



Amendment Request

LISA Academy

October 2021

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VIA E-MAIL

September 2, 2021

Mr. Tim Johnston
Charter Schools Office
Arkansas Department of Education
Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: LISA Academy Amendment Request

Dear Mr. Johnston,

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

1. Adding a new K-12 campus in Fayetteville, opening in fall of 2023 with flexible grade configurations.
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I am requesting that this amendment request be placed on the October 2021 agenda of the Charter Authorizing Panel for consideration.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Fatih Bogrek
CEO/Superintendent, LISA Academy

Cc: Dr. John L. Colbert, Superintendent, Fayetteville School District



Charter Amendment Request Form

Charter Name: LISA Academy

LEA Number: 6041700 **Phone Number:** (501) 916 9450 **Submission Date:** 9/2/2021

Charter Leader: Dr. Fatih Bogrek, CEO/Superintendent

Email Address: fbogrek@lisaacademy.org

Type of Amendment Requested:

☒ **Add a new campus**

Address W. Van Asche & McGuire St., Fayetteville, AR

School district in which the campus will be located Fayetteville School District

☒ **Increase enrollment cap**

Current cap 5,632

Proposed cap 6,800

☒ **Waiver**

Waiver Topic: LISA Academy North Middle and High School Waivers will be copied for this new campus.

Statute/Standard/Rule to be Waived

Rationale for Waiver

☒ **Other**

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AMENDMENT REQUEST

OCTOBER 2021

BACKGROUND



LISA Academy is a tuition-free public charter school with a comprehensive college preparatory program focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. All LISA Academy schools have been accredited by the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education since opening in 2004. For 21-22 school year, we are serving more than 3600 students in our 7 campuses with over 400 staff members.

