



SCHOOL BROCHURE



Austin Primary



Austin™



GRADES K-8

BASIS AUSTIN PRIMARY & BASIS AUSTIN

The mission of BASIS Charter Schools is to empower students to achieve at globally competitive levels with a transformative K-12 academic program.

BASIS Austin Primary and BASIS Austin are **TUITION-FREE** public charter schools offering a world-class, STEM-infused, liberal arts curriculum with a strong student support system. We serve grades K-2 at BASIS Austin Primary and grades 3-8 at BASIS Austin.

WHAT MAKES THE BASIS CHARTER SCHOOL CURRICULUM EXCEPTIONAL?

At BASIS Charter Schools, we prepare students for success from day one.

Our STEM-infused, liberal arts curriculum engages students in hands-on activities and lessons across a well-balanced variety of core courses in literacy and language, humanities, math, science, and engineering. Having such a diverse range of courses helps students make connections, build confidence, and discover new interests. Our students thrive in a diverse community that's represented by many backgrounds and perspectives, creating a culture of respect, accountability, and perseverance.

As part of the BASIS Charter Schools network, BASIS Austin Primary and BASIS Austin are dedicated to raising the standards of student learning to the highest international levels. Our students engage in the world-class BASIS Charter School Curriculum, which fuels critical

thinking, problem-solving, and innovation. Caring and supportive teachers lead class with creativity and intellect, inspiring students to master advanced content and love learning. As a result, BASIS Austin Primary and BASIS Austin students become self-motivated learners. To learn more, visit enrollBASISTX.com/austin.

THE BASIS CHARTER SCHOOL CURRICULUM

We are committed to the philosophy that all students can succeed when provided with an advanced curriculum and supportive, knowledgeable teachers to guide them through it. The primary BASIS Charter School Curriculum allows students to excel in our middle school and high school programs by building upon fundamentals at an accelerated pace. In addition, our expert teachers engage students in class discussions, challenge them to think critically, and help them make interdisciplinary connections.

OUR CO-TEACHING MODEL IN GRADES 1–3 SUPPORTS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

BASIS Charter School teachers are talented and knowledgeable educators who bring our robust curriculum to life every day in the classroom. Our co-teaching model for grades 1–3 places one **Subject Expert Teacher**, a content expert, and one **Learning Expert Teacher**, a pedagogy specialist, in each classroom.

Subject Expert Teachers (SETs)

Subject Expert Teachers specialize in one subject, delivering lessons to different groups of students who rotate into their classroom throughout the day. They are responsible for planning, preparing, and carrying out all lessons, which are always rich in content and deep in insight. Our SETs also engage them in meaningful class discussions that enhance critical thinking skills.

Learning Expert Teachers (LETs)

Learning Expert Teachers work with only one section of students, traveling with them from subject to subject throughout the school day. Their role is to teach students the skills necessary for academic and personal development, including study and organizational skills, critical thinking, and social interaction standards. In addition, LETs are the primary instructors for READ, the Connections course, and the Literacy course. The Learning Expert Teacher supports students' differentiated needs to accelerate the learning process.

Benefits of the Co-Teaching Model:

- Greater emphasis placed on a single subject
- Increased opportunity for students to gain content mastery
- More effective use of class time
- Maximized comprehension and engagement
- Individual student needs met without changing the pace of lessons



HIGHLIGHTS

BASIS Austin Primary and BASIS Austin are the first BASIS Charter School schools in Austin, Texas. We set high expectations and strive to provide all students with an enriching learning experience, so they come to class every day eager and excited to learn. We are proud to offer a wide range of extracurriculars for our students. Many of our student teams have earned awards and accolades:

