



Charter Amendment Request Instructions

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Additional documentation for requests to add a campus or relocate an existing campus

- Map of present location
- Map of proposed location
- Signed Facilities Utilization Agreement
- Desegregation Analysis

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Charter Name: Hope Academy of Northwest Arkansas _____ **LEA:** 0445 _____

Superintendent or Director: Douglas Hes _____

Email: Dhes@hopeacademywna.org _____ **Phone:** 479-326-7268 _____

Type of Amendment(s) Requested

Add a New Campus (Must also submit the Facilities Utilization Agreement)

Address:

School District:

Relocate Existing Campus (Must also submit the Facilities Utilization Agreement)

Campus Name:

Current Address:

Proposed Address:

School District:

Increase Enrollment Cap

Current Cap:

Proposed Cap:

Change Grade Levels Served

Current Grade Levels Served:

Proposed Grade Levels Served:

Waiver(s)

Statute/Standard/Rule to be Waived: 6-10-106(a)(1)(A)

Rationale for Waiver:

Hope Academy works with surrounding districts and attempts to align closely with their calendar plans to best serve students and families.

- Many families have other children in Bentonville or other surrounding districts
- Hope Academy coordinates with Bentonville for limited transportation assistance
- Summer programs will be aligned with the needs of our large surrounding districts and will end prior to their school start date, leaving our families to find alternate childcare if Hope Academy starts later.

Additionally, Hope Academy feels that having an earlier start date would support academic success.

- Students' length of time away from the learning environment would decrease
- Hope Academy would have better opportunities to participate in professional development provided locally and aligned with surrounding districts availability
- Hope Academy would be more available to partner with surrounding districts to provide trauma PD during their back to school training week or to join academic trainings they provide.

The proposed calendar would allow school to begin on 8/14/24 and end on 5/27/25.

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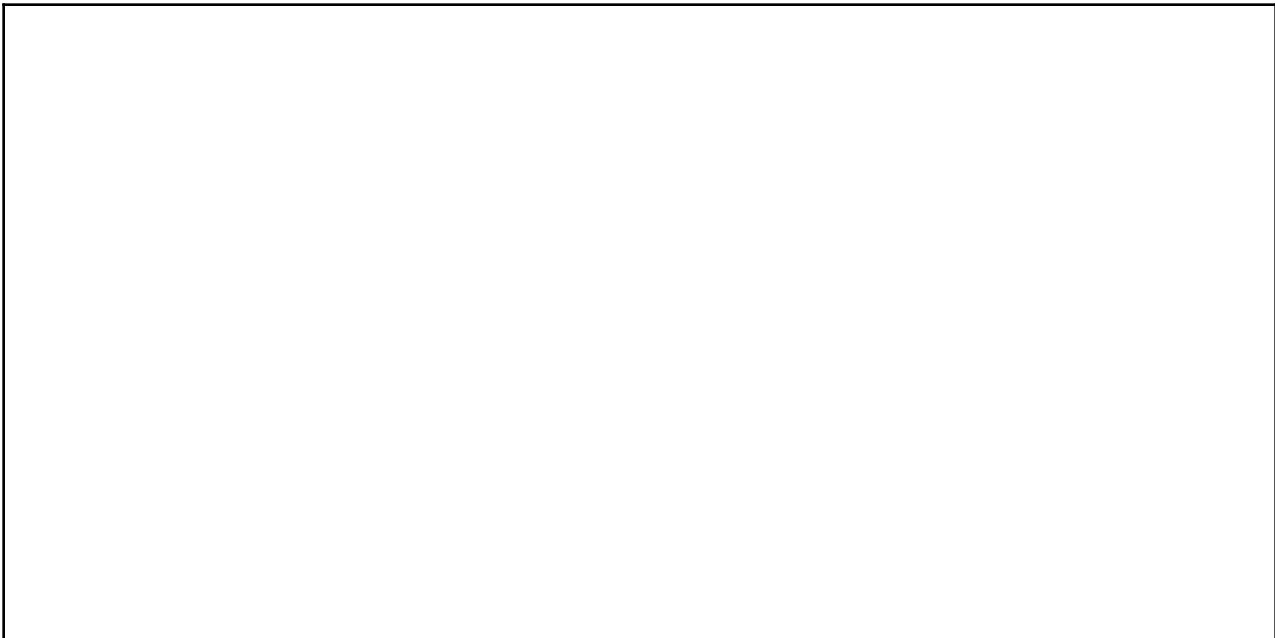
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Facilities Utilization Agreement

To be completed and submitted with an amendment request to add a new campus or relocate an existing campus

Lessor (Owner): _____

Lessee (Tenant): _____

Information regarding affiliation, family ties or other relationships between the Lessor and Lessee:

Address of Premises: _____

Describe the present use of the facility: _____

_____ Square

Footage: _____ Rental Amount: _____ Terms of

Lease: _____

Contingency: The terms of this agreement are contingent upon _____
Charter School receiving approval by the Authorizer to operate an open-enrollment public charter school at the premises identified.

No indebtedness of any kind incurred or created by the open-enrollment public charter school shall constitute an indebtedness of the State of Arkansas or its political subdivisions and no indebtedness of the open-enrollment public charter school shall involve or be secured by the faith, credit or taxing power for the state or its political subdivisions. An open-enrollment public charter school shall not

incur any debt, including lease, without the prior review and approval of the Commissioner of Education.

We affirm that the facility is, or will be prior to charter occupancy, compliant with ADE/IDEA accessibility regulations and will remain so while the charter occupies the location.

Lessee: _____

By: _____ Date: _____

Signature

Lessor: _____

By: _____ Date: _____

Signature