

March 11, 2024

Ms. Dorie Summons  
Office of School Choice and Parent Empowerment  
Public Charter Schools  
Four Capitol Mall, Box 26  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Summons,

Due to a higher than anticipated interest from prospective rising tenth grade students and their parents, Arkansas Schools for Advanced Studies, Inc. (“ASASI”) would like to amend its charter to allow School for Advanced Studies – Northwest Arkansas (“School”) to serve grade 10 beginning in August 2024 for school year 2024-2025. The School is approved for grades 5 – 12 and originally applied to serve grades 5 – 9 in its first year of operation. However, the School wishes to instead serve grades 5 – 10 in year one. Therefore, ASASI respectfully submits the attached amendment request to your office for consideration by the Charter Authorizing Panel (CAP) at its April 2024 meeting.

Included within this amendment package is information and documentation in support of the following requests to amend the open-enrollment charter school application approved by the CAP on August 16, 2023, without further review by the Arkansas State Board of Education, as detailed in your September 22, 2023, letter. (Attached)

1. Grades served amendment request:

- At the time of submission of the initial open-enrollment charter school application in July 2023, ASASI projected that the School would serve grades 5 – 9 in its first year of operations and add one additional grade until it served grades 5 – 12.
- During information sessions held over recent months the School has received occasional inquiries from parents of students who will be in grade 10 in school year 2024-2025. Representatives of the School have always maintained that the intent was to serve grades 5 – 9 but would revisit that plan if there was significant interest in grade 10 enrollment for year one.<sup>1</sup> Upon completion of the School’s open enrollment period and subsequent review of its lottery, it became clear that it would be academically viable to seat a small but healthy class of 2027 if permitted to do so by the CAP and the State Board of Education.<sup>2</sup>
- Because the prospective class of 2027 will be quite small it is reasonable to plan for their course enrollment alongside students who will enroll in grade 9 in many

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<sup>1</sup> No current enrollment data is included with this amendment request since the School is not yet open.

<sup>2</sup> ASASI did not include the current request in the amendment request submitted in January 2024 for the February CAP meeting because the open enrollment period was still ongoing at that time and, therefore, this information was not available.

cases or with the same staff as those who will teach students in grades 8 and 9 but in courses suited to grade 10. Additional staff needed, beyond those already in place, would be made available by balancing the slightly fewer students expected to enter in grade 5. As such, the staffing necessary to allow the School to serve grade 10 is expected to be budget neutral based on the most recent budget submitted and attached herein.

- Because the School was already approved as a 5 – 12, the original charter application included a detailed description of the courses it would provide. Those descriptions have been updated to reflect a date change to the school year in which the courses would be initiated. (Attached)
- The final impact on the original charter application is to certain granted waivers. Since grade 10 will commence sooner than planned, if this request is granted, the School will need less time on certain waivers than initially requested and granted. Those waiver requests have been updated to reflect their expiration a year sooner than the original requests. (Attached)
- A copy of this documentation is also being sent to the superintendents of the Rogers School District and Bentonville School District in accordance with notification requirements in DESE Rules Governing Charter Schools.

The following attachments are included for consideration by the CAP in their review of these requests:

1. Budget projections including costs associated with the amendment request
2. Desegregation Analysis
3. SAS Amendment to Serve Grade 10 & Updated Waivers
4. September 22, 2023 Letter from Summons

If any additional documentation or clarification is required to process this request or during the CAP's deliberations, we would be happy to provide it. Our team and I look forward to the opportunity to present this request to the CAP in April and answer any questions they may have. Thank you for your support with the submission of this request.

Sincerely,



DeAnna Rowe  
Executive Director, ASASI

Ec: Jeff Perry, Superintendent, Rogers School District  
Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent, Bentonville School District



## 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@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:ade.charterschools@ade.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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- Current year to date enrollment by race and grade
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## Charter Amendment Request Form

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Charter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LEA: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent or Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rationale for Waiver:

Statute/Standard/Rule to be Waived: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rationale for Waiver:

Statute/Standard/Rule to be Waived: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rationale for Waiver:

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<b>Grades to be Offered</b>	5-10	5-11	5-12	5-12	5-12
<b>Enrollment Cap</b>	500	600	700	750	750

## CURRICULUM

**Will the school provide the required courses as outlined in the Standards for Accreditation and the 38 Required High School Course Offerings? If not, explain what changes will be made. What additional electives will be offered?**

The School for Advanced Studies will offer the required courses as outlined below. All courses will have as their minimum standard the current Arkansas Academic Standards for that course.

### HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

*Note: The School proposes to begin serving grades 5-10 in 2024-2025 and expand by one grade level each year until serving students in grades 5-12 for school year 2026-2027. As such, the school will not offer the 38 required courses until such time as it serves all of grades 9-12. The School has planned a rapid but prudent phase-in approach for adding additional courses across all content areas. Courses appropriate for grade 9&10 students are offered across all content areas for 2024-2025. The School will meet full requirements by 2027-2028, the second year that it serves all of grades 9-12.*

### Content Area (SAS Graduation Requirements)

\*Indicates specific course is required by SAS for graduation

### Language Arts (4.5 Units Required)

Course Name	Grades Offered	Year of Introduction	Credit Unit
Pre-AP English 1	9-12	2024	1
Pre-AP English 2	10-12	2024	1
English 11	11-12	2025	1
English 11/12: Cross Cultural Literature*	12	2026	0.5
English 11/12: Comparative Literature*	12	2026	0.5
AP English Language	9-12	2024	1
AP English Literature	10-12	2025	1
English 11/12: Film as Literature	11-12	2025	0.5
English 11/12: ELA Drama	11-12	2025	0.5
Oral Communications: Professional Communication*	12	2026	0.5

<b>Total ELA Credits</b>	<b>7.5</b>
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**Social Studies (3.5 Units Required)**

Course Name	Grades Offered	Year of Introduction	Credit Unit
AP United States Government and Politics*	11-12	2025	1
Civics*	11-12	2025	0.5
World History Seminar*	9-12	2024	1
US History Seminar*	10-12	2024	1
Economics and Personal Finance*	12	2026	0.5
AP Psychology	9-12	2025	1
<b>Total Credits Offered</b>			<b>5</b>

**Physical Education (0.5 Units Required)**

Course Name	Grades Offered	Year of Introduction	Credit Unit
Outdoor Pursuits	9-12	2024	0.5
Personal Fitness for Life	9-12	2025	0.5
<b>Total Credits Offered</b>			<b>1</b>

**Mathematics (4 Units Required, must take a math course every year)**

Course Name	Grades Offered	Year of Introduction	Credit Unit
Pre-AP Algebra 1*	8-12	2024	1
Pre-AP Geometry with Statistics*	9-12	2024	1
Pre-AP Algebra 2*	9-12	2024	1
AP Precalculus	9-12	2025	1
AP Calculus AB	9-12	2026	1
AP Calculus BC	9-12	2027	1
AP Statistics	9-12	2026	1
Quantitative Literacy	11-12	2026	1
Algebra 3	11-12	2025	1
<b>Total Credits Offered</b>			<b>8</b>

**Science (4 Units Required)**

Course Name	Grades Offered	Year of Introduction	Credit Unit
Physical Science*	8-12	2024	1
Pre-AP Biology*	9-12	2024	1
Chemistry	9-12	2024	1
Physics	9-12	2025	1
AP Biology	10-12	2025	1
AP Chemistry	10-12	2025	1
AP Physics 1	10-12	2026	1
<b>Total Credits Offered</b>			<b>7</b>

**Foreign Language (3 Units Required)**

Course Name	Grades Offered	Year of Introduction	Credit Unit
Spanish 1	8-12	2024	1
Spanish 2	9-12	2024	1



Spanish 3	10-12	2025	1
AP Spanish	11-12	2026	1
<b>Total Credits Offered</b>			<b>4</b>

### Fine Arts (1 Units Required)

Course Name	Grades Offered	Year of Introduction	Credit Unit
Pre-AP Visual Arts	9-12	2024	1
Vocal Ensemble 1	9-12	2025	1
Pre-AP Theater	9-12	2024	1
Pre-AP Music	9-12	2025	1
<b>Total Credits Offered</b>			<b>4</b>

### Career and Technical Education

Course Name	Grades Offered	Year of Introduction	Credit Unit
Survey of Business	9-12	2024	1
Accounting I	10-12	2025	1
Accounting II	11-12	2026	1
Robotics	9-12	2025	1
AP Computer Science Principles	9-12	2024	1
AP Computer Science A	9-12	2026	1
JROTC I	9-12	2025	1
JROTC II	10-12	2026	1
JOTC III	11-12	2027	1
<b>Total Credits Offered</b>			<b>9</b>

### Additional Requirements (4 Credits required)

In addition to the School's general graduation requirements, all students will choose a concentration in one of three areas: Humanities, Math and Science, or Fine Arts.