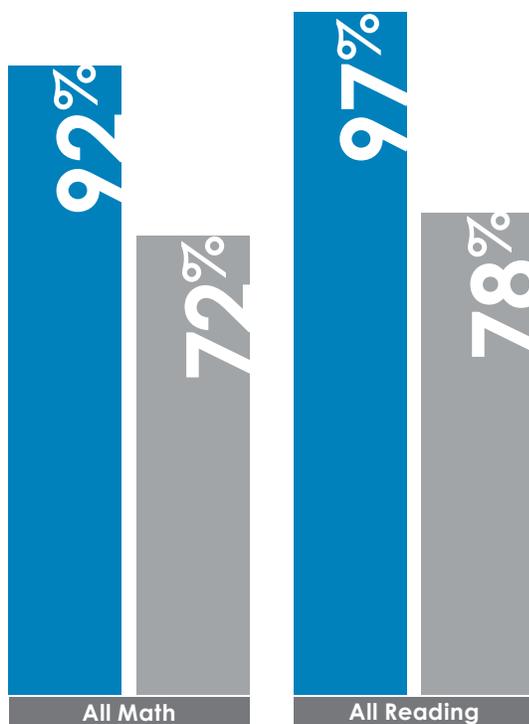
- Our Science Olympiad Team won 40 medals and 1st and 2nd place trophies in a recent regional competition and will soon compete in a state competition.
- Our Math League team won 1st place in the Central TX District Championship in San Antonio, and all students who competed qualified for the State Championship.
- Our chess team won 1st place in the K-1 U4000 category K-2 Elite category. We also won 3rd place in the 6-12 U600 category in the Austin Chess Tournaments.
- Our robotics team will be competing in the 2023 VEX Robotics World Championship for Middle Schools.
- Our Quiz Bowl Team will be competing in the MSNCT national tournament.

BASIS TEXAS CHARTER SCHOOLS IS THE #1 DISTRICT IN TEXAS*

BASIS Charter Schools consistently earn higher state assessment scores than the state average. See how our average network scores compare to the average for all Texas schools.

Overall	A	Academic Growth	A
Student Achievement	A	Relative Performance	A
School Progress	A	Closing the Gaps	A

*Texas Education Agency (TEA) Accountability Ratings, 2022. 2023 ratings were not available at the time of publication.



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2023 STAAR RESULTS: PERCENT PASSING

Grade	School	Math	Reading
3	All Texas Schools	72%	77%
3	BASIS Texas Charter Schools	91%	94%
4	All Texas Schools	70%	78%
4	BASIS Texas Charter Schools	88%	95%
5	All Texas Schools	79%	81%
5	BASIS Texas Charter Schools	91%	97%
6	All Texas Schools	74%	75%
6	BASIS Texas Charter Schools	96%	98%
7	All Texas Schools	61%	77%
7	BASIS Texas Charter Schools	100%	99%
8	All Texas Schools	74%	82%
8	BASIS Texas Charter Schools	99%	100%

Texas Education Agency (TEA), 2023

BASIS CHARTER SCHOOLS CLASS OF 2023

Total Scholarship by graduates

\$79,837,396

Naviance, 2023 (based on self-reported data)

Average scholarship award
earned per graduate

\$112,447

Naviance, 2023 (based on self-reported data)

Average
ACT score

30

Average
SAT score

1397

The College Board, 2023

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College Acceptance Rates

Percent of 2023 BASIS Charter School graduates accepted to one or more U.S. News & World Report top National Universities and National Liberal Arts Colleges

Top 100

62%

Top 50

43%

Top 25

23%

Top 20

16%

*U.S. News & World Report National University Rankings and National Liberal Arts College Rankings, 2023
College acceptance information self-reported by students: Naviance, 2023*

KINDERGARTEN

Advanced Academics

Kindergarten at BASIS Charter Schools is designed to lay a foundation for academic success throughout the BASIS Charter School Curriculum. We focus on enhancing students' natural instincts to explore, question, and discover as they engage in hands-on activities across a variety of courses. Our kindergarten students excel to learn grade 1 skills by the end of the year and have fun doing so.

Co-teaching Model

Caring and supportive expert teachers lead class with creativity and intellect, inspiring students to love learning. Our co-teaching model places one **Lead Kindergarten Teacher**, an early education expert, who assists with all aspects of lessons and learning, in each classroom. This model creates a comprehensive learning experience and ensures that each student's needs are met.

FULL-DAY PROGRAM

Sample hours: 7:40 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.