9-12

LISA West High School
Little Rock

6-8

LISA West Middle
Little Rock

K-5

LISA West Elementary
Little Rock

K-12

LISA Arkansas
Hybrid

6-12

LISA North Middle/High
North Little Rock

K-5

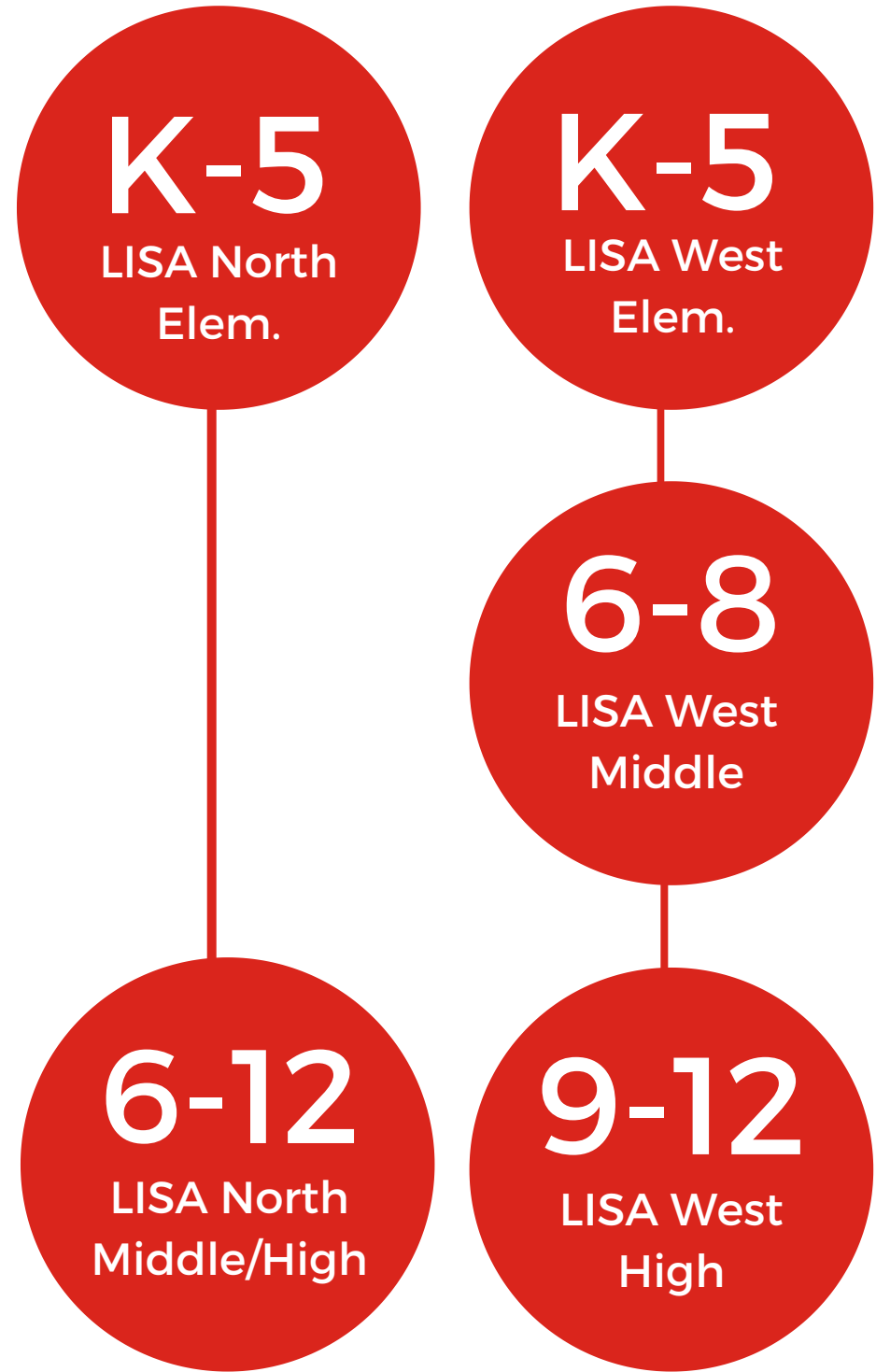
LISA North Elementary
Sherwood

K-8

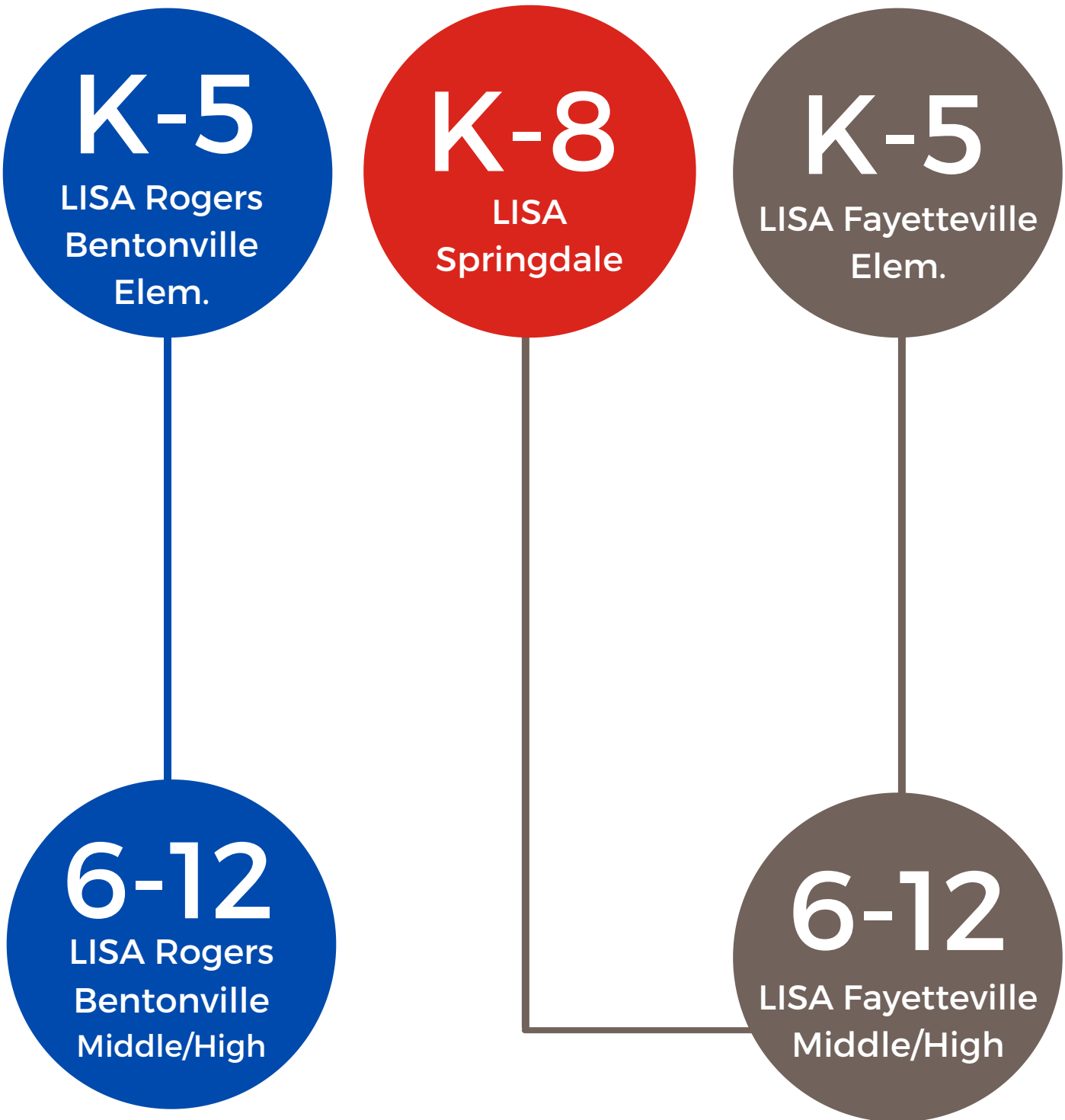
LISA Academy
Springdale

GROWTH PLAN

Central Arkansas Hub






NW Arkansas Hub



Statewide Learning Centers



-  Current Schools
-  Approved/In Progress
-  New School Plans



WHAT MAKES LISA ACADEMY SUCCESSFUL?

- Planning **academic success** for all students
- Embracing **diversity**
- Preparing all students for **college and career**
- Embedding **STEM** engagement
- Involving **parents**
- **Collaborating** with others





All LISA campuses
demonstrated
significant
yearly growth
on most recent
state testing

School	ESSA Letter Grade	ESSA Growth Score
LISA North High School	A	86.5
LISA North Middle School	A	85.83
LISA North Elementary	B	86.1
LISA West High School	C	80.19
LISA West Middle School	B	83.87
LISA West Elementary	C	82.69