Concentration	Requirements of concentration
Humanities	- 1 AP English course - 1 Social Science AP Course - 4 additional credits in English and Social Studies
Math and Science	- AP Pre-Calc - AP Calculus or AP Statistics - 1 AP Science - 4 additional credits in math, science, or computer science
Fine Arts	-1 advanced fine arts course (AP fine arts or school designated fine arts adjacent AP course) - 4 additional credits in Fine Arts

### Additional Elective Offerings

SAS is committed to offering a diverse and rigorous selection of courses for

students to explore the world and their place in it. To that end, students will have course offerings and educational opportunities to engage in coursework both within their concentration and in other areas of study. Below is a list of possible elective offerings in addition to the required 38 courses but will not necessarily include or be limited to all of those listed.

**Potential Additional Elective Offerings**

Course Name	Grades Offered	Planned Year of Introduction	Credit Unit
Anatomy	9-12	2024	0.5
Microbiology	9-12	2024	0.5
Russian Literature	9-12	2026	0.5
Photography	9-12	2025	0.5
Theatre - Performance	9-12	2024	0.5
Theatre – Tech and Production	9-12	2025	0.5
AP Human Geography	9-12	2026	1
AP Comparative Government and Politics	9-12	2026	1
Geology of Arkansas	9-12	2025	0.5
Journalism	9-12	2024	0.5
Literary Genres: Sci-Fi and Fantasy	9-12	2025	0.5
AP European History	9-12	2026	1
AP Physics 2	9-12	2026	1
AP Physics C	9-12	2027	1
AP Art History	9-12	2026	1
AP Studio Art & Design	9-12	2027	1
Latin I	9-12	2024	1
Latin II	10-12	2024	1
Pre-AP Latin	11-12	2025	1
AP Latin	12	2026	1

**Middle School Courses**

All courses will have as their minimum standard the Arkansas Academic Standards that are then current for that course.

**Grade 5**

- World Geography
- English 5
- Intermediate Pre-Algebra or Foundations of Pre-Algebra
- Integrated Science 5
- Music, Visual Arts, and Theatre
- Ancient Languages
- Keyboarding
- PE & Health

**Grade 6**

World History to 1500 plus Arkansas History  
English 6  
Advanced Pre-Algebra or Intermediate Pre-Algebra  
Advanced Integrated Science 6  
Music, Visual Arts, and Theatre  
Ancient Languages  
Technology Essentials  
PE & Health

**Grade 7**

World History to 1850 plus Arkansas History  
English 7  
Pre-AP Algebra I\* or Advanced Pre-Algebra  
Advanced Integrated Science 7  
Visual Art, Music, or Theatre  
Ancient Languages  
KeyCode  
PE & Health

**Grade 8**

US History 1845 to 1930  
English 8  
Pre-AP Algebra II or Pre-AP Algebra I\*  
Advanced Integrated Physical Science\*  
Visual Art, Music, or Theatre  
Foreign Language: Spanish, Latin, or French\*  
Computer Science  
Career Development  
PE & Health

\*Indicates HS credit

## WAIVERS

The following waiver is currently held by the School for Advanced Studies. With proposed grades served in 2024-25 being grades 5-10, this waiver is no longer needed.

<b>Original Waiver #4 Topic</b>	<b>Curriculum: Foreign Language</b>
<b>Arkansas Code Annotated</b>	
<b>Standard for Accreditation</b>	Standard 1-A.1.3.5
<b>ADE Rules</b>	
<b>Rationale for Waiver</b>	<p>A waiver of this portion of the 38 units requirement is being sought until such time as the School is serving all of grades 9-12. The School will begin serving grades 5-9 in 2024-2025 and expand by one grade level each year until it serves students in grades 5-12 for school year 2027-2028. The School has planned a rapid but prudent phase-in approach for adding additional courses, including those required for Foreign Language. The School will offer one of the two required courses in 2024-2025 and will offer the required 2 credits by 2025-2026. This waiver will only be needed until the 2025-2026 school year; therefore, we are requesting the waiver to expire on June 30, 2025.</p>

