

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS CLASSICAL ACADEMY

SPONSORING ENTITY: RESPONSIVE EDUCATION SOLUTIONS OF ARKANSAS

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy is to provide young people with a rigorous classical education in the liberal arts and sciences that cultivates intellectual excellence, wisdom and virtue.

CURRENT DATA

Maximum Enrollment	1500
Approved Grade Levels	K-12
Grades Served 2019-2020	K-12

2019-2020 Enrollment by Grade

Kindergarten	109
1st Grade	121
2nd Grade	97
3rd Grade	99
4th Grade	104
5th Grade	79
6th Grade	92
7th Grade	74
8th Grade	83
9th Grade	55
10th Grade	62
11th Grade	58
12th Grade	31

2019-2020 Enrollment by Race

Two or More Races	26
Asian	286
Black	64
Hispanic	97
Native American/Native Alaskan	3
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1
White	587
Total	1,064

2019-2020 Student Status Counts

Migrant	0
LEP	93
Gifted & Talented	0
Special Education	80
Title I	104
Source: District Cycle 4 Report	

2018-2019 Average Daily Attendance

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ADA	620.75	606.63	604.72	598.69
ADM	653.24	655.75	661.02	656.11
%	95.03%	92.51%	91.48%	91.25%

BACKGROUND

Authorized November 1, 2012
 Contract Expiration June 30, 2028

State Board

Application Hearing

Board approved the application

November 1, 2012

State Board

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

Amend governing board structure

January 14, 2013

State Board

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

May 13, 2013

Change charter holder to Responsive Education Solutions

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

November 13, 2013

Waiver of:

Ark. Code Ann.

- 6-17-111 Duty-free lunch period
- 6-17-201 Requirements - Written personnel policies - teacher salary schedule
- 6-17-201 et. seq. Teachers' Minimum Sick Leave Law
- 6-17-211 Use of personal leave when administrator or school employee is absent from campus
- 6-18-706 School nurse
- 6-21-203 Rules (the requirement to reimburse teachers for personal expenditures for classroom supplies)
- 6-25-101 et. seq. Public School Library and Media Technology Act

Standards for Accreditation

- 15.02 Principals
- 16 Support services
- 19.04 Requirement to provide summer school and adult education programs
- 21 Auxillary services

Other Rules

- ADE Rules Governing Educator Licensure
- ADE Rules Governing School Board Zones and Rezoning
- ADE Rules Governing School Election Expense Reimbursement
- Sections 4-8 of ADE Rules Governing Personnel Policies, Salary Schedules, and Documents
- Posted to District Websites

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and DENIED

November 13, 2013

Waiver of:

Ark. Code Ann.

- 6-11-129 Data to be accessible on website
- 6-16-1204 Implementation (requirement that pre-Advanced Placement courses be offered)
- 6-17-2802 Legislative intent (to evaluate with a system other than TESS)
- 6-21-304 Purchases

Standards for Accreditation

- Section 9 Curriculum

State Board

Consideration of Panel Decision

December 16, 2013

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

State Board

Report to Board

March 20, 2014

End-of-Semester Review

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

March 21, 2014

Waiver of:

Ark. Code Ann.

6-13-619

Monthly meetings

State Board

Consideration of Panel Decision

April 10, 2014

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

State Board

Report to Board

October 9, 2014

End-of-Semester Review

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

October 15, 2014

Waiver of Standard 9.03.4 - 38 units of credit

To allow phasing in courses

State Board

Consideration of Panel Decision

November 13, 2014

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

February 18, 2015

Rescind waiver of Standard 9.03.4 - 38 units of credit

State Board

Consideration of Panel Decision

March 12, 2015

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and DENIED

October 15, 2015

Waiver request for Standards for Accreditation 9.03.4.12

State Board

Consideration of Panel Decision

November 12, 2015

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

Charter Authorizing Panel

Renewal Request

December 21, 2017

Charter renewed for ten years

Waivers for the following rescinded:

ADE Rules Governing Substitute Teachers

ADE Rules Governing Parental Notification of Non-Licensed Teacher

Enrollment cap increase from 685 to 1200

State Board

Consideration of Panel Decision

January 11, 2018

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

October 18, 2018

Transition to new Standards for Accreditation

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

October 18, 2018

Increase enrollment from 1200 to 1500

Merge Quest Academy of West Little Rock campus into the Northwest AR Classical Academy charter at the end of 2018-2019 school year

State Board

Consideration of Panel Decision

November 8, 2018

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision