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May 10, 2024

**Ms. Dorie Summons
Director of Public Charter Schools
Arkansas Department of Education
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
Four Capitol Mall, Box 26
Little Rock, AR 72201**

Re: ResponsiveEd Arkansas Districts: Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas

Dear Ms. Summons:

Pursuant to Section 4.02.4 of the ADE Rules Governing Public Charter Schools, I have enclosed a completed Charter Amendment Form (with the required attachments and related documents) for the purpose of requesting the following amendment to our charter:

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- 2.) Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas is seeking to change the school name (Founders Classical Academy Online) to iSchool Virtual Academy of Arkansas.

The campuses will keep all the waivers currently held by the charter and do not seek to add any additional waivers at this time.

I am requesting that this amendment request be placed on the June, 2024 agenda of the Charter Authorizing Panel for consideration. I am also contemporaneously sending a copy of this notice letter to the Superintendents of the Bentonville, Rogers and Little Rock Districts.

Sincerely,

**Rhonda Bradford
Superintendent
Responsive Education Solutions Arkansas**



Charter Amendment Request Instructions

The Charter Amendment Request Form, with any additional documentation pertaining to the amendment request, must be received, via email at ade.charterschools@arkansas.gov, at the Arkansas Department of Education at least 35 days prior to the meeting of the Charter Authoring Panel.

Documentation to be Included with ALL Amendment Requests

- Budget projections that include the costs associated with the amendment request and demonstrate that the approval of the request will not place an undue financial burden on the charter
- Current year to date enrollment by race and grade
- Current year to date free and reduced lunch

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: Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas **LEA:** 0442700

Superintendent or Director: Rhonda Bradford, Superintendent; Susan Provenza, State Director

Email: sprovenza@responsiveedar.com **Phone:** 479-715-6676

Type of Amendment(s) Requested

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

Address: _____

School District: _____

Name
change for **Existing Campus**

Current Campus Name: Founders Classical Academy Online High School

Current Address: _____

Proposed Name : iSchool Virtual Academy of Arkansas

School District: _____

Increase Enrollment Cap

Current Cap: _____

Proposed Cap: _____

Change Grade Levels Served

Current Grade Levels Served: FCA Online Elem (K-6); FCA Bentonville (K-7)

Proposed Grade Levels Served: iSchool Virtual Academy (7-12); FCA Bentonville (K-8)

(Closing FCA Online Elementary, LEA 0442707)



Founders Classical Academy Online Elementary Narrative Report to Charter Panel

Overview

FCA Arkansas respectfully submits the following narrative and presentation for the following charter amendments:

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Purpose of Charter

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Mission

Founders Classical Academies seek to provide an excellent and distinctive classical education that pursues knowledge, promotes virtue, and prepares students for prosperous lives in a free society.

Rationale for Grade Level Change Request

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Supporting Data for FCA Online Grade Level Change Request

Enrollment

SY 22-23	SY 23-24	SY 24-25 (Projected)
4 students (grades 4-6)	9 students (grades K-6)	9 students (grades K-6)

Despite marketing and enrollment strategies, we are not meeting our enrollment goals for the online K-6 program. Interest in an online elementary program has not been what we expected.

Rationale for Name Change Request

- Place emphasis on our Collegiate Program
 - College Prep
 - CTE and Dual Credit Components
- Competency Based Education
 - Meets individual needs of students
 - Allows for advancement of course work

Intended Outcomes

- 1) Students engaged in a high quality virtual program and supported through best learning practices that allow for active learning, effective content authoring, and personalized lesson design methods.
- 2) Increase in the percentage of Arkansans prepared for higher education.
- 3) Flexibility in student learning to meet individual and family needs.
- 4) Ability to focus more on helping students prepare for a successful life beyond high school through accelerated learning, concurrent courses, workplace readiness, military/career readiness, and acceptance into university, college and/or trade school.

ResponsiveEd Arkansas
Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas - LEA# 0442700
PRELIMINARY 2024-25 Budget - Object Level

<i>Revenues</i>	State and Local Funding	Federal Funding	Child Nutrition Funding	Total
10000 Local and Other External Funding	910,702	-	122,311	1,033,013
31700 State Foundation Funding	13,700,273	-	-	13,700,273
32204 State/Categorical Funding - Teacher Salary Equalization	326,155	-	-	326,155
32205 LEARNS Act	875,858	-	-	875,858
31450 State/Categorical Funding - Student Growth	0	-	-	0
32914 Facility Funding	739,600	-	-	739,600
30000 Other State/Categorical Funding	246,683	-	-	246,683
40000 Federal Funding	-	618,304	109,756	728,059
Total Revenues	16,799,270	618,304	232,067	17,649,641

