



# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Public Charter School  
Renewal Application for**

## **River Valley Virtual Academy**

**Deadline for Initial Submission: 5:00 PM on October 4, 2021**



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<b>EVENT/DEADLINE</b>	<b>Renewal Applications</b>
<b>Initial Applications Due by 5:00 p.m.</b> Submitted to <a href="mailto:ade.charterschools@ade.arkansas.gov">ade.charterschools@ade.arkansas.gov</a>	<b>October 4, 2021</b>
<b>Application Reviews with DESE</b>	<b>October 15-31, 2021</b>
<b>Application Revision Window</b>	<b>November 1-15, 2021</b>
<b>Final Applications Due by 5:00 p.m.</b> Submitted to <a href="mailto:ade.charterschools@ade.arkansas.gov">ade.charterschools@ade.arkansas.gov</a>	<b>November 15, 2021</b>
<b>Charter Authorizing Panel Hearings</b>	<b>December 14-15, 2021</b>
<b>State Board of Education Meeting – Review of Charter Authorizing Panel Decisions</b>	<b>January 13, 2022</b>

### Charter Information

<b>Name of Charter:</b>	<b>River Valley Virtual Academy</b>
<b>LEA Number:</b>	<b>1705703</b>
<b>Authorization Date:</b>	<b>October 20, 2016</b>
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	<b>June 30, 2022</b>
<b>Enrollment Cap:</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Grades Served:</b>	<b>K-12</b>
<b>Superintendent:</b>	<b>Dr. Harold Jeffcoat</b>
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**Number of Years Requested for Renewal (1-5):**

5
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**Section 1: Charter Data**

**Current Accreditation Status:**      **Accredited**

**Level of Support:**                      **General**

**Enrollment (3 Quarter ADM)**

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
33.26	41.88	45.55	563.14

**Graduation Rates**

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
<b>4 Year</b>	N/A N< 10	N/A N< 10	N/A N< 10	80%
<b>5 Year</b>	N/A N< 10	N/A N< 10	N/A N< 10	N/A

**Letter Grades**

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
A	A	N/A	N/A

**ESSA School Index**

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
<b>Overall Index</b>	75.73 State Avg=66.28	74.97 State Avg=66.48	N/A	63.22 State Avg = 63.25
<b>Weighted Achievement</b>	73.08 State Avg=49.4	73.37 State Avg=49.1	N/A	42.16 State Avg = 40.62
<b>Growth</b>	79.05 State Avg=79.74	78.27 State Avg=79.69	N/A	76.66 State Avg = 79.62
<b>SQSS</b>	70.83 State Avg=52.4	67.71 State Avg=52.95	N/A	64.24 State Avg = 51.91

## Section 2: Charter Mission Statement

**Previous mission statement:**

**The River Valley Virtual Academy will offer personalized learning for students, blending a virtual curriculum with service opportunities and real-world experiences. Partnering with families and communities, the River Valley Virtual Academy will provide K-12 students flexible learning choices which offer support and acceleration to promote college, career, and citizenship readiness.**

**If the mission statement for the charter will change, please provide the new mission:**

**What type of educational model does the school follow?**

- Alternative Learning Environment**
- Traditional**
- Virtual Only**
- College Prep**
- Credit Recovery**
- Other Focus Area: \_\_\_\_\_**

**How is the selected educational model incorporated in the day-to-day operations of the school, curriculum, class offerings, etc.?**

**The River Valley Virtual Academy is a district conversion charter school operated within the Van Buren School District. RVVA utilizes local teachers for students in grades K-8 and Pearson Online and Blended Learning teachers in grades 9-12. Students have the option to participate in extracurricular activities, including athletics and band/choir, at the appropriate Van Buren School District Campus. Students may also participate in clubs and other organizations onsite within the district. RVVA offers personalized learning for students while providing a flexible learning environment that supports students working at their own pace to best support their individual learning needs. Students may receive additional support in-person or virtually depending on the needs of the student. Services for special education and dyslexia are offered virtually or in person. In addition, students receiving accommodations through a 504 plan receive accommodations online or in-person. Additional therapies such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Therapy are offered through VBSD employees. Staff members working with students in grades K-8 are RISE trained with teachers in grades 9-12 working towards awareness or proficiency-based on teaching licensure area. Students enrolled at RVVA can schedule meal pickup at VBSD schools.**

### Section 3: Charter Goals

Please use the following space to evaluate the goals approved in the last charter application.

