

# Ararat Charter School 403(b) Plan

## Plan Highlights

**Introduction:** Ararat Charter School is pleased to offer the 403(b) Plan to help eligible employees save for retirement. The plan allows you to save on a tax deferred basis and a Roth basis. Plan oversight and administration is provided by MidAmerica.

This Plan Highlights outlines the key provisions of the plan as well as who to contact to sign up, for plan or investment related questions, or other information. We encourage you to seriously consider taking advantage of this valuable benefit to help enhance your financial future.

### **Eligibility:**

- **Employee Contributions:** All Employees are eligible to contribute to the 403(b) plan.

**Entry Date:** Employees are able to enroll in the Plan immediately upon commencing employment with Ararat Charter School.

### **Contribution Types:**

- **Employee Contributions:** Generally, you can contribute up to 100% of your income up to \$17,000 (in 2012). You may be eligible to contribute an additional \$5,500 if you are age 50 or older.
- **Roth 403(b) Contributions:** Along with pre-tax deferrals, you have the option to contribute to the Plan on an after-tax basis by utilizing the Roth 403(b) option. The same limits apply as to those for Employee Contributions.

### **Vesting:**

- **Employee Contributions:** You are always 100% vested in your own contributions, plus earnings.

**Withdrawal Options:** (Subject to each vendor's policies. Check with your vendor for availability.)

- **In-Service Withdrawal:** If age 59 ½ or older.
- **Separation of Service:** Possible 10% penalty if under the age of 59½. Various payment options are available.
- **Loans:** Tax-free loans enable you to access your account without permanently reducing your account. You may have three outstanding loans, with no minimum loan amount. The loan amount is limited to 50% of your vested account balance. Loans must be repaid within 5 years, or 15 years for a principal residence. Loans not repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule will result in taxation of the outstanding loan amount and a possible 10% penalty.
- **Hardships:** You may take a withdrawal for financial hardships. Hardship withdrawals are limited to the amount you have contributed to the plan and are only permitted for limited financial circumstances that must be substantiated.

**Fees:** MidAmerica charges an annual administration fee of \$20. Some of the approved investment providers have agreed to pay the fee for Participants. If you have selected an investment provider that has not agreed to pay the fee, the fee will be deducted from your contribution pro-rata prior to being remitted to your provider.

**Investments:** A list of approved vendors is provided at [www.spokeskids.com/AraratCS](http://www.spokeskids.com/AraratCS).

### **Please Contact:**

- **Vendor:** For forms such as distribution, loans, or hardships, account balances and to transfer funds.
- **MidAmerica Administrative & Retirement Solutions, Inc.:** For any plan related questions, to start or stop a contribution, or change your deduction please call 866-873-4240 or visit [www.spokeskids.com/AraratCS](http://www.spokeskids.com/AraratCS).

**Please fax or mail all forms to:** MidAmerica Administrative & Retirement Solutions, Inc.  
Attn: 403(b) TPA  
211 E. Main Street, Suite 100  
Lakeland, FL 33801  
Fax: 863-688-4466

*Please refer to the Plan Document for more information on the Plan.  
In the event of a discrepancy, the Plan Document will prevail.*



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