<i>Expenses</i>	State and Local Funding	Federal Funding	Child Nutrition Funding	Total
61110 Salaries- Teachers & Professional	5,785,300.00	284,800.00	0.00	6,070,100
61120 Salaries-Support Staff	1,130,584.00	148,040.00	118,608.00	1,397,232
61500 Additional Compensation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
61610 Compensation Non-Contract	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
61710 Substitutes	98,500.00	0.00	0.00	98,500
62200-S Social Security	434,891.87	26,836.39	7,354.01	469,082
62200-M Medicare	101,708.58	6,276.25	1,719.89	109,705
62300 Retirement	1,052,157.75	64,926.75	17,791.95	1,134,876
62500 Unemployment Insurance	5197.44			5,197
62600 Worker's Compensation	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	8,500
62700 Health Benefits	397,948.95	30,614.79	14,996.40	443,560
62900 Other Benefits	46,260.58	3,533.84	1,711.20	51,506
Total Salaries and Employee Benefits	9,061,049.17	565,028.02	162,181.44	9,788,259

63110 Staff Service	2,800	0	0	2,800
63120 Administrative Overhead	2,020,071	0	0	2,020,071
63210 Prof. Ed. - Instruction Services	425,561	29,527	0	455,088
63230 Educational Consulting	13,625	0	0	13,625
63240 Student Assessment	31,650	0	0	31,650
63300 Prof. Empl. Train/Dvmt.Svcs-Cert	22,350	0	0	22,350
63431 Professional Svcs-Audit	26,000	0	0	26,000
63445 Legal Services	0	0	0	0
63450 Other Professional - Medical	3,750	0	0	3,750
63480 Security Services	74,100	0	0	74,100
63511 Document Shredding Services	5,200	0	0	5,200
Total Purchased Professional and Technical Services	2,625,107	29,527	0	2,654,634
64110 Utilities - Water/Sewer	33,000	0	0	33,000
64210 Disposal/Sanitation	20,200	0	0	20,200
64230 Contract Maint - Custodian	320,000	0	0	320,000
64240 Lawn Care	59,000	0	0	59,000
64310 Non Tech Repairs/Maintenance	85,025	0	0	85,025
64320 Tech Repairs	200	0	0	200
64410 Rental of Land and Buildings	3,075,220	0	0	3,075,220
64420 Rental of Equipment	7,500	0	0	7,500
64440 Graduation Rentals	1,500	0	0	1,500
Total Purchased Property Services	3,601,645.32	0	0	3,601,645
65190 Misc Contract Svcs - Transport	0	0	0	0
65220 Liability Insurance	110,000	0	0	110,000
65250 Accident Insurance	1,175	0	0	1,175
65310 Telephone	55,324	0	0	55,324
65320 Gen Supp - Postage & Shipping	1,760	0	0	1,760
65331 Data Services, Internet, etc	80,000	0	0	80,000
65340 Instructional Licenses	300	0	0	300
65400 Advertising - Marketing	30,000	0	0	30,000
65500 Printing and Binding	30,350	0	0	30,350

65800	Travel	20,660	0	0	0	20,660
65880	Travel Meals	6,550	0	0	0	6,550
65890	Travel Lodging	34,150	0	125	0	34,275
65910	Services fr LEA w/in the State	52,767	0	0	0	52,767
	Total Other Purchased Services	423,036	0	125	0	423,161
66100	Gen Supplies and Materials	199,138	14,472	1,200	0	214,810
66107	Minor Furn/Fxt & Equip <\$1,000	47,200	0	250	0	47,450
66210	Natural Gas	43,250	0	0	0	43,250
66220	Electricity	210,000	0	0	0	210,000
66260	Fuel	4,000	0	0	0	4,000
66300	Food	0	0	280,000	0	280,000
66410	Curriculum-Textbooks	126,772	9,276	0	0	136,048
66420	Library Books	1,000	0	0	0	1,000
66500-T	General Supplies-IT-Hdwr	62,390	0	0	0	62,390
66510	Technology Supplies-Software	12,950	0	2,000	0	14,950
	Total Supplies and Materials	706,700	23,748	283,450	0	1,013,898
67330	Furn., Fixtrs, & Equip. >\$1,000	2,500	0	0	0	2,500
67340	Technology Hardware, >\$1,000	1,250	0	0	0	1,250
	Total Property	3,750	0	0	0	3,750
68100	Dues, Fees, & Penalties	16,191	0	0	0	16,191
68102	Background Checks	3,300	0	0	0	3,300
69310	Transfer to Food Service	213,690	0	(213,690)	0	0
	Total Other Operating Costs	233,181	0	(213,690)	0	19,491
	Total Expenses	16,654,469	618,303	232,066	0	17,504,838
	Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	144,802	0	0	0	144,802