CONSISTENT PERFORMANCE

95% +

Graduation
rate

95% +

College
Acceptance Rate

100%

of LISA schools
showed growth
on 2019 ACT Aspire

13:1

Student to
teacher ratio

17

Average
class size



GROWTH AND SUCCESS

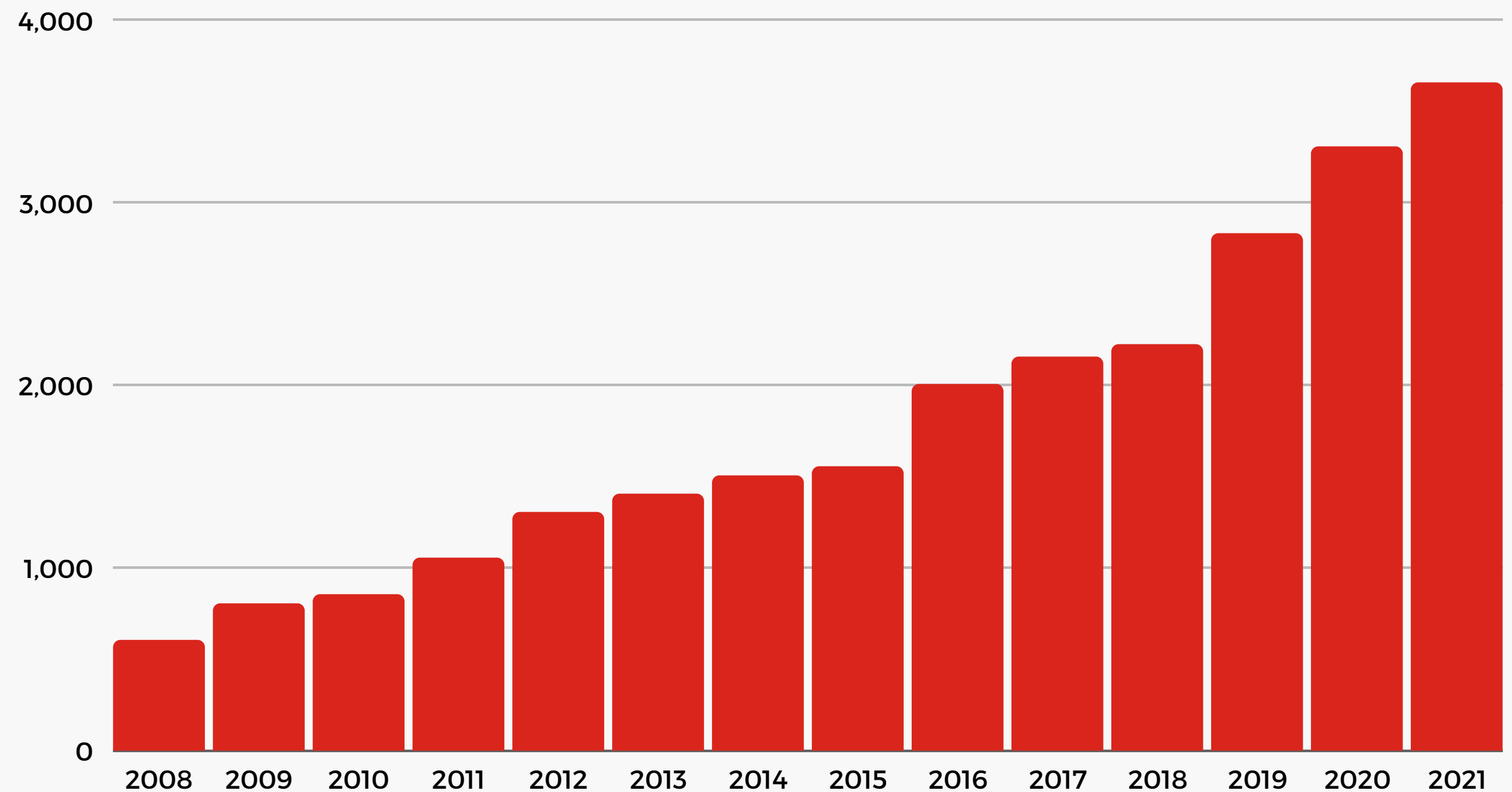


#6 Most Challenging High Schools in Arkansas (US News, 2020)

#4 in Best Charter Elementary Schools in Arkansas (Niche, 2020)

#7 Best Charter High Schools in Arkansas (Niche, 2020)

Student Enrollment Yearly Increase



EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Named "Most Diverse School District" in the state of Arkansas
(Public School Review, 2016)

