

Southeast Arkansas Preparatory High School Desegregation Analysis

This desegregation analysis is in support of Southeast Arkansas Preparatory High School's (SAPHS) request to expand its charter to include Grades 6-8, and add 500 students to its enrollment cap to expand its grade levels served to Grades 6-12 and increase its enrollment cap to 720 students. SAPHS is required to carefully review the potential impact this expansion request would have upon the efforts of the Pine Bluff School District (PBSD), White Hall School District (WHSD), Dollarway School District (DSD), and Watson Chapel School District (WCSD) to comply with court orders and statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools. SAPHS is located within the boundaries of the PBSD. SAPHS currently draws students from the PBSD, WHSD, DSD and WCSD.

SAPHS is in its second year of operation and was found to have no segregation issues at the time its charter was granted. The same analysis holds true for the other open-enrollment public charter schools in Pine Bluff; Friendship Aspire Academy Pine Bluff and Pine Bluff Lighthouse Academy. SAPHS submits that upon the basis of its review, that granting this expansion request to its existing charter will not hamper, delay, cause any undue hardship, or in any manner affect the desegregation efforts of the PBSD, WHSD, DSD, and WCSD or any school districts in the State of Arkansas.