- Humanities Foundation
- Math & Science Foundation
- Movement Foundation
- Engineering and Technology Foundation
- Mandarin
- Music Foundation
- Visual Arts Foundation
- Theatre Foundation



1-4 | PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAM



The BASIS Charter School Curriculum for grades 1–4 continues to build solid academic foundations while teaching fundamental skills, such as critical thinking, organization, time management, and study strategies. The primary core curriculum includes courses in Math and Science, Humanities, Literacy, and Physical Education. Students take Math and Science, as well as Humanities, in integrated 85-minute blocks (except 4th grade) each day. Enrichment courses include Engineering and Technology, Visual Arts, Theatre, Music, Mandarin, and Connections.

HUMANITIES (Grades 1–3)

The “Humanities” block, for grades 1–3, is a daily 85-minute class that combines language arts and social studies. Students will develop foundational reading comprehension and writing skills that are embedded within social studies content. Integrating instruction in this way allows students to learn concepts at a greater depth, building connections along the way. By providing a separate Literacy course and Connections course, students are able to accelerate the development of the foundational skills necessary for future academic success: fluency, reading comprehension, writing, spelling, grammar, structure, and mechanics.

MATH & SCIENCE (Grades 1–3)

The “Math and Science” block is a daily 85-minute class that is designed to integrate math and science. Students are typically a grade level higher than their peers and practice fundamental skills, explore topics, and demonstrate knowledge using manipulatives and hands-on approaches in the classroom. Throughout the year, topics spiral and build upon each other to strengthen mastery, further setting a strong foundation for future years. In addition to a structured math curriculum, students will also be introduced to science concepts such as: earth science, astronomy, and the physical sciences.

LITERACY ENRICHMENT (Grades 1–3)

The Literacy course sequence is based upon the understanding that the English language is a code, which students must learn to decode to become fluent readers. As such, students develop and master the decoding and spelling skills needed to read increasingly difficult texts and compose complex compositions. In Literacy, students master all basic phonograms, numerous advanced phonograms, and advanced phonemic awareness concepts.

CONNECTIONS (Grades 1–3)

The Connections course combines knowledge and skills from multiple classes to complete a variety of cross-curricular projects. Instruction emphasizes collaboration, discussion, critical thinking, and creativity. Participating in Connections projects allows students to experience firsthand how skills from multiple courses can be used to solve real-world problems. In addition, making interdisciplinary connections helps students understand complex concepts and supplies them with an impressive breadth of knowledge.

GRADE 1 PROJECT TOPICS:

- Ancient Egypt
- Exploration and map skills
- Celebrations across the world
- Heroes from the past and present
- Ecosystems, the water cycle, and space

GRADE 2 PROJECT TOPICS:

- Ancient Asia
- Map skills
- The American Revolution
- Data collection
- Native Americans
- Westward Expansion
- Civics and government
- Storytelling skills

GRADE 3 PROJECT TOPICS:

- Artifacts
- Ancient Greece and Rome
- Culture
- Elements of design
- The scientific method
- Civil rights



VISUAL ARTS (Grades 1–4)

In Visual Arts, students are introduced to a wide range of artistic techniques as they hone their fine motor skills working with a variety of different materials. As student's progress through the course sequence, they expand upon these skills by making cross-cultural and personal connections in their art. Students also receive instruction in art history, and explore the relationship between intent, context, and creative choice.

THEATRE (Grades 1–4)

Theatre introduces students to the different elements of drama and narrative. As they progress through the course sequence, students build upon their storytelling skills and work in groups to create and perform short scenes. Students also learn how to interpret and convey character, and work on revising, evaluating, and improvising dramatic scripts.

MUSIC (Grades 1–4)

In Music, students are introduced to the different elements of musical performance, theory, and history. They expand upon their musical knowledge by learning how to read musical notation, build their vocabulary to describe different styles of music, and participate in multi-part musical performances.

ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (Grades 1–4)

Engineering and Technology introduces students to the processes, tools, and techniques of engineering design. Students develop problem-solving, logic, and relationship skills through hands-on, real-world projects that integrate content from core courses with technology and design.

