



Charter Amendment Request Instructions

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Documentation to be Included with ALL Amendment Requests

- Budget projections that include the costs associated with the amendment request and demonstrate that the approval of the request will not place an undue financial burden on the charter
- Current year to date enrollment by race and grade
- Current year to date free and reduced lunch

Additional documentation for requests to add a campus or relocate an existing campus

- Map of present location
- Map of proposed location
- Signed Facilities Utilization Agreement
- Desegregation Analysis

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Charter Name: Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy **LEA:** 6064700

Superintendent or Director: Lt. Col. Jason Smedley

Email: jason.smedley@amfra9-12.org **Phone:** 501-529-0076

Type of Amendment(s) Requested

Add a New Campus (Must also submit the Facilities Utilization Agreement)

Address: _____
School District: _____

Relocate Existing Campus (Must also submit the Facilities Utilization Agreement)

Campus Name: _____
Current Address: _____
Proposed Address: _____
School District: _____

Increase Enrollment Cap

Current Cap: _____
Proposed Cap: _____

Change Grade Levels Served

Current Grade Levels Served: _____
Proposed Grade Levels Served: _____

Waiver(s)

Statute/Standard/Rule to be Waived: Transfer of Charter from American Quality Schools (AQS) to Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy (AMFRA)

Rationale for Waiver:

As discussed in our charter application, American Quality Schools (AQS), our sponsoring entity and charter holder, was to turn over the charter to a local, 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization which would operate only the Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy charter school. Specifically, it was stated that the aim of AQS was to transfer " the ongoing operation of the school to the original citizen's groups" when that became practicable. We have attached to this amendment request form a copy of the determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service granting 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation status to Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy, Inc. Therefore, in fulfillment of what we stated during the charter application process, we are requesting an amendment to our charter to substitute Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy, Inc. as the charter school's sponsoring entity and charter holder in place of AQS. This amendment will allow the local group to carry forward the mission of the Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy. AQS is in total support of this charter amendment request.

Statute/Standard/Rule to be Waived: _____

Rationale for Waiver:

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Facilities Utilization Agreement

To be completed and submitted with an amendment request to add a new campus or relocate an existing campus

Lessor (Owner): _____

Lessee (Tenant): _____

Information regarding affiliation, family ties or other relationships between the Lessor and Lessee:

Address of Premises: _____

Describe the present use of the facility: _____

Square Footage: _____ Rental Amount: _____

Terms of Lease: _____

Contingency: The terms of this agreement are contingent upon _____
Charter School receiving approval by the Authorizer to operate an open-enrollment public charter school at the premises identified.

No indebtedness of any kind incurred or created by the open-enrollment public charter school shall constitute an indebtedness of the State of Arkansas or its political subdivisions and no indebtedness of the open-enrollment public charter school shall involve or be secured by the faith, credit or taxing power for the state or its political subdivisions. An open-enrollment public charter school shall not incur any debt, including lease, without the prior review and approval of the Commissioner of Education.

We affirm that the facility is, or will be prior to charter occupancy, compliant with ADE/IDEA accessibility regulations and will remain so while the charter occupies the location.

Lessee: _____

By: _____ Date: _____
Signature

Lessor: _____

By: _____ Date: _____
Signature



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

ARKANSAS MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS
ACADEMY INC
425 WEST CAPITOL AVENUE SUITE 1236
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201

Date:
02/08/2023
Employer ID number:
87-4515710
Person to contact:
Name: Henry Barrera
ID number: 32234
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
June 30
Public charity status:
170(b)(1)(A)(ii)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
January 14, 2022
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053622005942

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

Information for Charter Schools

You're not subject to the specific publishing requirements of Revenue Procedure 75-50, 1975-2 C.B., page 587, as long as you operate under a contract with the local government. If your method of operation changes to the extent that your charter is not approved, terminated, cancelled or not renewed, you should notify us. You'll also be required to comply with Revenue Procedure 75-50.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements



Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy (AMFRA)
Charter Amendment Proposal – Attachment 1

1. Budget projections that include the costs associated with the amendment request and demonstrate that the approval of the request will not place an undue financial burden on the charter.

The cost of the amendment request is \$0, and as such will not place an undue burden on the school.

2. Current year to date enrollment by race and grade.

AMFRA will open on August 16th with an estimated student body of approximately 140-160 students in Grade 9.

3. Current year to date free and reduced lunch.

As AMFRA has not yet opened, we do not have “current year” numbers. However, we anticipate that our Free/Reduced lunch population will be greater than 70% of the student body.

Projected Budget 2023-24

Revenue	Enrollment	2023-24	
		140	
		per pupil \$	
Carry over previous year			0
Charter Facilities Funding	550		77,000
CSP - Start-up Funding			641,302
District PD Funding	40		5,600
English Language Learners Funding	366		5,124
E-rate			0
ESA Funding	1,076		150,640
Foundation Funding	7,700		1,078,000
National School Nutrition Program			110,000
Special Education Funding I-VB			24,000
Teacher Salary Equalization	185		25,900
Title I-VI	771		108,000
Total Revenues			2,225,566

Expenses	Administration	358,186
	Instructional Program	1,071,660
	Special Education	81,780
	Guidance Services	3,000
	Health Services	78,524
	Fiscal Services	45,500
	Transportation	2,500
	Maintenance & Operations	199,428
	Food Service	94,870
	Data Processing	35,000
	Facilities	176,248
	Other	50,000
Total Expenses		2,196,696
Rev/Exp		28,870

Kevin Durand

From: Kevin Durand
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 1:05 PM
To: jermall.wright@lrsd.org
Cc: Kevin Durand
Subject: Notice of Charter Amendment Proposal for Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy
Attachments: Letter to Dr_ Wright.pdf

March 20, 2023

Dear Dr. Wright,

This letter serves as notice that on March 20, 2023, the Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy (6064700) submitted an amendment request of its charter to the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the purpose of transferring the charter from American Quality Schools (AQS) to the Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy. If there are questions regarding this notice or our intent, please feel free to contact Lt. Col. Smedley at jason.smedley@amfra9-12.org or myself, Dr. Kevin Durand, at kevin.durand@amfra9-12.org.

Sincerely,

Kevin K. Durand, Ph.D.
Chief Academic Officer
Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy
Kevin.durand@amfra9-12.org

“Building Global Leaders and Citizens... One Cadet at a Time.”





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March 20, 2023

Dr. Jermall Wright
Superintendent, LRSD
810 W. Markham St.
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Dr. Wright,

This letter serves as notice that on March 20, 2023, the Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy submitted an amendment request to transfer its charter from American Quality Schools (AQS) to AMFRA to the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. If there are questions regarding this notice or our intent, please feel free to contact me at jason.smedley@amfra9-12.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Smedley', written over a horizontal line.

Lt. Col. Jason Smedley
Commandant
Arkansas Military and First Responders Academy