

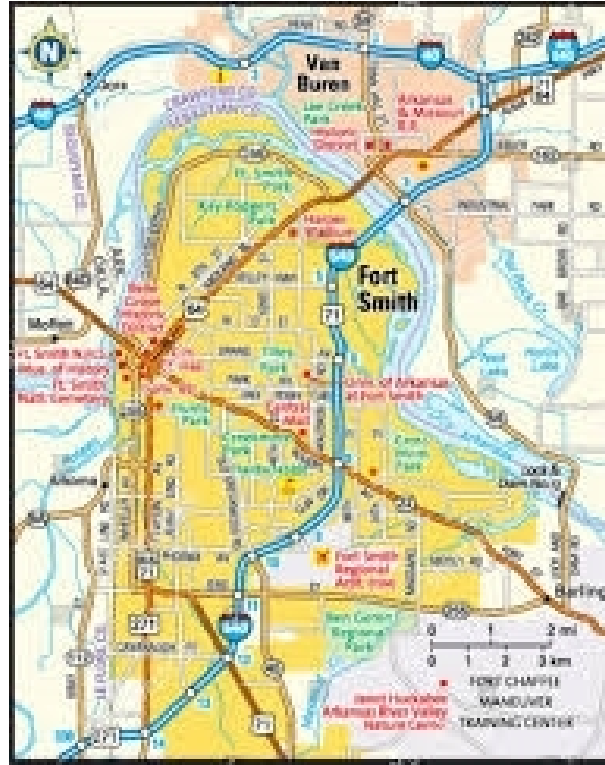


# FORT SMITH VIRTUAL ACADEMY

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Fort Smith K-8 Conversion Charter

# Our District



- 19 Elementary Schools
- 4 Middle Schools
- 2 High Schools
- 1 ALE

**FORT SMITH  
SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**



# Our Leadership Team



Dr. Terry Morawski  
Superintendent



Mr. Martin Mahan  
Deputy Superintendent



Dr. Gary Udouj  
Director of Career Education  
& District Innovation



Dr. Tony Jones  
Director of  
Secondary Education



Dr. Tiffany Bone  
Asst. Superintendent of  
Curriculum & Instruction



Ms. Lori Griffin  
Director of  
Elementary Education

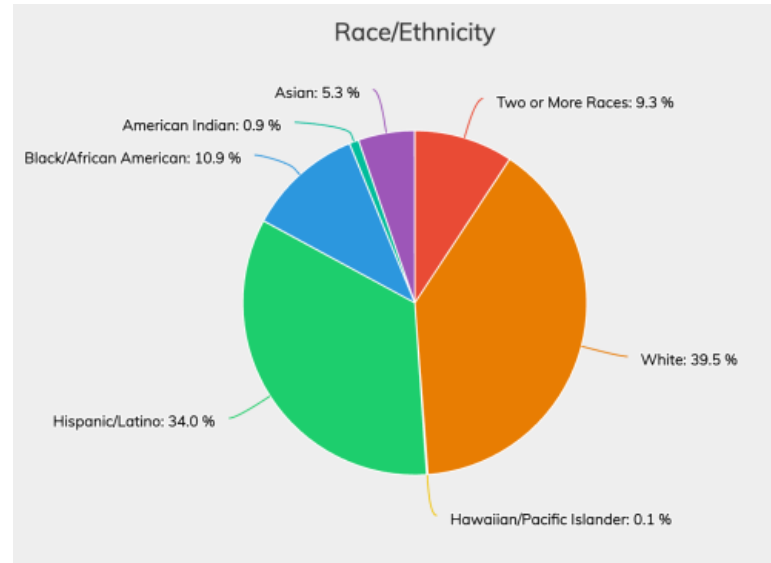


Dr. Samantha Hall  
Asst. Director of  
District Innovation

# Our Students

- Enrollment
  - 13,949 District
  - 9,603 K-8th Grade
- 22% English Language Learners
- 72% District-wide Free & Reduced Lunch

- Demographics
  - 40% White
  - 33% Hispanic
  - 11% Black/African-American
  - 9% Two or more races
  - 5% Asian
  - 1% American Indian
  - 1% Other



# Fort Smith Public Schools

## FSPS Mission & Vision 2023

Fort Smith Public Schools, a premier district where innovation creates excellence, is dedicated to providing an **equitable, challenging educational experience by engaging families and community partners** as we prepare students to embrace their roles in our culturally diverse community and rapidly changing world.