**GRADES
1–3**

COURSE OVERVIEW

** All courses are subject to change*

- **Math and Science**
- **Humanities**
- **Literacy Enrichment**
- **READ**
- **PE and Sports**
- **Connections**
- **Engineering and Technology**
- **Mandarin**
- **Fine Arts**
 - Visual Arts
 - Theatre
 - Music

**GRADE
4**

COURSE OVERVIEW

** All courses are subject to change*

- **English**
- **Math** - Arithmetic A
- **Science**
- **Engineering and Technology**
- **History**
- **PE and Sports**
- **Fine Arts**
 - Visual Arts
 - Theatre
 - Music

5–8

MIDDLE SCHOOL
PROGRAM

Our comprehensive middle school curriculum is designed to progressively move students toward a greater understanding of fundamental concepts in each subject. Teachers set high expectations and design instruction that is challenging and engaging, requiring students to refine their critical thinking skills and analyze content in deeper, more meaningful ways. As such, BASIS Charter School students far exceed traditional middle school standards and master advanced material that is normally taught in high school. For example, starting in grade 6 students take three science courses—biology, physics, and chemistry—each year to prepare for Honors and AP courses. Through this progression of content, students master the material needed to excel in our high school program.

As your student enters grade 8, they will be mastering complex concepts and skills, taking responsibility for their educational goals, and focusing on their post-BASIS future.

LINGUISTICS (Grades 6–7)

BASIS Charter Schools offer a groundbreaking program developed by experts that teaches students to analyze the fundamentals of language. Addressing topics that are typically only taught at the university level, our Linguistics program includes Linguistics 6 and Linguistics 7 as a precursor to world language selections in grade 8. In Linguistics 6, students will gain a foundational understanding of the scientific study of language with lessons on topics ranging from historical linguistics to the psychology of language. In Linguistics 7, students will deepen their content knowledge by analyzing data sets, diagramming sentences, and exploring the phonetics and phonology of the languages that will be offered in 8th grade. The BASIS Charter School Curriculum's Linguistics course sequence will equip students with the necessary tools to be successful language learners and teach them that science can be used to understand language.



SPORK MATH

Our mathematics curriculum is delivered through a proprietary program developed by BASIS Ed educators and programmers, called SPORK Math. It includes Arithmetic A (grade 4), Arithmetic B (grade 5), Pre-Algebra (grade 6), Algebra I (grade 7), and Algebra II (grade 8). SPORK Math is delivered through tablets, ensuring our ability to respond to student needs, and facilitate rapid communication between teachers and students, making classtime more productive. For example, while students do homework, they can ask questions or mark problems they're struggling with; teachers receive those queries in real-time and can prepare lessons to address them. Longer term, SPORK Math helps teachers identify which areas need more focus, and which do not, allowing them to precisely adapt their lessons to their students.

SCIENCE

The BASIS Charter School Curriculum is a liberal arts and sciences program with a STEM focus. That's why, starting in grade 6, our program separates the sciences into biology, chemistry, and physics—so students take those classes separately, with teachers who are experts in each subject. We embrace the fact that these sciences are distinct, but also overlap, which are notions that drive our science instruction in our middle and high school programs.

HUMANITIES

The BASIS Charter School Curriculum has a robust humanities program, which includes subjects like English and language arts (including language, composition, and literature); world history, U.S. history, and U.S. government; fine and applied arts (including art history, music, and drama); and foreign languages (French, Mandarin, or Spanish). Our humanities program delves a step further with middle school students studying economics, logic, linguistics, and physical geography.

ART HISTORY & PRACTICE (Grade 6)

In Art History & Practice, students explore the world of art through a historical lens. They apply key concepts—themes, materials, or techniques—and vocabulary from each time period to their own creations and performances. In addition, students make connections across cultures, beliefs, and artists' perspectives to learn what inspires artists to create.

VISUAL ARTS (Grades 7–8)

Visual Arts courses focus on identifying and achieving artistic goals; creating, reflecting, and evaluating art; and understanding art in social and cultural context.

