

# **NOTICE LETTER**



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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July 12, 2021

**Johnny Key**  
Secretary

SGT. Crystal Curengton  
Via Email

Mr. Doug Dorris, Superintendent  
White Hall School District  
1020 West Holland Avenue  
White Hall, AR 71602

**Dr. Ivy Pfeffer**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

Ms. Barbara Warren, Superintendent  
4900 Dollarway Rd.  
Pine Bluff, AR 71602

**Stacy Smith**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

**Re: Appeal Under the Public School Choice/Opportunity School Choice Act-Kalynn Hellums**

**State Board of  
Education**

Everyone:

**Charisse Dean**  
*Little Rock*  
Chair

This letter is to notify you that the Arkansas State Board of Education is scheduled to hear the above-referenced appeal(s) on **Wednesday, July 14, 2021**. The action item is set for the **9:00 a.m. agenda in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas**. Any additional materials any party chooses to submit should be provided to my office **no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday, July 13, 2021**.

**Ouida Newton**  
Poyen  
Vice Chair

**The Arkansas State Board of Education has requested the parent, the non-resident district, and the resident district attend this meeting and be available for questions.**

**Susan Chambers**  
*Bella Vista*

The above-referenced appeal(s) will be conducted pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the State Board by the Public School Choice Act and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Public School Choice Act. You may find copies of these references on the Arkansas Department of Education Website.

**Dr. Fitz Hill**  
*Little Rock*

**Kathy McFetridge**  
*Springdale*

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact the Arkansas Department of Education's Legal Services Division at (501) 682-4585 should you require additional information.

**Dr. Sarah Moore**  
*Stuttgart*

**Steve Sutton**  
*Marion*

Sincerely,

/s/Taylor Dugan

**Adrienne Woods**  
*Rogers*

Taylor Dugan  
Staff Attorney

**Dr. Beth Anne Rankin**  
*Magnolia*

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education  
taylor.dugan@ade.arkansas.gov

**APPEAL**

**Taylor Dugan (ADE)**

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**From:** Curengton, Crystal L SGT USARMY NG ARARNG (USA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 11:20 AM  
**To:** Taylor Dugan (ADE)  
**Subject:** KaLynn L Hellums DOB: 04/23/13 - School of Choice Denial Application (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Attachments:** MEMO\_SGTCurengton.pdf; Active Duty Orders 26 JUL 21 - 25 JUL 23.pdf

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Good morning Mr. Taylor

My name is Crystal Curengton. I am currently active duty in the Arkansas National Guard. I reside at 1511 Hardin Road North, White Hall, AR 71602. I submitted an application online for my daughter KaLynn L. Hellums for school of choice at the White Hall School District on May 01, 2021. I later received a letter in the mail from the school district denying her due to the availability of 3rd graders for the district. I called the school district on June 21, 2021 to receive an explanation of her denial. The said person I spoke (I can't remember his name) stated that he was the person that approves/denies the application. I tried to explain my reasons of needing her to attend the school district there due to hardship of me having to report every morning at 0700 and her attending the Pine Bluff Arsenal Child Care Development Center as we speak. I explained that the center is willing to make transportation needs of her getting to school and picking her up for after school until I get off of work at 1530 every day. I explained I have to drive an hour and 15 minutes to make it work every day while my Administrative Officer explains the importance of me making it to work on time. He told me that if I was to move closer to the district, that she would be able to attend with no problem. He stated he was sorry and wished he could help, but the only way was for me to move closer. I did not know that I could appeal this decision. If I would've known, I would have made contact with your office as soon as I received the letter of denial. I have attached above, my current active duty commitment orders as well as my orders for JRTC training. Later, the Pine Bluff Arsenal Child Care Development Center Director (Mrs. Amber Webber) is submitting supporting documentation to show that their willing to provide transportation service for my daughter. I will be leaving for JRTC on June 06, 2021 to August 07, 2021 at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. I will be out of reach during training from (July 17 - July 26). If you know a date of possible zoom meeting or court ordered meeting, that will be great to know to report it to my Administrative Officer for tracking purposes. I greatly appreciate your time and support.

I will submit the letter of denial as soon as I return home from work today.

If you need any additional information, please give me a call at cell (870)510-5669, or work (501)212-7821. My work email is listed in my signature block (personal email) crystal.curengton90@gmail.com

SGT Crystal Curengton  
Human Resource SGT  
39th Brigade Support Battalion  
1523 Hwy 63 North  
Hazen, AR 72064  
P: 501-212-7821  
Email: [REDACTED]

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
PINE BLUFF ARSENAL  
16-050 SIBERT ROAD  
PINE BLUFF, AR 71602-9500

JMPB-PAY

29 June 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR SGT Crystal Curengton

SUBJECT: KaLynn Hellums

1. The Pine Bluff Arsenal Child & Youth Services transports children to and from the White Hall School District for our Before and After School Programs.
2. Child & Youth Services current hours of operation are 0615-1715 Monday through Friday with being closed every other Friday to meet soldiers and Department of Defense mission.
3. SGT Curengton currently utilizes our services for her son and daughter. Her son is in our Child Development Center, and her daughter is in our Summer Program for School Age.
4. POC is the undersigned at [REDACTED] (870) 540-3678.