Our seven Vision 2023 Strategies continue to guide our efforts on behalf of **students**.



### **Career Planning:**

Develop and implement education and career pathways so that each student graduates with a viable plan and relevant skill set for his or her future.



### **Equity:**

Develop and implement a system-wide plan to provide all students with the resources they need to optimize their learning.



### **Instruction:**

Design, develop and implement programs to promote rigor, relevance, collaboration, critical-thinking skills and learning environments designed to meet each student's unique needs and aspirations.



### **Learning Environment/Facilities:**

Align resources, facilities and technology strategically and equitably across the District to maximize security and enhance the learning environment.



### **Staffing:**

Recruit and retain highly qualified faculty, staff and administration.



### **Technology:**

Provide appropriate technology that is consistently available, effectively supported and equitably distributed for group and individual instruction.



### **Wellness:**

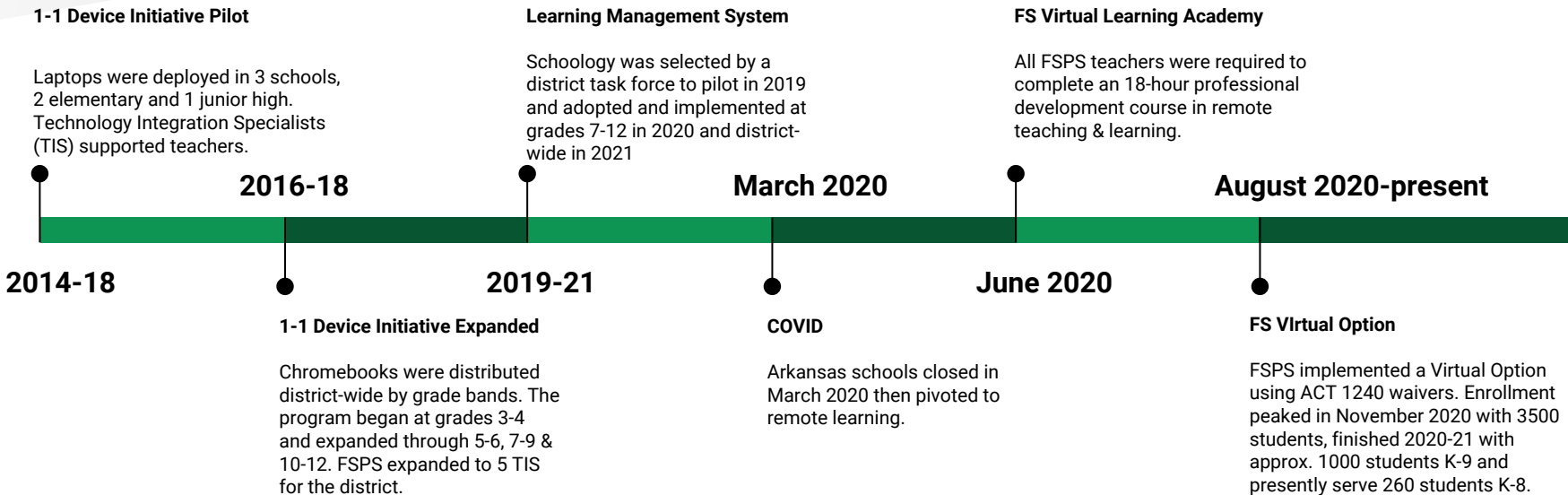
Develop and train empathetic and nurturing employees to be sensitive to and supportive of the needs of all children and families.

# FSVA Mission

## FSVA Mission Statement

Fort Smith Virtual Academy will provide an **equitable, challenging, individualized, technology-based educational experience** to equip students with the academic and social skills to embrace their roles in our culturally diverse community and rapidly changing world. The educational process will **empower future-focused individuals** to engage in service-oriented experiences, develop personal reflection skills and discover meaningful career paths.