THEATRE (Grades 7–8)

Theatre courses require students to apply previously learned skills and knowledge in the context of a production-based class.

MUSIC (Grades 7–8)

Music courses focus on technique and performance.

COMPUTER SCIENCE: VIRTUAL REALITY

(Grade 7)

This course is designed to immerse students into the field of virtual reality and provide hands-on experience with developing VR applications. Students will gain mastery of programming fundamentals, algorithms, and design patterns at the intersection of computer science and VR. This course utilizes the CoSpaces development engine and engages students in a variety of VR projects such as building an Escape Room, DJ Music Party, Mars Gravity Lab, Virtual Pet, and an Obstacle Course. Students will play and test their projects with peers. This course prepares students to be successful in the AP Computer Science Principles course. No programming or VR experience is required.

GRADES 5–8

COURSE OVERVIEW

* All courses are subject to change

MATH (minimum course-level requirements)

- **Grade 5** Arithmetic B
- **Grade 6** Pre-Algebra
- **Grade 7** Algebra I
- **Grade 8** Algebra II

SCIENCE

- **Grade 5** Physical Geography and Science
- **Grades 6–8** Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (all three each year)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- **Grade 5** U.S. History (pre-contact Americas to Industrial Revolution)
- **Grade 6** World History I (prehistory to Age of Exploration)
- **Grade 7** Modern World and Texas History
- **Grade 8** U.S. History (Industrial Revolution to Civil Rights Movement)

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

- **Grade 5** English and Writing Mastery
- **Grades 6–8** English

WORLD LANGUAGE

- **Grades 6–7** Linguistics
- **Grade 8** French, Mandarin, or Spanish

FINE ARTS, PE, AND ELECTIVES

- **Grade 5** Visual Arts, Theatre, Music, and PE & Sports
- **Grade 6** Art History & Practice (Visual Arts, Theatre, or Music) and PE & Sports
- **Grade 7** Visual Arts, Theatre, Music, and PE & Sports
- **Grades 8** General electives*

OTHER

- **Grade 7** Computer Science: Virtual Reality
- **Grade 8** Economics

* Minimum of one Fine Arts elective required.

A variety of subjects, including AP courses, are available as electives. Please contact the school to review possible electives for the upcoming school year.

K-8

EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities enhance the learning experience and provide opportunities for enrichment, socialization, and achievement beyond the classroom. These activities allow students to interact with different groups, pursue individual interests, and develop new skills. To participate in extracurricular activities, students must exhibit good behavior and maintain a strong academic standing. As such, they learn to balance outside activities with advanced coursework, an important time management skill that will benefit them throughout their education.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT
BASIS AUSTIN PRIMARY AND BASIS AUSTIN MAY INCLUDE*:**

- Art Club
- Basketball – Boys & Girls (grades 4–5)
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Cooking Club
- Debate
- Flag Football (grades 4–7)
- Game Club
- Gaming Club
- Keyboarding
- LEGO Club
- Math Kangaroo
- Origami Club
- Robotics Club
- Running Club
- Science Fair
- Science Olympiad
- Soccer (grades 4–7)
- Spelling Bee
- Volleyball
- Yearbook

** Extracurricular activities offered vary by campus and from year-to-year based on student interest.*



FAQ

WHAT ARE BASIS CHARTER SCHOOLS?

The BASIS Charter Schools network comprises 39 charter schools across Arizona, Louisiana, Texas, and Washington, D.C. All BASIS Charter Schools utilize the BASIS Charter School Curriculum, which encourages self-motivation and hard work, allows students to master advanced content and thoroughly prepares them for college.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Parents/guardians should complete and submit student enrollment applications during the Open Enrollment period. However, applications are accepted throughout the year. You may apply to more than one BASIS Charter School, but you must submit separate applications, per student, to each school. All applications must be submitted through the online enrollment portal at enrollBASISTX.com. Applications do not need to be signed in order to be entered in the lottery. Applicants who are offered enrollment at a BASIS Charter School will be provided with instructions for accepting the offer, and printing and signing the registration packet.

HOW DOES THE LOTTERY AND WAITLIST WORK?

