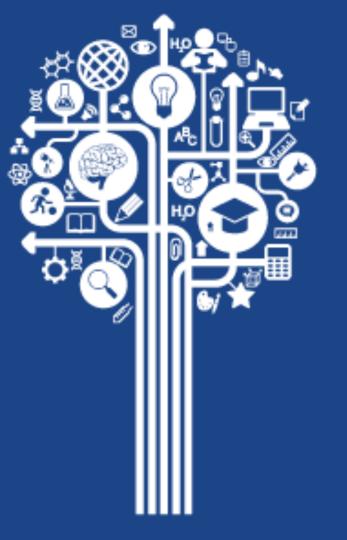


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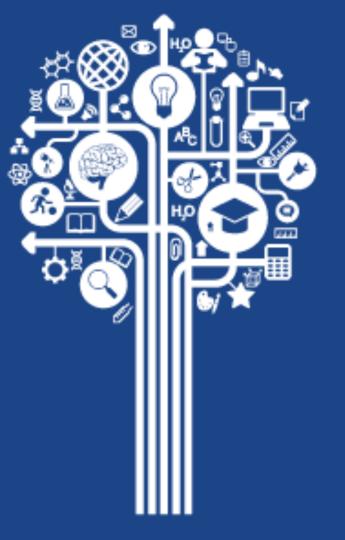
Request to add 9th grade for the 2021-2022 school year



## **Background**

- Student/Community Need
- Best Practices Exploration
- Launch!





### **Successes**

- Enrollment
- Graduates
- Relationships
- Internships
- Compliance



## **Our Community**

#### Demographic Breakdown

White

African American 14%

• Hispanic or Latino 26%

• Other Races 16%

#### Other Demographics

- 74% Free and Reduced Lunch
- 11% Special Education





## Challenges

#### 2016-17: Grade of B (71.33)

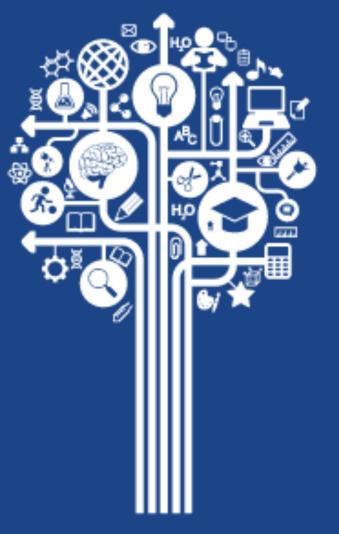
• Unique student body looking for something different.

#### 2017-18: Grade of D- (52.23)

- The demographics shifted considerably including increase in ALE students.
- Growing pains related to expansion of students as well as hiring of new staff.

#### 2018-19: Grade of D+ (60.23)

- Year of course correction focusing on PLCs and RTI
- Our letter grade does not include the graduation rate of our inaugural class, which was 91%.
- Grade is based heavily on how the 10th grade class scores on the ACT Aspire.



## **Amendment Request & Rationale**

- Mirror the Fort Smith Public School District
- Increase time with students for academic
  & professional development
- More data on student growth and achievement



## Thank you for supporting our students!