**The following waivers are currently held by the School for Advanced Studies. We are amending the waiver rationale to reflect prosed grades served in 2024-25 as grades 5-10. As a result of this rationale change, we are amending the waiver request to expire one calendar year earlier than is currently held.**

<b>Original Waiver #3 Topic</b>	<b>Curriculum: Fine Arts</b>
<b>Arkansas Code Annotated</b>	
<b>Standard for Accreditation</b>	Standard 1-A.1.3.6
<b>ADE Rules</b>	
<b>Rationale for Waiver</b>	A waiver of this portion of the 38 units requirement is being sought until such time as the School is serving all of grades 9-12. The School will begin serving grades 5-10 in 2024-2025 and expand by one grade level each year until serving students in grades 5-12 for school year 2026-2027. The School has planned a rapid but prudent phase-in approach for adding additional courses, including those required for Fine Arts. The School will offer two of the required four courses in 2024-2025 and will offer the required 3.5 credits by 2025-2026. This waiver will only be needed until the 2025-2026 school year; therefore, we are requesting the waiver to expire on June 30, 2025.

<b>Original Waiver #6 Topic</b>	<b>Curriculum: Advanced Placement Courses</b>
<b>Arkansas Code Annotated</b>	Ark. Code Ann. §6-16-1204(c)(d)
<b>Standard for Accreditation</b>	Standard 1-A.1.3-10
<b>ADE Rules</b>	DESE Rules Governing Grading and Course Credit- Section 6
<b>Rationale for Waiver</b>	A waiver of this portion of the 38 units requirement is being sought until June 30, 2026. The School will begin serving grades 5-10 in 2024-2025 and expand by one grade level each year until serving students in grades 5-12 for school year 2026-2027. The School has planned a rapid but prudent phase-in approach for adding additional courses across all content areas. While the school will offer AP courses in 2024-25, there will not be AP courses in the four required content areas until 2025-26. Courses appropriate for grade 9&10

	<p>students are offered across all content areas for 2024-2025. The School will offer AP courses in all content areas to meet full requirements by 2025-2026. This waiver will only be needed until the 2025-2026 school year; therefore, we are requesting the waiver to expire on June 30, 2025.</p>
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**BENTONVILLE SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES  
Estimated Revenues - Year 1**

<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b># Students</b>	<b>Amount Per Student</b>	<b>Total Yr 1</b>
Foundation Funding	275	\$7,771.00	\$2,137,025.00
Professional Development			\$10,312.50
Enhanced Student Achievement Funding	20% FRL Population		\$29,590.00
Charter Facilities Funding			\$110,000.00
AR LEARNS	Assumes \$14,000 plus 23.5% fringe, per teacher, in additional funding from AR LEARNS		\$285,285.00
CSP Grant			\$525,000.00
Other Funding:	Grants: Title I, IDEA estimated, NSLP		\$209,000.00

**Total Budgeted Revenues \$3,306,212.50**

**BENTONVILLE SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES**  
**Estimated Salaries to be Paid from State/Local Funds - Year 1**

<b>Position</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>Fringe</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>
Head of School	1	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$23,400	\$113,400
Business Manager	0.5	\$80,000	\$40,000	\$10,400	\$50,400
Dean of Students	0.5	\$61,000	\$30,500	\$7,930	\$38,430
School Counselor	0.5	\$61,000	\$30,500	\$7,930	\$38,430
Registrar	0.5	\$41,000	\$20,500	\$5,330	\$25,830
Teacher	16.5	\$55,000	\$907,500	\$235,950	\$1,143,450
Assistant Teacher	1	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$9,100	\$44,100
Library Media Specialist	0.5	\$55,000	\$27,500	\$7,150	\$34,650
Special Education Teacher	0.5	\$55,000	\$27,500	\$7,150	\$34,650
Custodian	1	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$7,800	\$37,800
Front Office	0.5	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$4,550	\$22,050
Nurse	0.5	\$45,000	\$22,500	\$5,850	\$28,350
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<b>Total Budgeted Salaries and Benefits</b>					<b>\$1,611,540</b>
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# BENTONVILLE SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

