

Proposal to Combine Sarasota Military Academy (SMA) & SMA Prep Implications for School Program/Operations and Charter Contract

Area	SMA	SMA Prep	Comment
Governing Board Mission and Guiding Principles	The same Governing Board oversees both schools Organized under non-profit SMA Inc., operated under one 501(c)3 Shared vision, mission and educational program		Continue the same; no impact if schools combined
Charter Contract	15-Year term: 7/1/2013 to 6/30/2028	5-Year term: 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2019	District is proposing an 8-year charter term for combined school, 2017 – 2025
2016-17 Enrollment (Sept 2016)	946 Projected to increase to 1,050	576 Application projected 425; proposed to go up to 700 by 2020	1522 (Total 6-12) Projected to increase to 1,750
Administrative Fee (based on current year)	SMA: 5% on 1 st 250 students = \$96,127 Prev 2% at High performing status = \$38,451	5% on 1 st 250 students = \$96,913	For new combined school: 5% on 250 students = \$96,913 Or 2% if High-Performing = \$38,451
Fee dollar amount 2016-17 collected by district	Per school At 5% = \$96,127	Per school at 5% = \$96,913	One 5% fee for combination school = \$96,913 (district loss of \$96,913)
Voted millage - referendum allocation	Proportionate allocation for school	Proportionate allocation for school	To be negotiated. New combined school will apply for funds.

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Finances & financial reporting	At the district level reports are generated separately for SMA and SMA-Prep SMA Inc. financial accounting is under one corporate account, with transactions flagged to their respective school campus.		Combined school will allow for a single financial report; savings for school & district
Accountability & school grades	A-rated school since 2012; in 2016 school grade dropped to C; lost state's high performing designation	B-rated school since opening in 2014-15	School will be graded as a 6-12 combination school; the status and grade of the new school to be determined by FLDOE **
School organization /staffing	Staffed for High School; some central & instructional staff shared with MS	Staffed for middle school;	Share some staff across campuses; savings to school; facilitates payroll services
School Leadership	Principal, AP	Principal, AP	Full-time Principal at each campus, AP based on student enrollment
Registration & Open Enrollment Window:	through June 30 of each year	through May 1 of each year; additional period if needed	Align: May 1 for school (for each campus)
Enrollment Preferences/ Articulation	Siblings, children of employees; no preference to SMA-Prep rising 9 th graders	Siblings, children of employees	Facilitates articulation from grade 8 to high school
Student Attendance location	Grades 9-12 attend SMA campus	Grades 6-8 attend SMA Prep campus	Continue with 6-8 at SMA Prep campus; 9-12 at SMA campus

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Student Support Services (ELL, ESE)	Each school provides required ELL services; Schools follow district ELL Plan ESE – school provides services to SwD whose needs can be met in a regular classroom environment with 80% of instruction occurring in a class with non-disabled peers		Same level of services for combination school
Student conduct /discipline	Past history: random drug testing; may result in dismissal	No drug testing	No drug testing for any reason at any grade level; school will follow district's Code of Conduct
Other district plans	As per each school's current charter, the school adopted and follows the district's Student Progression Plan, School Improvement Plan, Reading Plan, Teacher Evaluation System & School Calendar		Combination school to continue to follow all district plans and systems currently in place for each school.
Transportation & Food Services	Separate contract by school		No impact; same contract/services
District support	District support provided for each school- service level (covered by admin fee) and district monitoring requirements are proportionate to the number of students, teachers, facility, etc.		Consolidation does not reduce the level of required service provided by district or reduce associated costs.

** The district must submit an MSID application to the FLDOE to request the consolidation of the schools. Applications must be submitted by June 1st of each year for the subsequent school year. The FLDOE committee will review the information for both schools (school grades, student enrollment and other factors) to determine which school number will be used for the consolidated school, and the school grade to be assigned to the new combined school.