# Our Digital Journey



# Our Technology

- **Device**
  - Students will be issued a FSPS Chromebook
- **Connectivity**
  - Park & Learn WiFi at each campus
  - Hotspots available based on qualifications
- **Technology Support**
  - Support Tickets
  - Onsite support

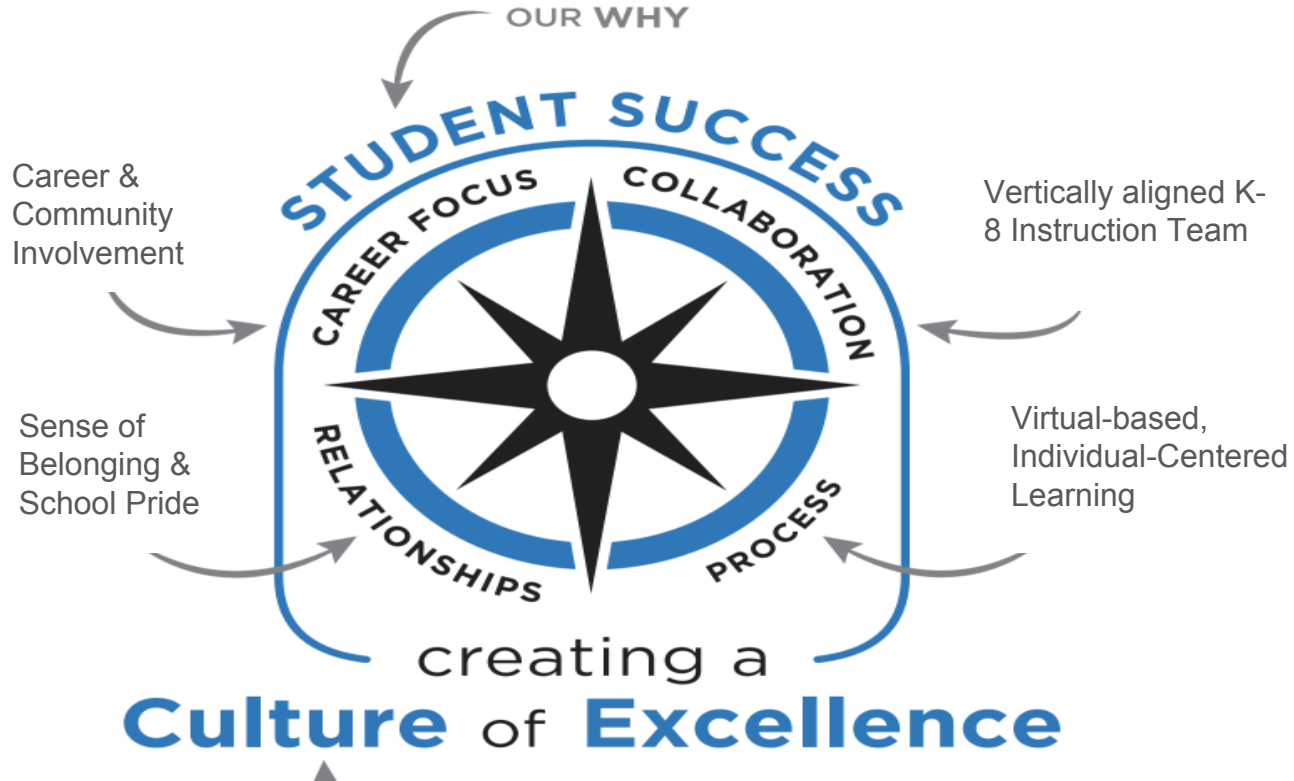


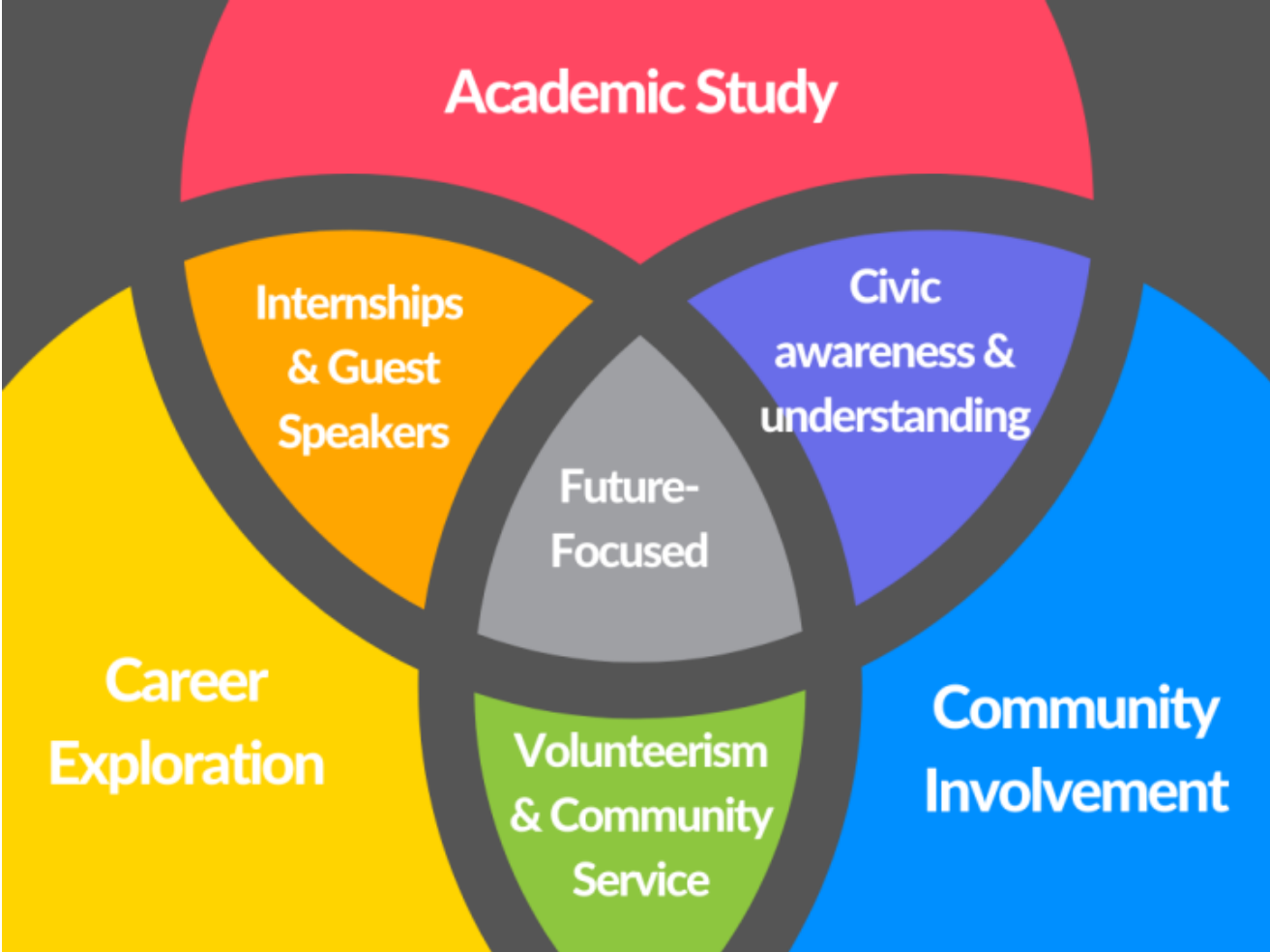


# Conversion Charter vs. Act 1240 Waivers

Conversion Charter	1240 Waivers
Uniform District Model	24 Individual Schools
Sense of Belonging	Excluded/Afterthought
Permanent Concept	Changes Year-to-Year
Multi-faceted Instructional Focus	Instructional Option

# The "WHY"





**Academic Study**

**Internships  
& Guest  
Speakers**

**Civic  
awareness &  
understanding**

**Future-  
Focused**

**Career  
Exploration**

**Volunteerism  
& Community  
Service**

**Community  
Involvement**

# Community Support

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The **OPTIONS** and **OPPORTUNITIES** created by this groundbreaking program will be invaluable to our **COMMUNITY**, including many of our current and future employees and their children, as it will serve a **VARIETY** of **STUDENTS** and **FAMILIES** in creative and innovative ways.

Jason Green  
VP--Human Resources

# Expanded Learning Opportunities

## FSPS Offers....

- Traditional Model
- Schools of Innovation
- Alternative Learning Environment

## FSVA Supports Students & Families....

- Social Emotional
- Medically Fragile
- Individualized Learning
- Non-traditional School Structure



# Expanded Learning Opportunities

FSPA will....

