

**SAC Meeting Notes
Sept 22, 2010**

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- 1 **Special Needs:** Using the chart below as a guide Morrison currently provides level 3 services in Taichung and Taipei and level 2 in Kaohsiung. Could this program be expanded to provide services for more MK's?

Level	Classroom Teacher	Learning Specialist	Learning Support Teacher	Resource Rooms	Special Ed. Classrooms
	1	2	3	4	5
Program	Classroom teacher perceives need and tries to help student	Teachers ask LS for assistance. LS suggests intervention strategies that can be used in the classroom.	Pull-out for additional support in small resource room. Able to support IEPs.	Larger program than Learning Support, including pull-out for additional support and therapies	Inclusion or Self-contained program with push-in for some classes.
Student	Current students that are perceived to struggle in school	Current students that are identified to Learning Specialist	Students with learning disabilities that can function in the regular classroom without aides	Students that need therapy (educational, speech and occupational)	Students that cannot function in the regular classroom without intensive support (Autistic spectrum, Down's Syndrome...)
Personnel	No changes necessary	Part-time person willing to do research	Certified learning support teacher	Specialist(s) (i.e. occupational, speech therapist)	Teachers plus aides
Facility	None	None	Small resource room	Small resource room(s)	Classroom(s)
Finance	No additional	Part-time Learning Special.	Teacher	Specialist(s)	Double or triple regular tuition

- 2 **2010/11 SIP:** www.mca.org.tw/school-improvement-plan-and-accreditation-documents.html
SAC will seek input from staff before finalizing this Nov 10. Replacing the student information management system (Chancery) was added as a strategy to goal #1. It will be the most challenging new strategy. Two new goals were added.
- a "Articulate an integrated, strategic technology plan." (#6)
 - b "Explore the feasibility of providing more special needs services for students whose learning needs are beyond the current policy and program." (#7)
- 3 **2011-12 Budget Goals:** (excerpts)
- a enrollment increase 0.7%
 - b smaller than usual cost-of-living tuition increase
 - c expatriate salary increase
 - d new student information management system (related to SIP#1)
 - e adding outsourced technology services
- 4 **2011-12 Calendar Draft:** www.mca.org.tw/calendars.html This calendar will be finalized Nov 10.
- 5 **Mandarin:** In the past, campus budgets provided money to purchase the primary resource consumables. Starting this year, all primary resource consumable (NanYi and Discovery Chinese) purchases will be coordinated through Morrison System Services.

6 **Bible Curriculum Guide:** Scripture Verse Purpose Statement (page 17 in guide) revised www.mca.org.tw/bible-curriculum-guides.html

7 **Procedures:**

- a **010 School Wide Appraisal Process** – This new procedure regulates the collection of data for analyzing student learning and monitoring alignment with Morrison’s position statements.
- b **240 Student Admissions** – ELL and special needs clarifications
- c **242 Academic Probation** – Normally EMS students who have received at least one failing core subject grade on a report card will be subject to academic probation and will remain on probation until there are no failing grades on a report card.
- d **283 Special Needs** – Definitions added
- e **361 Vehicle Insurance** – Scooter minimums were increased. The additional cost will be about NT\$500 / scooter / year.
- f **402 Program Guides** – The Director of Curriculum will normally favor the principal in resolving conflicts between campus handbooks & program guides
- g **511 Employment** –Dual citizen expatriate employees may enter Taiwan as an ROC citizen and pay their own Taiwan Labor Insurance premium and Taiwan Government Pension Plan.
- h **656 Retirement Date** – Mandatory retirement age change from age 60 to 65.
- i **657 Retirement Benefits** - Retirement benefits between age 60 and 65 will be limited to Taiwan Government Pension Plan.
- j **760 Housing** – Deposit will be increased but it will be deducted from the last paycheck, instead of the first paycheck. There was a minor change in eligibility for 4 bedroom apartment for families with preschoolers.