SMART Goal 1	Metric	Evaluation of Goal
RVVA students will attain proficiency in literacy (Reading/English).	RVVA students will meet or exceed the State average number of students scoring proficient in literacy (reading/English) based on 3rd - 10th grade: ACT Aspire, 11th grade: ACT, K-2: iStation	The RVVA scored at or above the State average in several grade-levels and subject areas. However, the data below demonstrates RVVA did not meet or exceed in all grade-levels.

#### Enrollment Data

2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
34 students	45 students	50 students	649 students

#### Literacy

Grade Level	RVVA 2017-2018	State 2017-2018	RVVA 2018-2019	State 2018-2019	RVVA 2019-2020	State 2019-2020	RVVA 2020-2021	State 2020-2021
K	--	--	Tier 1=100% Tier 2=0% Tier 3=0%		Canceled	Canceled	Tier 1= 42% Tier 2= 33% Tier 3= 25%	Data Not Available
1	--	--	Tier 1=0% Tier 2=100% Tier 3=0%		Canceled	Canceled	Tier 1= 15% Tier 2= 40% Tier 3= 45%	Data Not Available
2	Tier 1=100% Tier 2=0% Tier 3=0%		Tier 1=0% Tier 2=0% Tier 3=100%		Canceled	Canceled	Tier 1= 73% Tier 2= 9% Tier 3= 18%	Data Not Available
3	100%	41%	60%	41%	Canceled	Canceled	14%	30%
4	--	--	0%	44%	Canceled	Canceled	32%	36%
5	50%	41%	0%	44%	Canceled	Canceled	46%	33%
6	--	--	66%	46%	Canceled	Canceled	34%	37%
7	100%	44%	100%	46%	Canceled	Canceled	32%	39%
8	66%	48%	100%	49%	Canceled	Canceled	50%	42%
9	75%	44%	80%	42%	Canceled	Canceled	47%	38%
10	50%	43%	85%	41%	Canceled	Canceled	38%	36%
11	20/18	20/19	20/18	20/19	20/18	20/18	19/17	18/17

SMART Goal 2	Metric	Evaluation of Goal
RVVA students will attain proficiency in mathematics.	RVVA students will meet or exceed the State average number of students scoring proficient in mathematics based on 3rd - 10th grade: ACT Aspire, 11th grade: ACT, K-2: iStation	The RVVA scored at or above the State average in several grade-levels and subject areas. However, the data below demonstrates RVVA did not meet or exceed in all grade-levels.

**Enrollment Data**

2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
34 students	45 students	50 students	649 students

**Mathematics**

Grade Level	RVVA 2017-2018	State 2017-2018	RVVA 2018-2019	State 2018-2019	RVVA 2019-2020	State 2019-2020	RVVA 2020-2021	State 2020-2021
K	--	--	Tier 1=100% Tier 2=0% Tier 3=0%		Canceled	Canceled	Tier 1= 79% Tier 2= 17% Tier 3= 4%	Data Not Available
1	--	--	Tier 1=0% Tier 2=100% Tier 3=0%		Canceled	Canceled	Tier 1= 45% Tier 2= 30% Tier 3= 25%	Data Not Available
2	Tier 1=100% Tier 2=0% Tier 3=0%		Tier 1=0% Tier 2=0% Tier 3=100%		Canceled	Canceled	Tier 1= 50% Tier 2= 9% Tier 3= 41%	Data Not Available
3	100%	59%	50%	61%	Canceled	Canceled	38%	48%
4	--	--	0%	53%	Canceled	Canceled	36%	43%
5	50%	49%	100%	48%	Canceled	Canceled	33%	34%
6	--	--	66%	53%	Canceled	Canceled	21%	41%
7	100%	47%	0%	47%	Canceled	Canceled	28%	37%
8	66%	46%	100%	47%	Canceled	Canceled	28%	36%
9	37%	33%	60%	35%	Canceled	Canceled	19%	26%
10	0%	28%	57%	28%	Canceled	Canceled	64%	21%
11	20	19	16	18	17	18	17	17

SMART Goal 3	Metric	Evaluation of Goal
RVVA students will attain proficiency in Science.	RVVA students will meet or exceed the State average number of students scoring proficient in Science based on 3rd - 10th grade: ACT Aspire, 11th grade: ACT, K-2: iStation	The RVVA scored at or above the State average in several grade-levels and subject areas. However, the data below demonstrates RVVA did not meet or exceed in all grade-levels.

