



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Dear Superintendent Hatley,

**State Board of
Education**

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Based on data from the 2022 State Summative Assessments, the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education will recommend to the State Board of Education that Graduate Arkansas Charter High School be placed in Accredited-Cited status under Standard 1-C.1.1 of the Standards for Accreditation for Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts because it did not meet the ninety-five percent (95%) testing requirement in Math and ELA for the 2021-2022 school year. If the State Board confirms the Division's classification, the Accredited-Cited status will remain with Graduate Arkansas Charter High School throughout the 2022-2023 school year and will be reported on the final accreditation report. This would be a first-year classification. Please note that the Standards and Support Office will continue to monitor the school and district throughout the school year for additional Standards exceptions.

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart
Vice Chair

If the district wishes to appeal the Division's classification to the State Board of Education, it may do so within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of this notification. The appeal must be in writing on district letterhead and submitted to Matthew Sutherlin at Matthew.Sutherlin@ade.arkansas.gov. Appeal rights and the appeals process can be found in the Rules Governing the Standards for Accreditation at Section 10.00. A copy of the Rules is available at the following link: [ARKANSAS DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS Effective Date: May 2, 2022.](#)

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Please confirm receipt of this email. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Matthew Sutherlin at (501) 682-4379.

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Respectfully,

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