

# The Excel Center

**School District:** Little Rock

**Grade Levels:** 9-12

**Enrollment Cap:** 125

**Address of Proposed School:** 7400 Scott Hamilton Drive, Little Rock, AR 72209

## **Mission Statement:**

The mission of The Excel Center is to provide adults the opportunity and support to earn a high school diploma and begin postsecondary education while developing career paths in sectors of the local economy that offer better-than-average employment and growth opportunities.

## **Information on the School District in Which the Charter Would be Located:**

Little Rock School District

80.93% free and reduced-priced lunch (2015-2016)

Needs Improvement District (ESEA 2015) - Literacy and Math

Achieving (ESEA 2015) - Graduation Rate

## **Documentation Provided in Support of the Charter:**

### Letters of Support Included with Application

Jeff Spry

City Connections Center

Jeff Hathaway

Little Rock Regional Chamber

## **Issues that Remain Unresolved as Determined by the Charter Internal Review Committee:**

### **C6: SCHEDULE OF COURSES OFFERED**

- The course offerings for science, social studies, and fine arts are lacking one full credit each.
- Given that only a half credit of drama is to be offered, a half credit of journalism also needs to be offered.

### **C12: ENROLLMENT CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES**

- The lottery method described for enrollment places a preference on those who are able to apply for the school in the school's first year of operation.

### **C15: BUSINESS AND BUDGETING PLAN**

- A caseload of 50-80 students seems to be excessive for one person providing the level of support described in throughout the application.

**Issues that Remain Unresolved as Determined by Legal Staff:**

**6. TEACHER EXCELLENCE AND SUPPORT SYSTEM**

- Applicant should provide additional rationale on how its educators will get the proper support needed if they are granted a waiver of the ADE Rules Governing the Teacher Excellence and Support System.