AMBER JO E. WEBBER  
Outreach Services Director/  
School Liaison Officer

MILITARY DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON  
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR 72199-9600

ORDER 139-0003

19 May 2021

CURENGTON, CRYSTAL LATOYA 432-77-6179 SGT HHC, 39TH SUPPORT BATTALION (WQNYT0)  
HAZEN, AR 72064-8219

You are ordered to full-time National Guard duty (FTNGD) with your consent and the consent of the Governor of Arkansas in an Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) status in the grade shown for the period indicated below. Upon completion of the period of duty, unless sooner released or extended by proper authority, you will return to the place where you entered active duty, and be released from such duty. You will proceed from your current location in time to report on the date shown below. Report to: HHC, 39TH SUPPORT BATTALION (WQNYT0), 1523 HIGHWAY 63 NORTH HAZEN, ARKANSAS 72064-8219

Reporting time and date: 26 Jul 2021

Assigned to: HHC, 39TH SUPPORT BATTALION (WQNYT0), 1523 HIGHWAY 63 NORTH HAZEN, ARKANSAS 72064-8219

Attached to: NA

Period (active duty commitment): 20210726 - 20230725 (2 years)

Purpose: AGR TOUR CONT TO SERVE AS HR NCO

Additional Instructions:

- (a) You are continued on Active Duty or full-time National Guard duty with your consent and the consent of the Governor of Arkansas.
- (b) You are subject to the Arkansas military code of justice.
- (c) You must meet the standards of applicable chapters of AR 600-9, AR 350-15 and AR 40-501 upon reporting for duty.
- (d) To move or store personal property at government expense, contact your designated transportation officer to coordinate shipment or storage.
- (e) In the event your ARNG unit of assignment is called or ordered to Federal active duty, you will be terminated automatically from your 32 USC 502(f) AGR status the day before the effective date of federalization. You will then be included on unit mobilization orders the day following.
- (f) Orders to OCONUS TDY will constitute an order to active duty in AGR status under 10 USC 672(d) for the duration of the period of TDY. Period of active duty will start at 0001 hours of the first day of TDY and will terminate at 2400 hours on the last day unless retained on active duty under other provisions of law or regulations. You will be in a Federal status during this period and will be subject to the UCMJ.
- (g) Non-availability of adequate Government quarters and meals has been determined by The Adjutant General of Arkansas upon your reporting to the duty station indicated above.
- (h) Soldiers with orders authorizing travel entitlements beyond mileage reimbursement will file their voucher utilizing DTS. Mileage only entitlements can be reimbursed via Military Pay.
- (i) MDC: 3AE1

FOR ARMY USE

Auth: 32 USC 502(f)

Active status program code: A

Accounting classification:

Enl pay/alw: 21\*2060 18-0099 PlH31.0400-1198/1199/1210/1250 S44222 O60 WQNYT0

Enl tvl/pd: 2172060 18-1003 PlH32.0400-21P4/21P3/22NZ/2579 S03055 O60 WQNYT0

HOR: 1511 HARDIN ROAD N WHITE HALL AR 716020000

No days lump sum leave paid since 10 Feb 76: 0  
 Date dependency status recertified: 15 Oct 2020  
 MTOE/TDA para/line no: 104/05  
 PMOS/AOC: 42A  
 UIC: (unit of assignment): WQNYT0  
 UIC: (unit of attachment): NA  
 Scty cl: F  
 PEBD: 26 Jul 2011  
 Type of incentive pay: 0  
 Type of special pay: 0  
 Marital status/number of dependents: S / 2  
 Federal WE: S02  
 State tax code: AR  
 State WE: S02  
 Uniform allowance auth: 479.95  
 This is a consecutive AGR tour renewal.  
 Soldier is currently on JUMPS-AA in 4905  
 ARNG-DATA:  
 JUMPS-AA payroll prefix: 4905

Format: 175

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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DAVID L. GIBBONS III  
 COL, FA, AR ARNG  
 HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER

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# OTHER DOCUMENTS



# WHITE HALL SCHOOL DISTRICT



1020 West Holland Avenue  
White Hall, Arkansas 71602-9632  
Phone: 870.247.2002 ~ Fax: 870.247.3707  
www.whitehallsd.org

Doug Dorris, Superintendent

~ Debbie Jones, Director of Curriculum & Federal Programs

~ Cedric Hawkins, Assistant Superintendent

June 30, 2021

Office of the Commissioner  
ATTN: Arkansas Public School Choice Act Appeals  
Four Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

School Choice appeal: Kalynn Hellums

To Whom it may concern:

The White Hall School District received a "Public School Choice Act of 2015" application for Kalynn Hellums on March 18, 2021.

