Education

Charter school seeks teachers

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The Paramount Bard Academy charter school plans to hire 12 teachers in preparation for its first day of school on August 3.

The charter, located in Delano, expects to open with 200 students — 100 sixth-graders and 100 ninth-graders. Two grade levels are expected to be added each year, until the school includes kindergarten through12th grade.

"One of the first things the new group of teachers will do is determine the textbooks to use and the curriculum that best fits with the school's mission of college preparedness," Principal Brent Malicote said.

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The founding group of teachers will receive "premium" pay above typical starting salaries to help the school get off to a strong start, Malicote said.

Class sizes will number between 16 and 22 students, and the typical teacher day will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., including an 80-minute planning period.

The school year at Paramount Bard will include 190 instructional days. Public schools typically schedule 180 days of instruction.

Teacher salary and benefits will be comparable to public schools, and public school retirement plans will transfer, Malicote said.

The charter school, supported by Paramount Citrus owners Stewart and Lynda Resnick, is currently taking applications for sixth- and ninth-graders.

If the school receives more than 100 applicants for a grade, it will hold a lottery in June to determine who is admitted.

The school is also accepting applications for its Master of Arts in Teaching graduate school program.