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Southside High School 2019 Renewal Application

Expiring Waivers

All waivers, other than those listed below, are fine and there are no legal comments.

Flexible Schedule

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-102

Legal Comments: Applicant does not need a waiver of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-102(a)(5), which only pertains to elementary schools.

Applicant Response: Applicant wishes to amend its waiver request of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-102 to § 6-16-102, with the exception of (a) (5).

Teacher Licensure

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-401 et seq. ADE Rule Governing Educator Licensure

Legal Comments: Applicant does not need a waiver of the entire subchapter, only Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-409. Does the Applicant have licensed teachers teaching outside of their licensure area? If yes, only a waiver of Section 7 is needed. If no, no waiver of these Rules is needed. There is no section 9.01 of these Rules.

Applicant Response: Applicant wishes to amend its waiver request to a waiver of Ark. Code Ann. §6-17-401 and Section 7. of the ADE Rule Governing Educator Licensure.

Mandatory Attendance

Mandatory Attendance Requirements for Students in Grades 9-12 Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-211

Legal Comments: These Rules have been repealed. These laws have been repealed. No waiver is necessary.

Applicant Response: Applicant wishes to withdraw its waiver request in its entirety, due to the repeal of the applicable law and ADE Rule.

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Curriculum

1-A.2, Standards

Legal Comments: The new Standards for Accreditation allow credit to be given to a student for a course that meets for a minimum of 120 clock hours *unless* the school district awards credits based on subject matter competency in compliance with the district's approved plan under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-216. Does the Applicant need a waiver because the Applicant does not have an approved plan for providing competency based credit, or because the Applicant is not providing competency based credit or 120 clock hour credit?

Applicant Response: Applicant wishes to withdraw its request for a waiver of Section 1-A.2 of the ADE Standards Rule.

Curriculum

1-A.1.3.1

1-A.1.3.7

Legal Comments: What is the rationale behind these waiver requests? They contain graduation requirements, so Applicant needs to confirm it is meeting all Arkansas graduation requirements.

Applicant Response: Applicant wishes to withdraw its waiver request of Sections 1-A.1.3.1 and 1-A.1.3.7 of the ADE Standards Rule, due to changes in the Rule.

Superintendent

4-B.2, Standards

Legal Comments: What is the rationale for this continued request? If Applicant still needs this waiver, Applicant will also need a waiver of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-109.

Applicant Response: Applicant wishes to withdraw its request for a waiver of Section 4-B.2 of the ADE Standards Rule.

Guidance Counseling

4-E.1, Standards

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Legal Comments: Applicant needs a waiver of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-2003(a)(2)(A) to effectuate this waiver.

Applicant Response: Applicant requests a waiver of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-2003(a) (2) (A) to effectuate this waiver.

Desegregation Analysis: Incomplete. Applicant provided no desegregation analysis.

Applicant Response: Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §6-23-106, the Southside School District has carefully reviewed the impact that the renewal of its conversion charter for Southside High School would have upon the efforts of the Southside School District and any other school district to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools. The renewal of the conversion charter for Southside High School will have no effect on any Arkansas public school district's efforts to comply with court orders and statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools. The Southside School District is not under any federal desegregation order or court-ordered desegregation plan, and neither are any of our surrounding districts. Nothing in the continued operation of Southside High School as a conversion charter school will hamper, delay, or in any manner negatively affect the desegregation efforts of any public school district or public school districts in this state.