



Bozeman School District #7 - Bridger Charter Academy, Supplemental Materials

A. Introduction:

With support from the Board of Trustees from the Bozeman School District, the leadership at Bozeman High School and the staff at Bridger Alternative Program seek to apply for public charter school status as defined by Montana Code Annotated 10-55-604 (Section 11). If approved, the Bridger Charter Academy would allow for student enrollment in fall of 2016.

The charter school planning team, which includes Bridger staff and leadership, has created a mission statement as well as a framework that describes the essential components of the future charter school.

- a. Bridger Mission Statement: To ensure academic, personal, and social growth of every learner by providing personalized access to rigorous competencies and opportunities for learning that extend beyond the walls of the school.
- b. Bridger Charter Academy - Framework: Through staff collaboration regarding desired outcomes, a framework was created that outlines the essential components of the envisioned future for the charter school. The framework is provided as *Attachment A*.

B. Key Program Components:

- a. Executive Summary: Bozeman Public Schools together with their Board of Trustees are requesting approval of the charter application. If approved, the “*Bridger Charter Academy*” will serve grades 9-12 beginning August 2016. Bridger will offer students the opportunity to learn and grow under a competency-based instructional model. In this model, students will progress through coursework based on demonstration of proficiency towards specific curriculum standards, rather than a traditional credit attainment model based on seat time. Bridger will seek to maintain small teacher/student ratio and for the immediate future the total enrollment will be capped at 130-150 students, based on student requests, staffing and scheduling timelines. This enrollment cap may change over time as the program develops.
- b. Vision and Beliefs:
 - i. *BSD7 Core Purpose:* Bozeman Public Schools exist to provide an outstanding education that inspires and ensures high achievement so every student can succeed and make a difference in a rapidly changing world community.
 - ii. *Envisioned Future:* As an extension of the BSD7 Core Purpose, the purpose of the Bridger Charter Academy is to create a student centered learning approach, providing the right experience for the right student at the right time.



Attachment A: Bridger Charter Academy Framework

Why Transform Bridger Alternative Program into a Public Charter?