## Estimated Expenditures - Year 1

Administration:	Explanation	Amount
Purchased Services		\$19,210.50
Supplies and Materials		\$8,183.25
Equipment	Includes staff computers and technology	\$42,000.00
Classroom Instruction:	Explanation	Amount
Purchased Services		\$6,504.75
Supplies and Materials		\$6,057.00
Equipment	Includes student chromebooks	\$159,290.00
Special Education:	Explanation	Amount
Purchased Services		\$6,979.50
Supplies and Materials		\$186.75
Equipment		\$0.00
Gifted & Talented Program	Explanation	Amount
Purchased Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00
ALE Program:	Explanation	Amount
Purchased Services	Would include if SPED population required.	\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00
ELL Program:	Explanation	Amount
Purchased Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00

<b>Guidance Services:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00
<b>Health Services:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials	Misc medical supplies	\$2,500.00
Equipment	AED or other equipment needed	\$2,500.00
<b>Library Media Services:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services	Destiny Management Software, etc	\$8,000.00
Supplies and Materials	Budgeted for 10 books per student	\$69,300.00
Equipment	Est. for misc FF&E	\$79,000.00
<b>Fiscal Services:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services	Included in service agreement	\$0.00
Supplies and Materials	Included in service agreement	\$0.00
Equipment	Included in service agreement	\$0.00
<b>Pupil Transportation:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00
<b>Maintenance &amp; Operations:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services		\$1,400.37
Supplies and Materials		\$169,097.00
Equipment		\$8,300.00
Phone		\$2,800.00
Gas		\$7,935.43
Electric		\$53,214.06

Water		\$12,136.54
Sewer	Included in water above	\$0.00
<b>Food Services:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services	Costs of meals. Assumes 20% FRL	\$81,400.00
Supplies and Materials	Included in vendor contract	\$0.00
Equipment	Included in vendor contract	\$0.00
<b>Data Processing:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services	Included in service agreement	\$0.00
Supplies and Materials	Included in service agreement	\$0.00
Equipment	Included in service agreement	\$0.00
<b>Substitute Personnel:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
<b>CMO Fee (if applicable):</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Annual Fee		\$279,826.97
Advertising/Marketing		\$78,050.00
Legal Services		\$25,000.00
<b>Facilities:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lease/Purchase Contract Per Yr	12% of state and categorical	\$309,702.90
Facility Upgrades	Signage, Flag, etc	\$15,000.00
Property Insurance Per Yr	Insurance Estimated, complete comprehensive	\$23,117.95
Content Insurance Per Yr	cost for an insurance program.	\$15,411.96
<b>Debt Expenditures:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Other Expenditures:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
AUX Purchased Services	Reimbursable Activities Expenses	\$89,957.25
Guid, Couns, & Eval.	Purchased Services	\$26,219.25

Professional Development	Purchased Services	\$22,000.00

**TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES    \$1,630,281.43**

**BENTONVILLE SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES**  
**Year 1 Ending Balance**

**REVENUE** \$3,306,212.50

**EXPENDITURES**

Salaries & Benefits \$1,611,540.00

Other Expenses \$1,630,281.43

\$3,241,821.43

**ENDING BALANCE** \$64,391.07

**BENTONVILLE SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES  
Estimated Revenues - Year 2**

<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b># Students</b>	<b>Amount Per Student</b>	<b>Total Yr 1</b>
Foundation Funding	330	\$7,771.00	\$2,564,430.00
Professional Developmen			\$12,375.00
Enhanced Student Achiev	20% FRL Population		\$35,508.00
Chater Facilities Funding			\$132,000.00
AR LEARNS	Assumes \$14,000 plus 23.5% fringe, per teacher, in additional funding from AR LEARNS		\$345,800.00
Grants/Other Funding:	Grants: Title 1, IDEA estimated, NSLP		\$250,800.00
<b>Total Budgeted Revenues</b>			<b>\$3,340,913.00</b>

**BENTONVILLE SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES**  
**Estimated Salaries to be Paid from State/Local Funds - Year 2**