**Enrollment Data**

2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
34 students	45 students	50 students	649 students

**Science**

Grade Level	RVVA 2017-2018	State 2017-2018	RVVA 2018-2019	State 2018-2019	RVVA 2019-2020	State 2019-2020	RVVA 2020-2021	State 2020-2021
K	--	--	--	--	Canceled	Canceled	--	--
1	--	--	--	--	Canceled	Canceled	--	--
2	--	--	--	--	Canceled	Canceled	--	--
3	100%	38%	50%	39%	Canceled	Canceled	19%	31%
4	--	--	0%	41%	Canceled	Canceled	39%	36%
5	50%	41%	100%	40%	Canceled	Canceled	40%	32%
6	--	--	66%	45%	Canceled	Canceled	50%	38%
7	100%	42%	50%	42%	Canceled	Canceled	35%	38%
8	66%	42%	100%	42%	Canceled	Canceled	37%	36%
9	75%	32%	60%	34%	Canceled	Canceled	33%	31%
10	25%	33%	57%	32%	Canceled	Canceled	28%	28%
11	18	19	18	19	18	19	18	18



SMART Goal 4	Metric	Evaluation of Goal
RVVA students will participate in one field experience, community service project, or integrated unit of study every 9 weeks with a 95% participation rate.	Field Experience Records	After a low participation rate during the 2017-2018 school year, additional information was shared with families prior to enrollment. The following year, the participation increased due to additional communication with families. Each grade-level contains integrated units of study.

2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
<b>K-12 Field Experience Participation</b> 16%  <b>K-12 Integrated Unit of Study Participation</b> 100%	<b>K-12 Field Experience Participation</b> 76% Q1-88% Q2- 83% Q3-66% Q4- 68%  <b>K-12 Integrated Unit of Study Participation</b> 100%	<b>K-12 Field Experience Participation</b> Q1- 84% Q2-68% **Events suspended due to Covid-19  <b>K-12 Integrated Unit of Study Participation</b> 100%	<b>K-12 Field Experience Participation</b> **Events suspended due to Covid-19  <b>K-12 Integrated Unit of Study Participation</b> 100%

SMART Goal 5	Metric	Evaluation of Goal
RVVA students will take college entrance exams by the end of their senior year.	The number of RVVA students who take the ACT will be at or above the State/local average number of students taking the ACT.	All 11th-grade students took the ACT in the Spring of each school year. However, during the 2020-2021 school year, several students opted out of the assessment due to Covid-19 concerns. All students are administered the ACT in 11th grade with the exception of students who opt-out of the assessment.

2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
100%	100%	100%	88% *Students opted out due to Covid-19

SMART Goal 6	Metric	Evaluation of Goal
RVVA students will develop an Individual Learning Plan to support academic and career goals.	Individual Learning Plan records	RVVA students complete an Individual Learning Plan with high school students focused on graduation and college and career readiness. The RVVA mission is to establish a personalized and flexible learning environment as supported by flexible learning plans. Students during the 2021-2022 school year will have the opportunity to take the ACT Workkeys Assessment for Career Readiness to support their Individual Learning Plans.

20017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
RVVA staff researched Individual Learning Plans and began developing plans in the Spring of 2018.	RVVA piloted Individual Learning Plans for students in grades 8-12.	100% of students created Individual Learning Plans in grades K-12.	100% of students created Individual Learning Plans in grades K-12.

**Section 4: New Goals**

Select performance goals for the period of time requested for renewal that are related to the specific mission of the charter. Please include how the goals will be monitored.

SMART Goals
River Valley Virtual Academy will exceed the state average for English Language Arts proficiency as measured by the iStation, ACT Aspire, or ACT test data.
River Valley Virtual Academy will exceed the state average for Math proficiency as measured by the iStation, ACT Aspire, or ACT test data.
River Valley Virtual Academy will exceed the state average for Science proficiency as measured by the ACT Aspire, and ACT test data.

**River Valley Virtual Academy will create individualized learning plans which include college and career interests for all students in grades K-12.**

**River Valley Virtual Academy will take college entrance exams by the end of their senior year.**

**Section 5: Waivers**

**Existing Waivers**

Please list every waiver the charter school currently holds. Please check either “rescind” or “continue waiver” in the top-right box. If you plan to continue the waiver, please provide thorough answers to the questions provided.

