

**RENEWAL APPLICATION  
DISTRICT CONVERSION PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES**

The signature of the superintendent of the school district requesting renewal of the public charter school certifies that the following statements are and will be addressed through policies adopted by the public charter school; and, if the application is approved, the local board, administration, and staff of the district conversion public charter school shall abide by the following statements:

1. The information submitted in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. The district conversion public charter school shall be open to all students, on a space-available basis, and shall not discriminate in its admission policy on the basis of gender, national origin, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, or academic or athletic eligibility.
3. In accordance with federal and state laws, the district conversion public charter school hiring and retention policies of administrators, teachers, and other employees shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, age, ancestry, or special need.
4. Any educator employed by a school district before the effective date of a charter for a district conversion public charter school operated at a school district facility shall not be transferred to or employed by the public charter school over the educator's objection.
5. The district conversion public charter school shall operate in accordance with federal laws and rules governing public schools; applicable provisions of the Arkansas Constitution; and state statutes or regulations governing public schools not waived by the approved charter.
6. The district conversion public charter school shall ensure that any of its employees who qualify for membership in the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System or the State and Public School Employee Insurance Program shall be covered under those systems to the same extent any other qualified employee of the school district is covered.
7. The district conversion public charter school shall comply with all health and safety laws, rules and regulations of the federal, state, county, region, or community that may apply to the facilities and school property.

8. The employees and volunteers of the district conversion public charter school are held immune from liability to the same extent as other school district employees and volunteers under applicable state laws.
9. The district conversion public charter school shall be reviewed for its potential impact on the efforts of a public school district to comply with court orders and statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools.
10. The applicant confirms the understanding that certain provisions of state law shall not be waived. The district conversion public charter school is subject to any prohibition, restriction, or requirement imposed by Title 6 of the Arkansas Code Annotated and any rule and regulation approved by the State Board of Education under this title relating to:
  - (a) Monitoring compliance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-23-101 et seq. as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Education;
  - (b) Conducting criminal background checks for employees;
  - (c) High school graduation requirements as established by the State Board of Education;
  - (d) Special education programs as provided by this title;
  - (e) Public school accountability under this title;
  - (f) Ethical guidelines and prohibitions as established by Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-24-101 et seq., and any other controlling state or federal law regarding ethics or conflicts of interest; and
  - (g) Health and safety codes as established by the State Board of Education and local governmental entities.
11. The facilities of the public charter school shall comply with all requirements for accessibility for individuals with disabilities in accordance with the ADA and IDEA and all other state and federal laws.

Alfred Hogan  
Signature of Superintendent of School District

9-26-19  
Date

Alfred Hogan  
Printed Name



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Osceola, Arkansas 72370

Christel Smith  
Principal

Tynga Coleman  
Asst. Principal

To: Mr. Alfred Hogan, Superintendent and Osceola School Board

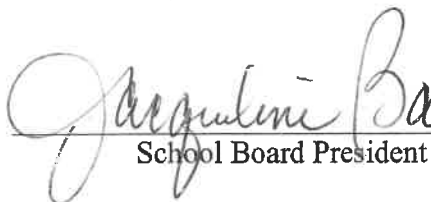
On September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, we are asking the school Board to approve our District Conversion Charter Renewal application request for the 2020-2025 school years. The deadline to submit our application is September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and we are asking for a 5 year extension period. The Arkansas Department of Education Charter Internal Review Committee will review our request and address any concerns they may have.


In December of 2019, Osceola School District will attend and present at the Charter panel hearing in support of their STEM Charter request. During this hearing, the panel will make their decision on whether or not they will renew or revoke our STEM Charter request.

We are asking the Superintendent and School Board President to sign below as an acknowledgement that our School Board approves our request to apply for our STEM Charter Renewal.

  
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Superintendent

  
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Date

  
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School Board President

  
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