

Appendix B.
Neighborhood Connections Action Team Plan





Neighborhood Connections Action Team Plan- Phase II

Aveson Charter School (ACS) is dedicated to being a good neighbor to the residents of Altadena, and particularly to those neighbors located within a ¼ mile radius of the school campus. Our Neighborhood Connection Action Team has engaged in many initiatives to reach out to the immediate community for feedback and suggestions on how to make positive contributions to the community. Many of these suggestions have led to actions addressing noise reduction, traffic safety, parking etiquette, and general courtesy. In an effort to mitigate any issues which may arise due to the expansion of our campus population by 30 students for the 2009-2010 school year, we have created the plans outlined below.

Alternative Transportation Plan

Because ACS is a charter school mandated to enroll any student in the state of California, we understand traffic for our school has a greater impact on the immediate community than it has in prior years. In order to alleviate some of the traffic congestion, we are establishing alternative transportation plans for our families.

Plan 1- Carpools - ACS will organize carpool groups by geographic areas. Families will be encouraged to use carpools as a primary form of transportation.

Plan 2- Bus pick-up and drop off at remote locations - ACS is arranging a charter bus services for families who would like to pay for the option of dropping off and picking up their students at 2-4 remote but central locations. ACS is in the process of contracting with First Student Transportation to provide transportation services for up to 100 students per day.

Plan 3- Public Transportation, Walking, Biking - ACS will provide incentives for secondary students to use forms of transportation other than private cars. Students using alternative forms will receive tickets to be redeemed for prizes.

Plan 4- Student Driver Safety and Approval - ACS is providing our current 10th grade students with a driver's education and safety elective course. All students must submit a monthly request for driving and parking privileges on our campus. The request must state legitimate reasons for needing to drive a car to and from school such as: college classes, internships, work study, etc. The request must be signed by the student, parent and a school official.

Neighborhood Community Service Plan

ACS is grateful to be located in the amazing hillside community of Altadena. We are aware of the need for our students and families to be conscious of the surrounding neighborhood and be proactive in keeping our campus and the community beautiful and safe. Because one of the focus areas of ACS is Social Leadership, the students have created the following

community service plan.

Plan 1- **Campus Beautification** - The Gardening Action Team is surveying the campus, particularly the outside perimeter, for areas which need special attention. They are creating plans for beautification which will include Saturday work days where Aveson families can come together to guarantee the school remains an asset to the neighborhood.

Plan 2- **Neighborhood Clean-Up** - ACS has 22 advisory classes which meet every morning for 30 minutes. Each Advisory will be assigned a week to spend advisory time walking the neighborhood picking-up trash and undesirable debris.

Plan 3- **Neighborhood Survey of Needs** - The Aveson Student Body (student leadership team) will conduct an ongoing survey of community service needs. The team will organize students needing community service hours (all students must complete 30 hours per year) to support any neighbors with projects requiring assistance.