Waiver #1 Topic	Statutes/Standards/Rules	Rescind or Continue Waiver
<b>Period of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance, Arkansas, and US Flag</b>	<b>A.C.A §§ 6-10-115 Period of Silence A.C.A §§ 6-16-108 Pledge A.C.A §§ 6-16-106 Arkansas Flag A.C.A §§ 6-16-105 US Flag</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the statutes regarding the period of silence, pledge, and flags. The River Valley Virtual Academy will display the U.S. and Arkansas Flags in the virtual classroom. Since RVVA is a virtual school, the period of silence and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance cannot be monitored.</p>		
<b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b>		

Waiver #2 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
School Counselor	4-E.1 Employ school counselor 4-E.2 Counselor ratio	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<p>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</p>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the school counseling waivers currently in place. The River Valley Virtual Academy does not employ a counselor, however, a counselor is available for students through the RVVA. Due to the nature of the virtual setting, a full-time counselor is not necessary. Through the use of Individualized Learning Plans, RVVA and VBSD staff provide individualized guidance for each student. RVVA staff members work with students in scheduling and post-graduation planning.</p>		
<p>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</p>		
<p>RVVA staff will work with families to provide services as needed and ensure students have access to the resources necessary. In cooperation with the Van School District, RVVA students will have access to a certified counselor.</p>		

Waiver #3 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Licensure	4-C.1 Principal ratio 4-C.2 Principal licensure 4-D.1 Teacher licensure A.C.A §§ 6-17-309 Licensure waiver A.C.A §§ 6-17-401 Licensure requirement A.C.A §§ 6-15-1004 Qualified teachers A.C.A §§ 6-17-302 Principal qualifications A.C.A §§ 6-17-418 Arkansas History licensure A.C.A §§ 6-17-908 Teacher Salary Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<p>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</p>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the licensure waivers currently in place. RVVA teachers are licensed in Arkansas except when licensed teachers are not available through Pearson Online and Blended Learning. RVVA contracts Pearson teachers for grades 9-12. The continuation of this waiver allows RVVA to continue to offer a variety of courses. RVVA will continue to comply with Arkansas Qualified Teacher requirements as necessary. Special education students are taught through an Arkansas certified special education teacher.</p> <p>Teachers will be licensed in Arkansas except for those situations where a local teacher cannot be identified or for classes with a low number of students. In these classes, VBSD will contract with a curriculum provider who will employ teachers who are licensed in the states in which they reside. VBSD will seek certified teachers and leaders; however, VBSD requests the discretion to hire the best applicants available. VBSD will fully comply with all applicable Arkansas Qualified Teacher requirements and will ensure that all teachers and leaders successfully complete criminal background and Child Maltreatment Registry checks.</p>		
<p>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</p>		

Waiver #4 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Administrator License	4-B.2 Superintendent licensure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver

**Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.**

The RVVA has not utilized this waiver and seeks to rescind.

**If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.**

Waiver #5 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Personnel	A.C.A §§ 6-17-114 Daily planning A.C.A §§ 6-17-111 Duty-free lunch A.C.A §§ 6-17-117 Non-instructional duty A.C.A §§ 6-17-2403 et seq. Minimum teacher compensation A.C.A §§ 6-17-1701 et seq. Fair hearing A.C.A §§ 6-17-1501 et seq. Teacher fair dismissal A.C.A §§ 6-17-807 Additional days A.C.A §§ 6-17-902 Teacher definition A.C.A §§ 6-17-919 Warrants void DESE Rule School District Requirements for Personnel Policies, Salary Schedules, Minimum Salaries, and Documents Posted to District Websites	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the personnel waivers. We seek to continue the waivers based on the nature of the daily schedule at RVVA. With students coming onsite at various times, teachers will not follow the same schedule each day. However, teachers will receive sufficient time for lunch and planning. The waiver supports the flexibility needed by the virtual academy to meet the academic goals of the school.</p> <p>Teachers will be licensed in Arkansas except for those situations where a local teacher cannot be identified or for classes with a low number of students. In these classes, VBSD will contract with a curriculum provider who will employ teachers who are licensed in the states in which they reside. VBSD will seek certified teachers and leaders: however, VBSD requests the discretion to hire the best applicants available. VBSD will fully comply with all applicable Arkansas Qualified Teacher requirements and will ensure that all teachers and leaders successfully complete criminal background and Child Maltreatment Registry checks.</p> <p>VBSD will also seek a waiver from the statutory formula for funding teachers for additional days worked. Due to the unique nature of digital learning, teachers may no longer follow a traditional school day or calendar. As part of the waiver, VBSD will develop an alternate payment matrix to meet the needs of its digital or partial teaching staff. This payment matrix shall be approved by the school board in a public meeting.</p>		
<b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b>		