35+

Languages spoken
by LISA families

80%

minority
enrollment

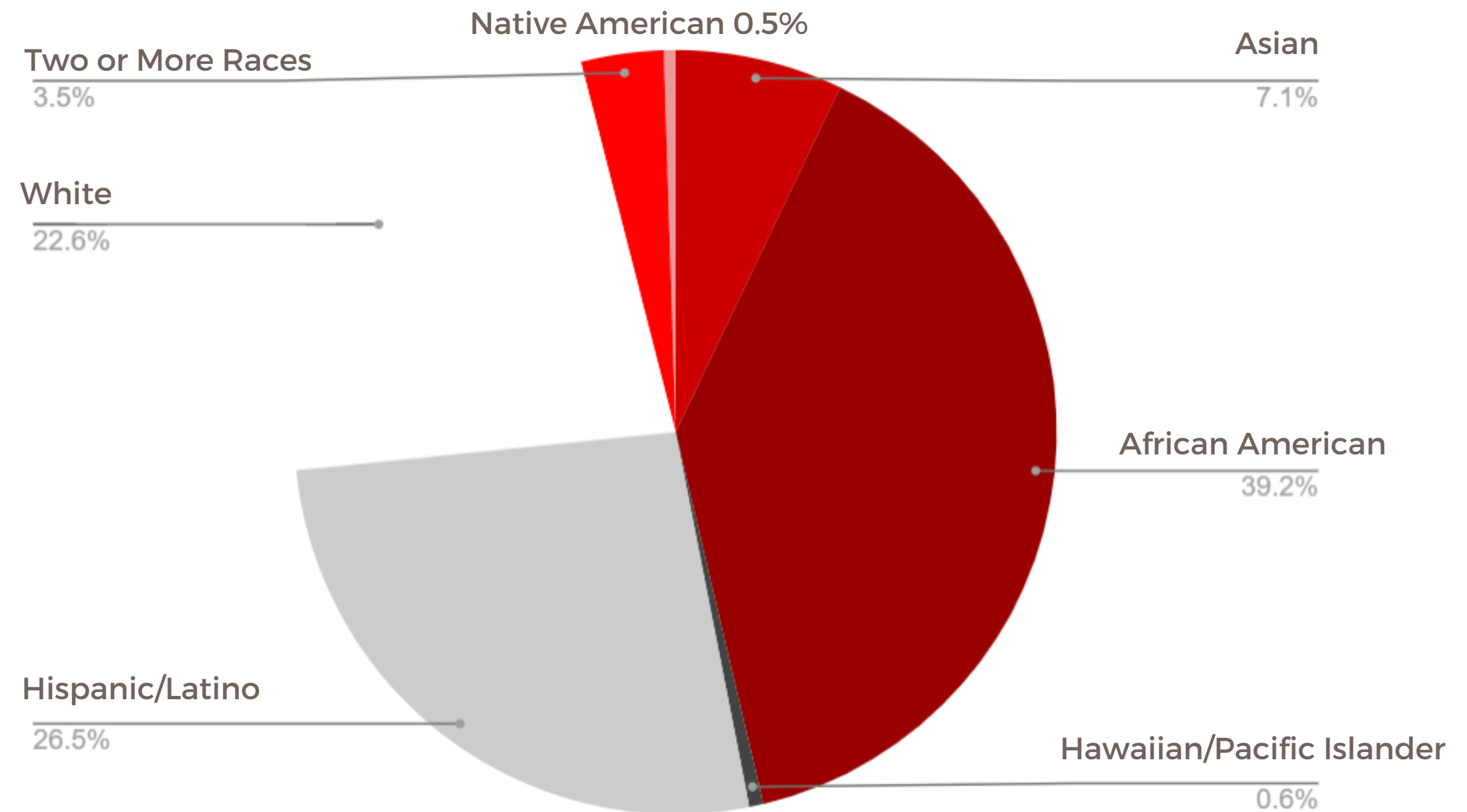
60%

Low Income



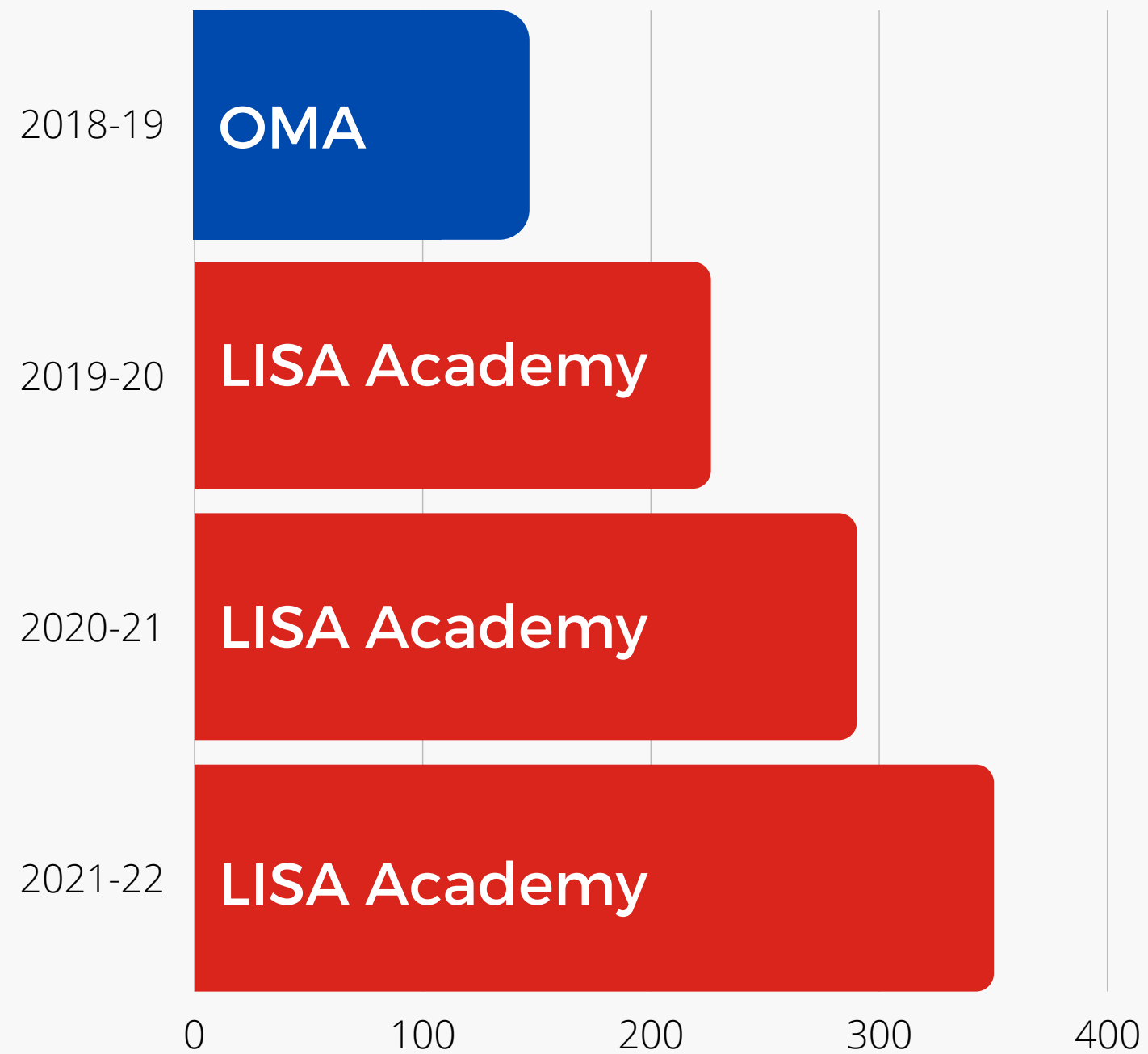
EMBRACING DIVERSITY

LISA Academy has steadily increased low income and minority student populations each year since its inception