- Reach FSPA-zoned students who do not currently attend a FSPA school (homeschool, private school)
- Extend to students outside FSPA via school choice (transportation would not be provided for students outside FSPA boundaries)
- Serve school and community simultaneously
- Allow students to continue participation in extracurricular activities in their zoned schools or, if attending through school choice, their designated school of choice



# Our Location



# Goals

## Academic

- 80% of FSVA students will meet or exceed state averages in Language Arts and Mathematics, as measured by the annual state assessments.

## Career Readiness

- 90% of FSVA students will meet or exceed personal goals developed to support college/career readiness.

## Community Involvement

- 80% of FSVA students will participate in community service learning and, beginning in middle schools, field experiences to increase exposure in various industries for the purpose of connecting to future career fields.



# Sample Daily Schedules

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A M	English	Math	Electives	English	Math
P M	Science	Social Studies	Electives	Science	Social Studies

**K-5th**

- Synchronous/Asynchronous Hybrid
- RISE (K-6th)
- Online/Onsite Support
- Small-group & Individualized Instruction
- Community Involvement/Career Readiness/Student Interest
- Related Services
- K-5 Istation Formative
- 3-8 NWEA Map Formative
- Summative Assessments

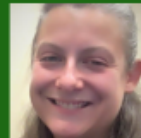
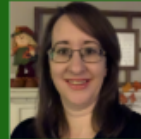
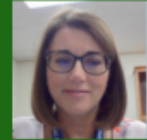
**6th-8th**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:30	English	English/ SS Groups	Field Experience	English	English/ SS Groups
9:45-11:15	Science			Science	
12:15-1:30	Math	Math/ Science Groups	Electives	Math	Math/ Science Groups
1:45-3:15	SS		Electives	SS	

# Our Staff

## FSPS Teachers

- AR Certified/Qualified
  - Flexibility to hire non-licensed for electives if they are best fit
- Counselor/Career Counselors
  - Social Emotional support
  - Student Interest
- Curriculum Coordinator
  - Community Involvement Curriculum
  - Professional Development
  - Training & Support



