

FORT SMITH VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Fort Smith K-8 Conversion Charter

Conversion Charter Process

COVID

Arkansas schools closed in March 2020 then pivoted to remote learning.

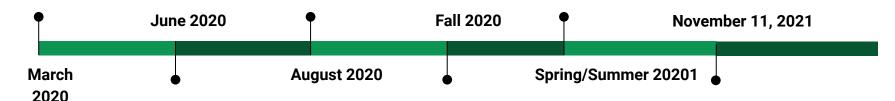
FS VIrtual Option

FSPS implemented a Virtual Option using ACT 1240 waivers. Enrollment peaked in November 2020 with 3500 students, finished 2020-21 with approx. 1000 students K-9 and presently serve 260 students K-8.

Application Submission

April 2021: Intent to Apply submitted June 2021: Initial Application submitted September 2021: Final Application submitted

October 2021: State Charter Authorizing Panel Approval



FS Virtual Learning Academy

All FSPS teachers were required to complete an 18-hour professional development course in remote teaching & learning.

Conversion Charter Initial Idea

FSPS worked with DESE to determine best long-term plan for Virtual education.

FS Virtual Academy

State Board of Education approved the FS Virtual Academy as a Conversion Charter School to open Fall 2022

Conversion Charter School

A district conversion charter school:

- is a public school converted to a public charter school with freedom from many of the regulations that apply to traditional public schools.
- is based on the charter, or contract, detailing the school's mission, program, goals, students served, and methods of assessment.
- can only draw students from within the school district's boundaries.
- may encompass concepts as broad as the imagination.

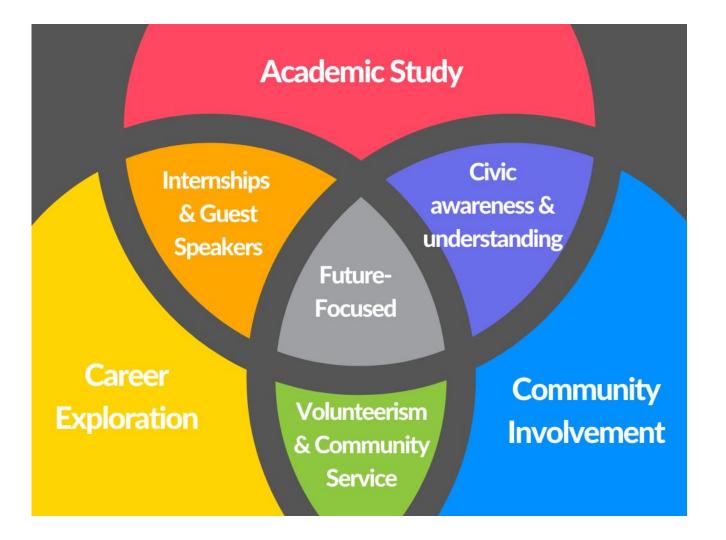
FSVA Mission

FSVA Mission Statement

Fort Smith Virtual Academy will provide an equitable, challenging, individualized, technology-based educational experience to equip students with the academic and social skills to embrace their roles in our culturally diverse community and rapidly changing world. The educational process will empower future-focused individuals to engage in service-oriented experiences, develop personal reflection skills and discover meaningful career paths.

The "WHY"





Community Support



The OPTIONS and OPPORTUNITIES created by this groundbreaking program will be invaluable to our **COMMUNITY**, including many of our current and future employees and their children, as it will serve a VARIETY of STUDENTS and FAMILIES in creative and innovative ways.

Jason Green VP--Human Resources

Expanded Learning Opportunities

FSPS Offers....

- Traditional Model
- Schools of Innovation
- Alternative Learning Environment

FSVA Supports Students & Families....

- Social Emotional
- Medically Fragile
- Individualized Learning
- Non-traditional School Structure



Expanded Learning Opportunities

FSVA will....

- Reach FSPS-zoned students who do not currently attend a FSPS school (homeschool, private school)
- Extend to students outside FSPS via school choice (transportation would not be provided for students outside FSPS boundaries)
- Serve school and community simultaneously
- Allow students to continue participation in extracurricular activities in their zoned schools or, if attending through school choice, their designated school of choice





Our Location



Student/Parent Testimonials