<b>Position</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>Fringe</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>
Head of School	1	\$91,800	\$91,800	\$23,868	\$115,668
Business Manager	0.5	\$81,600	\$40,800	\$10,608	\$51,408
Dean of Students	1	\$62,220	\$62,220	\$16,177	\$78,397
School Counselor	1	\$62,220	\$62,220	\$16,177	\$78,397
Registrar	0.5	\$41,820	\$20,910	\$5,437	\$26,347
Teacher	20	\$56,100	\$1,122,000	\$291,720	\$1,413,720
Assistant Teacher	1.5	\$35,700	\$53,550	\$13,923	\$67,473
Library Media Specialist	0.5	\$56,100	\$28,050	\$7,293	\$35,343
Special Education Teacher	1	\$56,100	\$56,100	\$14,586	\$70,686
Custodian	1	\$30,600	\$30,600	\$7,956	\$38,556
Front Office	0.5	\$35,700	\$17,850	\$4,641	\$22,491
Nurse	1	\$45,900	\$45,900	\$11,934	\$57,834
			\$0	\$0	\$0
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**Total Budgeted Salaries and Benefits      \$2,056,320**

# BENTONVILLE SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

## Estimated Expenditures - Year 2

Administration:	Explanation	Amount
Purchased Services		\$21,003.48
Supplies and Materials		\$8,947.02
Equipment		\$2,248.44
Classroom Instruction:	Explanation	Amount
Purchased Services		\$7,111.86
Supplies and Materials		\$6,622.32
Equipment		\$15,207.72
Special Education:	Explanation	Amount
Purchased Services		\$7,630.92
Supplies and Materials		\$204.18
Equipment		\$0.00
Gifted & Talented Program	Explanation	Amount
Purchased Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00
ALE Program:	Explanation	Amount
Purchased Services	Would include if SPED population required.	\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00
ELL Program:	Explanation	Amount
Purchased Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00



<b>Guidance Services:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00
<b>Health Services:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials	Misc medical supplies	\$1,500.00
Equipment		\$1,000.00
<b>Library Media Services:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services	Destiny Software estimate	\$3,500.00
Supplies and Materials	Includes books to cover new students and replacements	\$5,000.00
Equipment	Misc	\$1,500.00
<b>Fiscal Services:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services	Included in service agreement	\$0.00
Supplies and Materials	Included in service agreement	\$0.00
Equipment	Included in service agreement	\$0.00
<b>Pupil Transportation:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00
<b>Maintenance &amp; Operations:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services		\$1,400.37
Supplies and Materials		\$140,037.00
Equipment		\$4,667.90
Phone		\$2,800.00
Gas		\$7,935.43
Electric		\$53,214.06

Water		\$12,136.54
Sewer	Included in water above	\$0.00
<b>Food Services:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services	Costs of meals. Assumes 20% FRL	\$97,680.00
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00
<b>Data Processing:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Purchased Services		\$0.00
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00
<b>Substitute Personnel:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Supplies and Materials		\$0.00
<b>CMO Fee (if applicable):</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Annual Fee	12% of state and categorical	\$335,792.36
Advertising/Marketing		\$35,000.00
Legal Services		\$25,000.00
<b>Facilities:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lease/Purchase Contract Per Yr		\$372,888.00
Facility Upgrades		\$0.00
Property Insurance Per Yr	Insurance estimated, complete comprehensive	\$23,118.00
Content Insurance Per Yr	cost for an insurance program	\$16,720.00
<b>Debt Expenditures:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Other Expenditures:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
AUX Purchased Services	Reimbursable Activities Expenses	\$98,353.26
Guid, Couns, & Eval.	Purchased Services	\$28,666.38

Professional Development	Purchased Services	\$15,000.00

**TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES \$1,211,497.24**

**BENTONVILLE SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES**  
**Year 2 Ending Balance**

**REVENUE** \$3,340,913.00

**EXPENDITURES**

Salaries & Benefits \$2,056,320.00

Other Expenses \$1,211,497.24

\$3,267,817.24

**ENDING BALANCE** \$73,095.76

School for Advanced Studies – Northwest Arkansas  
Desegregation Analysis

This desegregation analysis is being provided in support of the relocation amendment request from the School for Advanced Studies – Northwest Arkansas (the “School”).<sup>1</sup> The School is requesting a change from the projected location included in the initial open-enrollment charter school application from within the boundaries of the Bentonville School District to an identified location within the boundaries of the Rogers School District. The School has been able to secure an agreement to lease the historic Lane Hotel building located at 121 W. Poplar St., Rogers, AR 72756.<sup>2</sup> The School anticipates that it will receive most of its students from the Rogers (RSD), Bentonville (BSD), Decatur (DSD), Eureka Springs (ESSD), Gentry (GSD), Gravette (GRSD), Pea Ridge (PRSD), Siloam Springs (SSSD), and Springdale (SSD) School Districts. As an open-enrollment public charter school, however, the School may enroll students from anywhere within the State of Arkansas. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §6-23-106, the School is required to carefully review the potential impact that its operation would have upon the efforts of the RSD, BSD, DSD, ESSD, GSD, GRSD, PRSD, SSSD, and SSD to comply with court orders and statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools. At full enrollment, the School will have a student population of 750 students in Grades 5-12.