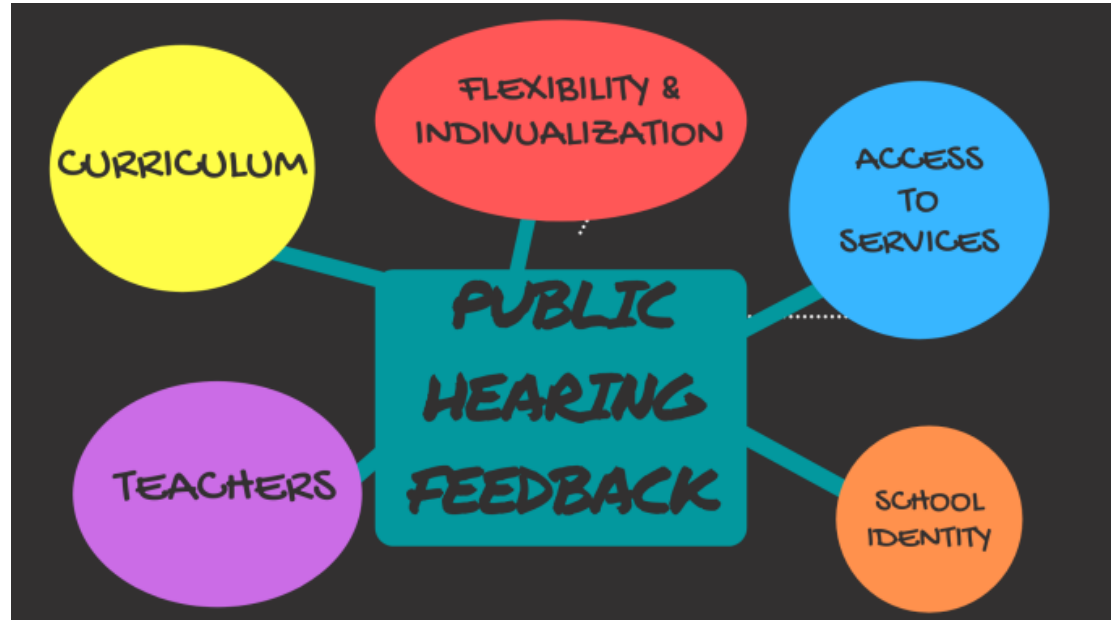
# Public Hearing

## PROMOTION

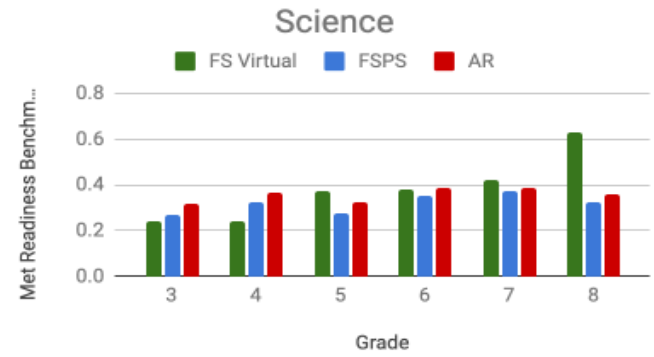
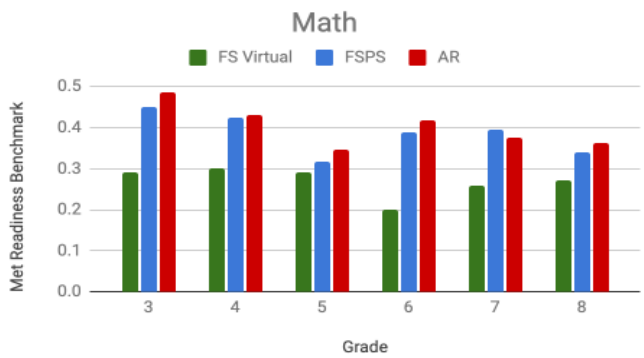
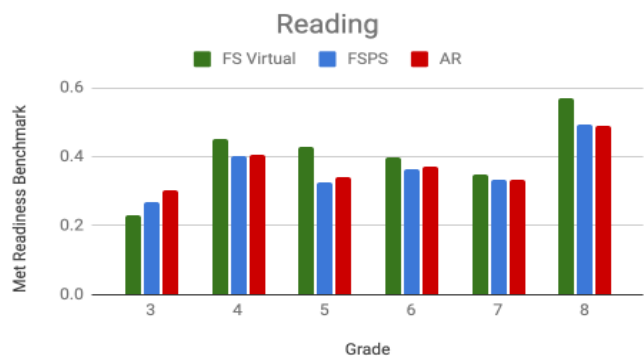
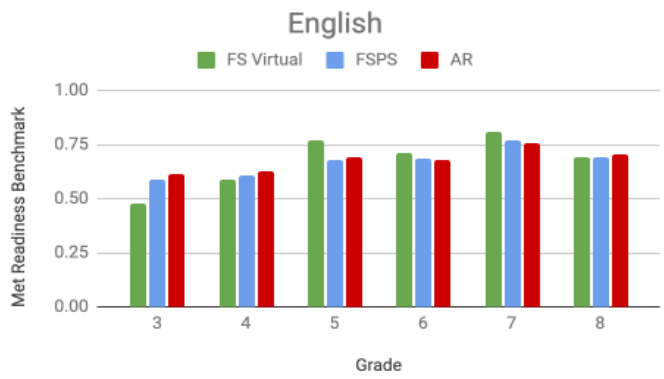
- Ad ran in Times Record
- Social media posts on district Facebook
- Banner on FSPS website
- Parent-link phone & text message

## DETAILS

- Held June 8, 2021
- 21 Attendees
- Brief Overview of proposed charter and the process
- Background Information
- Questions & comments from attendees



# ACT Aspire 2021



# Waiver Requests

Attendance

Instructional Day

120 Clock Hours (8th grade  
ONLY)

Class size & Teaching Load

Principal & Teacher Licensure

Report Cards

School Nurse

Library Media

Recess

Flag Display; Period of  
Silence; Pledge of  
Allegiance

Food Services

# Student/Parent Testimonials



**TINA ROBERTS**  
AIDAN RUSSELL'S GAMMY



# FSVA

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