

Notice of Intent to Apply for an Arkansas Public Charter School License

Type of Charter:	<input type="checkbox"/> Open-Enrollment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Conversion
Proposed Charter School Name:	Fort Smith Virtual Academy (FSVA)
Proposed Location:	Peak Innovation Center, 5900 Painter Lane, Fort Smith
School District Where Charter Will be Located:	Fort Smith Public Schools
Grade Levels Served:	K-12
Enrollment Cap:	1500
Name of Contact for Application:	Samantha Hall
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Focus Area:	<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Learning Environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual <input type="checkbox"/> College Prep <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Provide a brief description of the purpose or emphasis of the school:

Fort Smith Virtual Academy will provide an equitable, challenging educational experience by engaging families and community partners as we prepare K-8th grade students to embrace their roles in our culturally diverse community and rapidly changing world. FSVA will provide students with flexible learning choices, accelerated learning opportunities, real-world experiences and support to overcome challenging circumstances.

The FSPS proposes a conversion charter school operated as a new LEA within the district. The proposed school will offer a virtual learning experience blended with real-world experiences that are differentiated to meet the needs of a diverse population. FSVA will provide a public option for students who are homeschooled, who are medically fragile, who seek accelerated and/or unique learning opportunities, or who are experiencing circumstances that hinder success in a traditional school structure.

The FSVA curriculum will include both core classes and grade-appropriate electives. Housed in the Peak Innovation Center, FSVA will work in partnerships with students, parents, teachers, higher education, local businesses and the community to provide field experiences, service projects or integrated curriculum activities based on specific student interests. Students and parents will have an optional weekly opportunity to participate in face-to-face activities. These activities may address academic and social-emotional needs and include conferences with teachers, participation in clubs, opportunities for assistance, and team-building. FSVA students will have the option to participate in extracurricular activities, including athletics and band/choir, at the appropriate FSPS campus.

There are many benefits to our unique learning model including a rigorous curriculum aligned to state standards, high quality instruction by Fort Smith Schools' certified teachers, flexibility of learning anytime and anywhere, and an individualized learning program developed to meet each student's unique learning needs.

Printed Name: Samantha Hall **Title:** Asst. Director of District Innovation

Signature:  **Date:** 3-8-21