	Current Grades	Current Address	New Address	Proposed Effective Date
Chicago Tech Academy High School	Contract	9-12	1301 W 14th St.	1301 W 14th St. & 1326 W 14th Pl.	Fall 2021

Recommendation Drivers:

- *Enable ChiTech to accommodate its student population in classroom and program space (athletics, CTE pathways) and provides increased spaces for special education services.*
- *Requested space is in good condition, having recently been used as a school, and will provide a safe environment for students.*



Change of Facility (Relocation to new community)

School	Governance	Current Grades	Current Address	Proposed Address	Proposed Effective Date
ASPIRA Charter School - Early College High School	Charter	9-12	3986 W Barry Ave.	3729 W Leland Ave.	Fall 2021

Recommendation Drivers:

- *Prioritization of maintaining access to student opportunities in current region and not negatively impacting neighborhood high schools near the proposed location as there are over 1,300 neighborhood high school seats in excess capacity within a 2 mile radius of proposed location.*
- *Responsiveness to stakeholder feedback collected throughout application evaluation process.*