Projected Enrollment: 1763

FCA Virtual Ele Student Demographic Percentages

Excludes PK Students

9 Total Active Students On 05/08/2024

Building Primary Race Percentages

Race	Race Count	Race Percentage
Black	3	33.33%
Native American/Alaskan Native	1	11.11%
White	5	55.56%
Primary Race - Total	9	100.00%

Building Meal Status Percentages

Meal Status Code	Meal Status Count	Meal Status Percentage
01	4	44.44%
03	5	55.56%
Meal Status - Total	9	100.00%

FCA Bentonville Student Demographic Percentages

Excludes PK Students

732 Total Active Students On 05/08/2024

Building Primary Race Percentages

Race	Race Count	Race Percentage
Asian	339	46.31%
Black	25	3.42%
Hawaii/Pacific Islander	4	0.55%
Hispanic or Latino	53	7.24%
Native American/Alaskan Native	8	1.09%
Two or More Races	38	5.19%
White	265	36.20%
Primary Race - Total	732	100.00%

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Meal Status Code	Meal Status Count	Meal Status Percentage
01	24	3.28%
02	40	5.46%
03	664	90.71%
04	4	0.55%
Meal Status - Total	732	100.00%

Founders Classical Academies of Arkansas ENROLLMENT REPORT

Enrollment Date: May 8, 2024

Enrollment Count	Asian		Black		Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander		Hispanic		Native American		Two or More		White		Grade Totals					
	Females	Males	Race Totals	Females	Males	Race Totals	Females	Males	Race Totals	Females	Males	Race Totals	Females	Males		Race Totals				
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FCA Bentonville	01	31	31	3	4	7	1	1	6	4	10	1	1	3	2	5	24	21	45	131
	02	24	28	3	1	4	1	1	4	9	13	1	1	5	2	7	22	13	35	114
	03	28	26	54	3	2	5	3	2	5	7	2	2	4	3	7	22	23	45	118
	04	26	23	49	2	1	3	4	3	7	1	1	1	4	2	6	14	13	27	93
	05	21	23	44	2	1	3					1	1	3	1	4	15	12	27	79
	06	16	12	28	1		1	2	2	4				1	1	2	8	11	19	54
	07	1		1				2	2	2							8	8	16	19
	KF	18	31	49	1	1	2	6	6	12	1	1	1	3	4	7	27	24	51	124
	Building Totals	165	174	339	15	10	25	4	4	4	53	3	5	23	15	38	140	125	265	732
FCA Virtual Ele	01											1	1							1
	02																1		1	1
	03																1		1	1
	04																1		1	1
	05																	1	1	1
	06				2	2	2										1		1	3
	KF				1	1	1													1
	Building Totals				3	3						1	1				4	1	5	9
Total		165	174	339	15	13	28	4	4	4	53	3	6	23	15	38	144	126	270	741

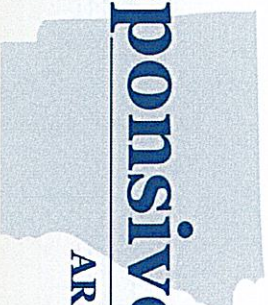


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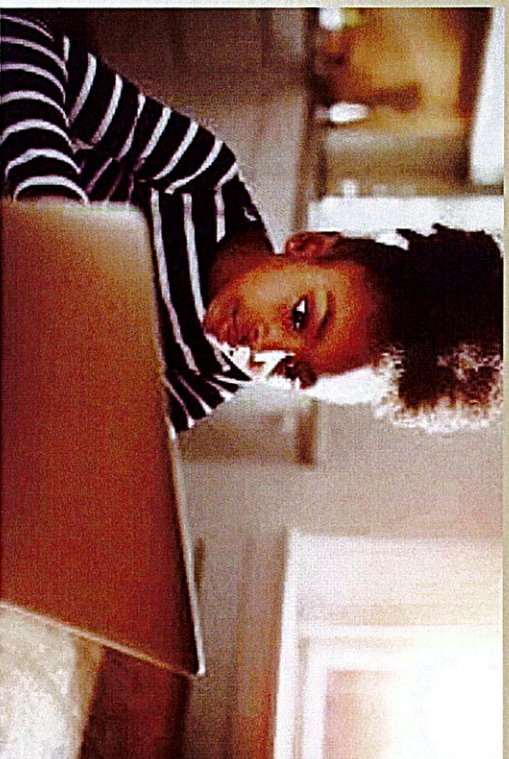



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Current Enrollment (23-24 SY)

Bentonville Campus:

- K-7: 732

Rogers Campus:

- K-6: 522
- 7-12: 225

West Little Rock Campus:

- K-6: 51
- 7-12: 85

Online Campus:

- K-6: 9
- 7-12: 21





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WAIVERS

No additional waivers requested at this time.



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