

Arkansas Lighthouse Academies
2021 Renewal Application

Legal comments are below, separated by waiver. For each comment, please provide a response. The attorney will review your comments once you resubmit the legal review. Any legal concerns that are not addressed by your responses must be discussed in front of the Charter Authorizing Panel during your hearing. If you have any questions about the legal review, please contact Whitney James at (501) 683-1876.

General Legal Concerns

Waivers

1. Board of Directors (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-13-608

6-13-611

6-13-612(c)

6-13-615

6-13-616

6-13-619(c) – (d)

6-13-620

6-13-621

6-13-630

6-13-631

6-13-634

6-13-635

Legal Comments: Please provide rationale for your request to waive 6-13-616(b)

2. Class Size and Teaching Load (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-812

Standard 1-A.5

DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load

Legal Comments: None.

3. **Superintendent** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-13-109

6-17-427

Standards 4-B.1, 4-B.2

DESE Rules Governing Superintendent Mentoring

Legal Comments: None.

4. **Library Media** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §

6-25-103

6-25-104

Standards 4-F.1, 4-F.2, 2-D.1

Legal Comments: None.

5. **Principal** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-302

Standards 4-C.1, 4-C.2

Legal Comments: None.

6. **Teacher Pay** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-17-807

6-17-2401, et seq.

Legal Comments: None.

7. **Teacher Licensure** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-15-1004

6-17-309

6-17-401

6-17-902

6-17-908

6-17-919

Standard 4-D.1

DESE Rules Governing Educator Licensure, Section 7

Legal Comments: None.

8. **School Counselor/Counseling Plan** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-18-2003(a)(2)(A)

Standards 4-E.1, 4-E.2

Legal Comments: None.

9. **Personnel Policies** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-17-114 – Planning Period

6-17-111 – Duty-Free Lunch Period

6-17-117 – Non-Instructional Duties

6-17-201(c) – Requirements

6-17-203 – Committee for Each School

6-17-204 – Incorporation of Policies Into Contracts

6-17-205 – Organization and Duties of Committee

6-17-208 – Grievance Procedure

6-17-209 – Interim Committee

6-17-210 – Right to Witness or Representative

6-17-211 – Use of Personal Leave

6-17-1501, et seq. – Teacher Fair Dismissal Act

6-17-1701, et seq. – Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act

6-17-2301(b) – (c) – Requirements

6-17-2302 – Personnel Policies – Definitions

6-17-2303 – Classified Personnel Policy Committee

6-17-2304 – Incorporation Into Classified Contracts

6-17-2305 – Classified Committee Organization and Duties

DESE Rules Governing School District Requirements for Personnel Policies, Salary Schedules, Minimum Salaries, and Documents Posted to District Websites – Sections 4.02.3, 5, 6, 7, and 8

Legal Comments: None.

10. **Employment of Licensed Personnel** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-301

Legal Comments: I would suggest narrowing this to 6-17-301(a). Also, it is unclear why you need this waiver.

11. **Discipline and Safety** (Continue)

DESE Rules Governing Guidelines for the Development, Review, and Revision of School District Student Discipline and School Safety Policies – Section 5.04.10, 5.11.3.1

Legal Comments: Please update the name of the rules. Additionally, 5.11.3 is a “may” rather than a “shall” section.

12. **Gifted & Talented** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-42-109

6-20-2208(c)(6)

DESE Rules Governing Gifted and Talented Program Approval Standards

Legal Comments: None.

13. **Professional Development** (Continue)

Standard 4-G.1

DESE Rules Governing Professional Development

Legal Comments: You will need to list statutes to effectuate this waiver.

14. **School Calendar** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-106(a)(1)(A)

Legal Comments: None.

15. **Student Services** (Rescind)

DESE Rules Governing Public School Student Services

Legal Comments: None.

16. **Guidance Program** (Rescind)

Standard 2-C.2

Legal Comments: None.

17. **School-Level Improvement Plan – Develop and Post to Website** (Rescind)

Standard 3-B.1

Legal Comments: None.

18. **Alternative Learning Environment** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §

6-15-1005(b)(5)

6-18-503(a)(1)(C)(i)

6-48-102

6-48-103

Standard 2-I.1

DESE Rules Governing Student Special Needs Funding – Section 4

Legal Comments: None.

19. **Classified Employee Salary**

Legal Comments: I do not see a statute listed. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-2201, et. seq. was listed previously. Is that what you want to waive? Do you want to continue the waiver?