Ms. Curengton stated on her daughter's application that she was currently active duty in the Army National Guard. Ms. Curengton was sent an email asking for additional information needed for the application under the Military Family Information section. Her response was that she was stationed in Hazen, AR but resided in White Hall. Her residence is in the Dollarway School District. She also stated that her daughter was mostly in the care of the father on the days or months that she is away for training purposes. She stated that she would be out during May 1<sup>st</sup> to the beginning of August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The White Hall School District sent a denial letter to Ms. Curengton, because we had reached our 95% cap for third grade. We accepted seven school choice students for third grade. Her daughter's application was number nine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Dorris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Dorris  
Superintendent  
White Hall School District

# APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER

(Deadline for submission is May 1, unless the student is eligible for School Choice for Military Families)

## TYPE OF SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER REQUESTED

Public School Choice Act of 2015

Opportunity School Choice Act

**NOTE:** Applications for the Public School Choice Act of 2015 must be sent to the resident and nonresident districts. Applications for the Opportunity School Choice Act must be sent to the resident district, the nonresident district, and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

*If you are unsure which type of school choice best applies, please review the FAQ following this form for information about the different types of school choice that may be available to your student.*

## SIBLING INFORMATION

If applying for a transfer under the Public School Choice Act, does the applicant have a sibling or step-sibling already attending the nonresident district listed in this application pursuant to the Public School Choice Act? If so, please list:

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: Kalynn Lanee Hellums Grade: 3rd Grade This is the grade your child will be in next school year. 2021-2022.

Student Date of Birth: 04/23/2013 Gender: Male  Female

Is the applicant currently expelled? Yes  No

## MILITARY FAMILY INFORMATION

Does the applicant have a parent or guardian who is an active-duty member of the military who has been transferred to and resides on a military base? If so, please state the date of the parent's or guardian's arrival on the military base:

Mother is currently active duty in Army National Guard

**NOTE:** In order to take advantage of school choice options available to military families who have recently transferred to a military base, you must submit military transfer orders and proof of residency on the military base to the resident and nonresident school districts.

## RACE OR ETHNIC ORIGIN (CHECK ONE)

*This information is collected for data reporting purposes only, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-227(f)(2)(B).*

2 or More Races <input type="checkbox"/>	Asian <input type="checkbox"/>	African-American <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/>	Native American/ Native Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/>	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/>
White <input type="checkbox"/>		

Applicant Name: Kalynn Lanee Hellums

**RESIDENT SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OF APPLICANT**

District and School Name:

County Name:

Southwood Elementary School

Jefferson County

Address:

4200 South Fir Street, Pine Bluff, AR 71602

Phone:

870-543-4390

**NONRESIDENT SCHOOL/SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICANT WISHES TO ATTEND**

District and School Name:

County Name:

White Hall School District

Jefferson

Address:

1020 West Holland / White Hall, Arkansas 71602

Phone:

870-247-2002

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Name:

Home Phone:

Crystal Curengton

Address:

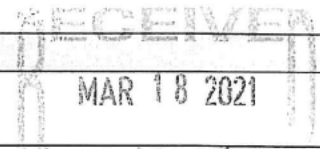
Work Phone:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date:

Crystal Curengton

03/10/21



**DISTRICT USE ONLY**

Date and Time Received by Nonresident District:

MAR 18 2021

Date and Time Received by Resident District:

BY: 12:25 pm

Resident District LEA #:

Nonresident District LEA#: 3510

Student's State Identification #:

Application:

Accepted

Rejected

Reason for Rejection (If Applicable):

Date Notification Sent to Resident District and Parent/Guardian of Applicant:

WHITE HALL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1020 West Holland Avenue  
White Hall, AR 71602  
870-247-2002

June 7, 2021

RE: Request for School Choice

Crystal Curengton  
1511 Hardin Elementary Road North  
White Hall, Arkansas 71602

Dear Crystal Curengton,

I am sorry to inform you the School Choice application you submitted for KaLynn Lanee Hellums has been rejected for the following reason:

- The non-resident district (White Hall) is over capacity for Grade 3.

Respectfully,



Doug Dorris  
Superintendent

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**School Choice Application**

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Amy Kalkbrenner &lt;kalkbrennera@whitehallsd.org&gt;

Thu, Apr 8, 2021 at 11:59 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon. I am needing a little more information for Kalynn's application. You put, you were on active duty with the Army National Guard. Have you been transferred to, and reside on a military base? If so, please tell me the date you arrived on base.

Thank you.

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*Amy Kalkbrenner*  
Secretary  
White Hall School District  
phone: 870.247.2002 ~ fax: 870.247.3707  
[www.whitehallsd.org](http://www.whitehallsd.org)

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Crystal Curengton <[REDACTED]>  
To: Amy Kalkbrenner <kalkbrennera@whitehallsd.org>

Thu, Apr 8, 2021 at 12:11 PM

Hello Mrs. Kalkbrenner,

I am currently Active Guard Reserve with the Arkansas National Guard. I am stationed in Hazen, AR but reside in White Hall. There's isn't a military base or housing here. Just the armory installation. My daughter is mostly in the care of father of days or months I am away for training purposes. I currently will be out during May 1st to the beginning of August 7th. I am so sorry I didn't specify enough information. If there is anything else needed please let me know.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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