Waiver #6 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Library Media	2-D.1 Balance of print, non-print 4-F.1 Library media licensure 4-F.2 Employ library media specialist A.C.A §§ 6-25-104 Library licensure A.C.A §§ 6-25-103 Library program	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<p>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</p>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the Library Media waivers due to the virtual delivery of instruction. RVVA provides classroom library books, digital books through the online provider, access to the public library, and access to VBSD school libraries. Library media standards are integrated throughout the language arts curriculum.</p>		
<p>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</p>		
<p>RVVA provides a classroom library for students. In addition, students have access to school libraries throughout the school district.</p>		

Waiver #7 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Health Services	2-E.1 Health services program 2-E.2 Safety of Students, Employees, and Visitors A.C.A §§ 6-18-706 Nurse ratio A.C.A §§ 6-18-1501 et. Seq. Eye and vision screening DESE Rule Eye and Vision Screening Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<p>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</p>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the health service waivers currently in place. The Van Buren School District provides a health service program for students; however, due to the virtual setting, services are utilized as needed.</p>		
<p>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</p>		
<p>RVVA students can attend yearly screening sessions. In addition, a school nurse reviews immunizations and ensures parents understand immunization requirements.</p>		

Waiver #8 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Class size and teaching load	<b>1-A.5 Class size and load</b> <b>DESE Rule Class Size and Teaching Load</b> <b>A.C.A §§ 6-17-812 Compensation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the class size and teaching load waivers. Students enrolled at RVVA are provided instruction through a digital platform using an Arkansas approved digital provider. RVVA can accommodate larger class size due to the online curriculum.</p> <p>RVVA is not requesting a class size waiver for special education courses.</p>		
<b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b>		

Waiver #9 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Recess	<b>1-A.4.3 40 minutes per day</b> <b>DESE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards 7.11 and 7.12</b> <b>A.C.A §§ 6-16-102(a)(5)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the recess waiver. Students enrolled at the RVVA have flexible learning schedules which allow for recess within their school day. RVVA students do not attend school on campus therefore recess schedules cannot be monitored.</p>		
<b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b>		

Waiver #10 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
<b>Curriculum: Concurrent credit, CPR, Fine Arts, Physical Education,</b>	<b>1-A.1.2.5 Grades 5-6 40 minutes of art/music weekly 1-A.1.1.5 Grades 1-4 40 minutes of art/music weekly 1-A.1.2.6 Grades 5-8 40 minutes of PE weekly 1-A.1.1.6 Grades K-4 40 minutes of PE weekly DESE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards 7.01 and 7.03 A.C.A §§ 6-16-143 CPR A.C.A §§ 6-16-130(a) Fine Arts A.C.A §§ 6-16-132 PE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the curriculum waivers. RVVA students are offered Fine Arts and Physical Education online. RVVA is a virtual program with a flexible learning environment. Students in grades K-6 are offered a semester of art and a semester of music. Students in grades 7 and 8 are offered art and music; however, students are not required to take both courses.</p> <p>Physical education courses are offered each year to students in grades K-8. RVVA offers a flexible learning environment for students; therefore, the time requirements of physical education cannot be monitored.</p> <p>CPR is offered online through the learning management platform in the health course. Students are trained in CPR but cannot actively participate in the CPR training due to the online nature of the course.</p>		
<b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b>		

Waiver #11 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
<b>Gifted and Talented</b>	<b>2-G.1 Provide services</b> <b>A.C.A §§ 6-42-109 Annual reporting</b> <b>A.C.A §§ 6-20-2208(c)(6) Expenditures</b> <b>DESE Rule Gifted and Talented</b> <b>Program Approval Standards</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rescind</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Continue Waiver</b>
<b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the gifted and talented waivers. RVVA students have the opportunity to participate in gifted and talented coursework online as well as attend onsite gifted and talented classes.</p>		
<b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b>		
<p>RVVA students have the opportunity to participate in gifted and talented coursework online as well as attend onsite gifted and talented classes.</p>		