Every year, there is an Open Enrollment period for the following school year. Applications submitted during Open Enrollment and outside of Open Enrollment are processed differently. Please note that the exact Open Enrollment dates and lottery dates are determined on a year-to-year basis. Information will be available on enrollBASISTX.com once this year's dates are finalized.

If you apply during Open Enrollment: If the number of applications received during Open Enrollment exceeds the number of openings (at any grade level), enrollment is determined by a lottery and waitlist. The Open Enrollment period for BASIS Charter Schools is NOT first-come, first-served. Instead, applicants are added to a lottery pool. To be included in the lottery, you need to apply by midnight on the last day of Open Enrollment. After the Open Enrollment period ends, lottery drawings are held. You will receive the results directly from the school(s) you applied to. Families that do not receive an enrollment offer from the lottery will be added to a waitlist.



FAQ

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If you apply outside of Open Enrollment: Applications submitted after the Open Enrollment period has ended will be added to a waitlist and processed on a first-come, first-served basis, following any applications received during Open Enrollment. Schools will continue to make offers to waitlisted applicants as seats become available. There is not a lottery for applications submitted outside of Open Enrollment.

BASIS Texas Charter School enrollment policies are available for review in the enrollment application portal at enrollBASISTX.com.

WILL I HAVE TO PAY TUITION?

BASIS Charter Schools are tuition-free.

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULE?

The start date for each school is determined by the Head of School and leadership team, and then announced on the school's website. To reduce the chance of scheduling conflicts for BASIS Charter School families with students in multiple grade levels, or who attend different schools, we try to align our school calendars with district school calendars. To maximize academic instruction time, BASIS Charter Schools do not include professional development (in-service) days on the school calendar.

HOW MUCH HOMEWORK DO STUDENTS RECEIVE?

Homework volume differs by grade level and by student. For example, homework times range from 15 minutes plus reading time in kindergarten to approximately one hour in grade 5.

HOW DO I PREPARE MY CHILD TO ATTEND A BASIS CHARTER SCHOOL?

To foster every student's successful transition into our advanced course of study, we provide academic and student support throughout the year, as well as optional summer orientation programs.

WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

BASIS Charter Schools offer extracurricular activities that enrich students' academic experience. We do our best to align extracurricular activities to serve our students' interests. As a result, extracurricular activities may not be identical at every BASIS Charter School. However, each school offers an array of clubs and extracurricular activities in which students can participate. Additionally, our schools participate in the Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League.

DO YOU HAVE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS?

Yes. BASIS Charter Schools offer the Early Bird and Late Bird programs to assist parents/guardians whose schedules do not align with the schools' scheduled start and end times. The Early Bird program serves parents/guardians whose days begin earlier than the school start time. During Early Bird, staff members supervise students in designated areas of the school. While our staff members do monitor students' safety and general well-being, we do not provide organized instruction or recreation during this time. Students are still expected to follow all school rules. The Late Bird program is a fee-based after-school program that serves parents/guardians whose days end later than the school end time. During Late Bird, staff members supervise students in designated areas of the school. The Late Bird program is structured, so students have time to do homework, read, make up tests, etc.



DO YOU PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION?

No. BASIS Charter Schools do not provide transportation for students at this time. However, we encourage members of our parent-volunteer booster clubs to identify carpool opportunities.



DO YOU PROVIDE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES?

Yes. BASIS Charter Schools are public schools that provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to students with disabilities who are currently eligible, or are determined eligible, to receive special education and related services. BASIS Charter Schools comply with all aspects of federal and state civil rights and disability laws, and we are committed to ensuring that all students who are eligible for special education and related services receive them.



Notice of Non-Discrimination: In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act and applicable state law, BASIS does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, gender identity or expression, or any other classification protected by law in any of its business activities, including its educational programs and activities which comply fully with the requirements of state and federal law and Title IX. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding BASIS' non-discrimination policies: Beverly Traver, Compliance and Equity Investigator, BASIS Educational Group, LLC., 7975 N. Hayden Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, beverly.traver@basised.com.*

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