WAIVERS

Complete the following tables indicating all sections of Title 6 of the Arkansas Code Annotated, the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education rules, and the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts from which the public charter school seeks to be exempted to meet the goals of the school.

Please use the waiver list provided below. This list includes the appropriate waiver topic and citations to the applicable Arkansas Code Section, Rules, and Standard to fully effectuate the requested waiver.

Each of your waiver requests must include a rationale. Failure to provide a rationale will result in your application being marked as incomplete.

Waiver #1 Topic	School Superintendent Licensure
Arkansas Code Annotated	6-13-1096-17-427
Standard for Accreditation	4-B.2 4-B.1
ADE Rules	DESE Rules Governing the Superintendent Mentoring Program
Rationale for Waiver	School Superintendent: As stated in our application and budget, we will employ a Dean(Principal) only the first year and seek to employ a full-time Superintendent(President) the second year. We will avail ourselves of training available through the Arkansas Public Resource Center to assist our Superintendent in receiving all necessary training needed to perform the duties of the position to the best of his or her ability. We will seek to hire a licensed Superintendent if at all possible, but wish to have the ability to hire the individual who will be the most capable of implementing our educational model and successfully leading our school. We are requesting the waiver for Superintendent Licensure and mentoring requirement.

Waiver #2 Topic	Teacher Licensure	

Arkansas Code Annotated	6-15-1004 6-17-309 6-17-401 6-17-418 6-17-902 6-17-908 6-17-919	
Standard for Accreditation	4-D.1	
ADE Rules	DESE Rules Governing Educator Licensure, Section 7	
Rationale for Waiver	A waiver for teacher license is being requested. While the school will seek to hire licensed teachers where possible, we wish to have the ability to hire teachers who may or may not be licensed but who are experts in their field and highly qualified in their content area. We intend to utilize this waiver primarily for artist-teachers, in order to provide our students with both capable teachers but also those who can bring relevant professional expertise to our students. These instructors will hold a minimum of a Bachelors degree, meet the requirements of AQT, and have significant experience in their field.	

Waiver #3 Topic	Gifted and Talented
Arkansas Code Annotated	6-20-2208(c) (6) 6-42-109
Standard for Accreditation	2-G.1
ADE Rules	DESE Rules Governing Gifted and Talented Program Approval Standards
Rationale for Waiver	The Institute is a rigorous college-prep program. We are seeking a waiver for the Gifted and Talented requirements, as we believe that our general educational model will be rich and robust enough to provide quality education to even those students who would usually be provided with separate Gifted

	and Talented educational opportunities. Our arts curriculum is designed specifically around college arts models and will offer classes not typically found in a traditional high school setting. Because of the college-prep design, the courses will meet the needs of gifted & talented students. In addition to Pre-AP and AP offerings, the content in each arts discipline is accelerated so that students will have advanced coursework in all areas of study.

Waiver #4 Topic	Alternative Education Services
Arkansas Code Annotated	6-15-1005(b) (5) 6-18-503 (a) (1) (C) (i) 6-48-102 6-48-103
Standard for Accreditation	2-I.1
ADE Rules	DESE Rules Governing Student Special Needs Funding, Section 4
Rationale for Waiver	Within our general educational model, we will provide students education services and programs to address the issues that have caused the student to struggle in the normal classroom setting. We will address social and behavioral issues that a school counselor and our Department Directors can address in a mentoring role.

Waiver #5 Topic	Board of Directors
Arkansas Code Annotated	6-13-608 6-13-611 6-13-612 (c) 6-13-615-616(a) 6-13-617 6-13-618 6-13-619 (c) (1)(A), (d) 6-13-620 (5)(B) 6-13-620 (5)(A)(ii) 6-13-630-631 6-13-634

	6-13-635 6-14-101 et seq. 6-13-1303
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	ADE Proposed Rules Governing reimbursement by school districts for election expenses
Rationale for Waiver	We are requesting waivers from these statutes and rules as they are largely inapplicable to our charter board governance model and our board selection process. The Institute will adopt Board of Directors policies and rules that align well with the mission of the school including board size, length of term, selection policies of board members, powers and duties, attendance, and other pertinent policies. The Board will be required to attend yearly professional development activities as required by the state.

Waiver #6 Topic	Health and Safety Services
Arkansas Code Annotated	
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	We rescind this waiver request. We recognize the seriousness of student health issues and will contract with a registered nurse who will be on site to meet any and all student health issues as they arise.

Waiver #7 Topic	Library Media Specialist
Arkansas Code Annotated	6-25-103-104

Standard for Accreditation	2-D.1 4-F.1 4-F.2
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	We will utilize classroom libraries to provide sufficient media materials to our students, with classroom teachers being able to assist students in obtaining and using the materials. Two media spaces will also be provided within the facility. We will teach the required library media standards by embedding the required content into our English Language Arts courses. The lead teacher in the English Department will be designated to oversee library/media services and coordinate library materials with the assistance of a faculty committee. The committee will also have a written challenge policy in place that the Institute approves and adopts. Professional development will also be provided to teachers regarding library/media services.

Waiver #8 Topic	Principal Licensure
Arkansas Code Annotated	6-17-302
Standard for Accreditation	4-C.2
ADE Rules	DESE Rules Governing Educator Licensure
Rationale for Waiver	. A waiver for Principal licensure is being requested. The Institute will seek to hire a licensed Principal with significant school experience and an interest in arts education, but wish to have the ability to hire the best possible candidate for the position. We will provide the appropriate training as needed.

Waiver #9 Topic	Personnel Policies
Arkansas Code Annotated	6-17-203

	6-17-204 6-17-205 6-17-208 6-17-2301(c)(1) 6-17-2301(d)(2) 6-17-2302-2305 6-11-129(a)(1)(B)
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	DESE Rules Governing Documents Posted to School District and Education Service Cooperative websites,Section 6
Rationale for Waiver	We are requesting these waivers in order to allow us to utilize our own personnel policies and procedures, which will be drafted to meet the specific needs of our school, and not the general rules which are largely applicable to public school districts.

Waiver #10 Topic	Counseling Standards
Arkansas Code Annotated	6-18-2003 (a)(2)(A)
Standard for Accreditation	4-E.1
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	The Institute intends to hire a licensed counselor. However,we request this waiver in order to have the ability to hire a guidance counselor who we believe will provide the best services to our students. We are not seeking any waivers in this area which would cause us to be unable to fully provide the comprehensive counseling plan required by state law.