School for Advanced Studies – Northwest Arkansas has carefully reviewed the potential impact that the operation of an open-enrollment public charter school within the boundaries of the RSD would have upon the efforts of affected school districts to comply with court orders and statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools. In conducting its review, the School has found that none of the school districts listed above are under any court orders concerning their desegregation obligations, and are therefore unitary in all respects of their school operations. Therefore, the granting of the School’s amendment request to operate its school within the boundaries of the RSD cannot be said to have a negative impact on the RSD, DSD, ESSD, GSD, GRSD, PRSD, BSD, SSSD, and the SSD’s ability to comply with the districts’ statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools.

According to the latest Average Daily Membership enrollment figures for school year 2023-2024 as maintained by the DESE Data Center, the BSD had a student population of 18,674 students; the DSD had a student population of 579 students; the ESSD had a student population of 633 students; the GSD had a student population of 1,617 students; the GRSD had a student population of 1,998 students; the PRSD had a student population of 2,454 students; the RSD

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<sup>1</sup>In the instant amendment request, the School has requested approval for a name change from “Bentonville School for Advanced Studies” to “School for Advanced Studies – Northwest Arkansas.” The amendment package also includes requests for certain waivers related to the School’s Board of Directors.

<sup>2</sup>The School understands that it must obtain approval from the Commissioner for the lease.

had a student population of 15,529 students; the SSSD had a student population of 4,463 students, and the SSD had a student population of 21,801 students. BSD's student population was comprised of 70.6% White students; 12% Hispanic students, and 7.4% Asian students. DSD's student population was comprised of 44.2% White students; 38.7% Hispanic students, and 5.7% Asian students. ESSD's student population was comprised of 87.4% White students and 8.1% Hispanic students. GSD's student population was comprised of 58.7% White students; 17.9% Hispanic students, and 8.1% Asian students. GRSD's student population was comprised of 82.8% White students and 7.3% Hispanic students. PRSD's student population was comprised of 85.9% White students and 8.1% Hispanic students. RSD's student population was comprised of 48.9% Hispanic students and 41.3% White students. SSSD's student population was comprised of 48.0% White students; 34.4% Hispanic students, and 8.6% of students who were Two or More Races. SSD's student population was comprised of 48.0% Hispanic students; 31.4% White students, and 13.6% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander students.

In conclusion, School for Advanced Studies – Northwest Arkansas submits that upon the basis of its review, no statutory or other impediments concerning the creation and operation of desegregated public schools prohibit the State's charter school authorizer from granting its location amendment request to operate an open-enrollment public charter school within the boundaries of the Rogers School District.



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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**State Board of  
Education**

## **RE: Notice of State Board of Education Decision**

**Dr. Sarah Moore**  
Stuttgart  
Chair

Dear Mrs. Rowe,

**Kathy Rollins**  
Springdale  
Vice-Chair

Congratulations to Bentonville School for Advanced Studies on the approval to open beginning in 2023-2024. The Arkansas State Board of Education met on September 15, 2023, and decided to not review the Charter Authorizing Panel decision; therefore, the decision of the Charter Authorizing Panel is final.

**Steve Sutton**  
Marion

Per your application, your school will follow a college prep education model and will serve Grades 5-12 with a progressive enrollment cap of seven hundred fifty (750) students.

**Adrienne Woods**  
Rogers

The waivers approved for your charter are not listed in this correspondence but will be included in the contract you will receive later.

**Randy Henderson**  
Blytheville

**Lisa Hunter**  
White Hall

We look forward to collaborating with you and wish you a successful implementation process.

**Jeff Wood**  
Little Rock

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Charter Office.

**Ken Bragg**  
Sheridan

Sincerely,

**Leigh Keener**  
Little Rock

*Dorie Summons*

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Director of Public Charter Schools