Waiver #12 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Attendance, Clock hours, Calendar	1-A.2 120 Clock hours 1-A.4.2 Instructional Day A.C.A §§ 6-18-213 (a) (2) Reports A.C.A §§ 6-10-106 School calendar A.C.A §§ 6-16-102 Instructional time Requirements for Students in Grades Nine through Twelve	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the attendance, clock hours, and calendar waivers. Given the nature and intent of the RVVA self-paced online learning environment, a flexible calendar and schedule allows RVVA to accommodate the needs of students. Students at RVVA work at their own pace which allows students to work longer in some content areas and accelerate through others. A waiver of clock hours allows RVVA to offer a flexible learning environment.</p>		
<b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b>		

Waiver #13 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Credit for College	A.C.A §§ 6-18-223 Credit for college courses	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the credit for college opportunity for students at RVVA that are below 9th grade. RVVA offers a flexible learning environment for students who may choose to accelerate their learning opportunities.</p>		
<b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b>		



Waiver #14 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Acquisition of Commodities	A.C.A §§ 6-21-303(b) Reimbursement K-6 teachers	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the acquisition of commodities. Student materials are provided through the virtual curriculum provider; therefore, RVVA teachers should not require additional expenditure for classroom supplies.</p>		
<b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b>		

Waiver #15 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Safety policies and procedures	6-A.2 School Safety Policies	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<p>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</p>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the waiver for safety policies and procedures. The RVVA conducts all safety drills including tornado, fire, and maintains an emergency plan. RVVA students do not attend on campus courses; therefore, the safety drills are often only conducted with staff and not students.</p>		
<p>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</p>		
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Waiver #16 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Report Cards	A.C.A §§ 6-15-903(a)(2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<p><b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b></p>		
<p>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the report card waiver. RVVA students and parents have online access to grades throughout the semester through the online platform.</p>		
<p><b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b></p>		

Waiver #17 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
<b>School Lunch Program</b>	<b>A.C.A §§ 6-20-701 et seq. A.C.A §§ 6-18-705 Breakfast program</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rescind</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Continue Waiver</b>
<b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b>		
<p><b>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests a continuance of the School Lunch Program. RVVA is a virtual program and students are not physically on campus. However, students may schedule meal pick-up at schools within the VBSD.</b></p>		
<b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b>		

Waiver #18 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Mandatory Attendance	DESE Rule Mandatory Attendance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rescind <input type="checkbox"/> Continue Waiver
<p><b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b></p>		
<p><b>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests to rescind the DESE Rule for Mandatory Attendance. This rule has been repealed.</b></p>		
<p><b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b></p>		

Waiver #19 Topic	Statute/Standard/Rule	Rescind or Continue Waiver
Licensure	<b>DESE: Parental Notification of an Assignment of a Non-Licensed Teacher to Teach a Class for More than Thirty (30) Consecutive Days</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Rescind</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Continue Waiver</b>
<b>Explain how the above waiver has enhanced student learning opportunities, promoted innovation, or increased equitable access to effective teachers.</b>		
<p><b>The River Valley Virtual Academy requests to rescind the DESE Parental Notification of an Assignment of a Non-Licensed Teacher to Teach a Class for More than Thirty (30) Consecutive Days. This rule has been repealed.</b></p>		
<b>If the waiver is for a student service (ex: counseling, nursing, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) please explain how the services are being provided and how the needs of students are being met.</b>		

**New Waivers**

**Please list any waivers the charter wishes to add to its charter. For each waiver topic, please be sure to add the appropriate statute, Standard for Accreditation, and DESE Rule related to the waiver topic. For each topic the school must provide a detailed rationale explaining: (1) why the waiver is necessary to allow the charter to achieve its stated goals and mission, (2) how the waiver will be used, and (3) if related to a student service (ex: nursing, counseling, library media, gifted and talented, ALE, etc.) how the school will meet the needs of students and how the student service is being provided in an alternative way.**

<b>Waiver Topic</b>	<b>Statutes/Standards/Rules</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Licensure</b>	<b>DESE Rules Governing Teacher Licensure Section 7</b>	<b>RVVA seeks to add this waiver to use in conjunction with the licensure waivers already in place for Standard for Accreditation.</b>

### Section 7: Amendment Requests

List any non-waiver amendment requests and provide a rationale for each (i.e., changes to grade levels, enrollment cap, location, addition of campus).

	Topic	Rationale
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**Section 8: Desegregation Analysis**

**\*Required only if the charter intends to add a campus, add grades, increase enrollment cap, or change location.**

**Describe the impact, both current and potential, of the public charter school on the efforts of affected public school district(s) to comply with court orders and statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools.**

**RVVA is not adding a campus, grades, requesting an enrollment cap, or changing locations.**