SUCCESSFUL NWA EXPANSION

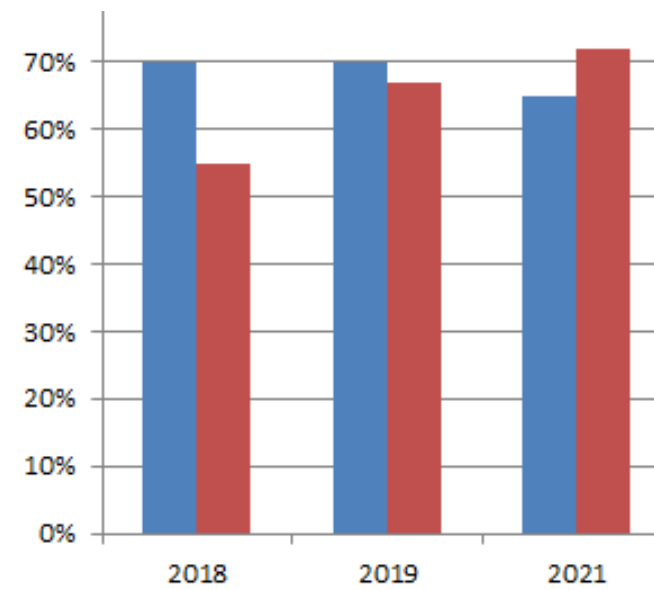
LISA Springdale Enrollment Increase



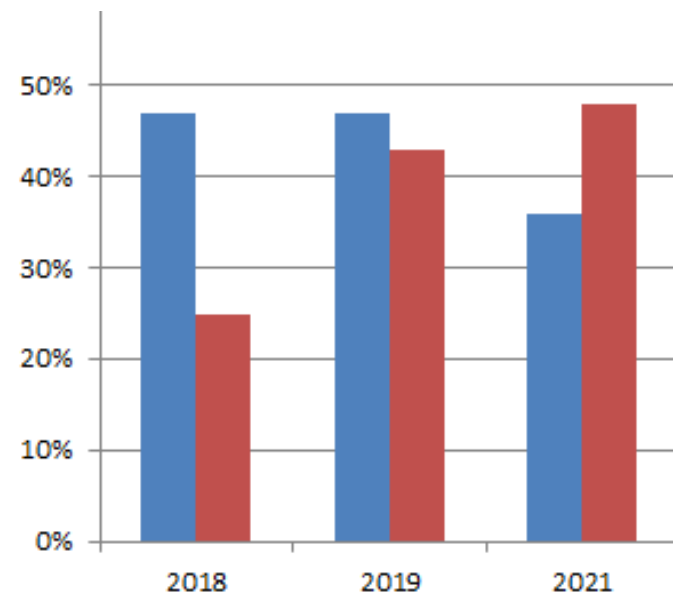
ACADEMIC GROWTH

Successful transition from Ozark Montessori to LISA Academy Springdale

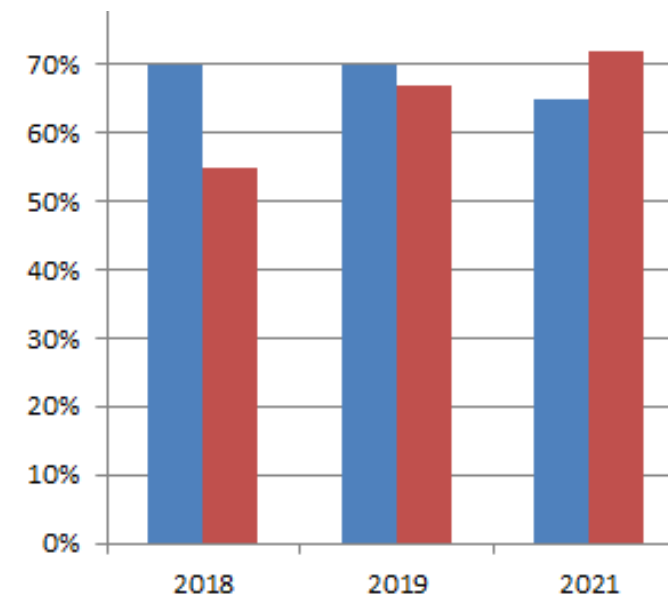
Overall



Math



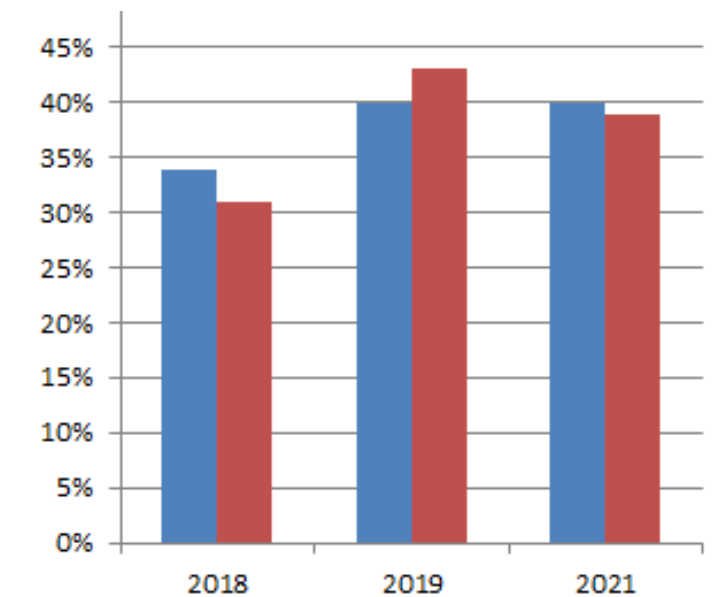
English



Reading



Science



ACT Aspire Test Scores

2018: OMA

2019: OMA + LISA Academy

2020: No Testing

2021: LISA Academy



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Academic Competitions:

- Science Fair
- 2021 NWARSEF (LISA Academy-Springdale)
 - 3 First place, 2 Second place, 1 Fourth place, and 2 Honorable Mentions
- Science Quiz Bowl (1st Place State)
- Robotics (3rd Place State)
- Science Olympiad (1st Place State)
- Destination Imagination (1st Place State)
- MathCounts



PROMOTING STEM



Arkansas STEM Festival

April 2021

State Fairgrounds



NWA STEM Day

May 2021

NWA Mall



Solar Car Team

Only team
representing Arkansas

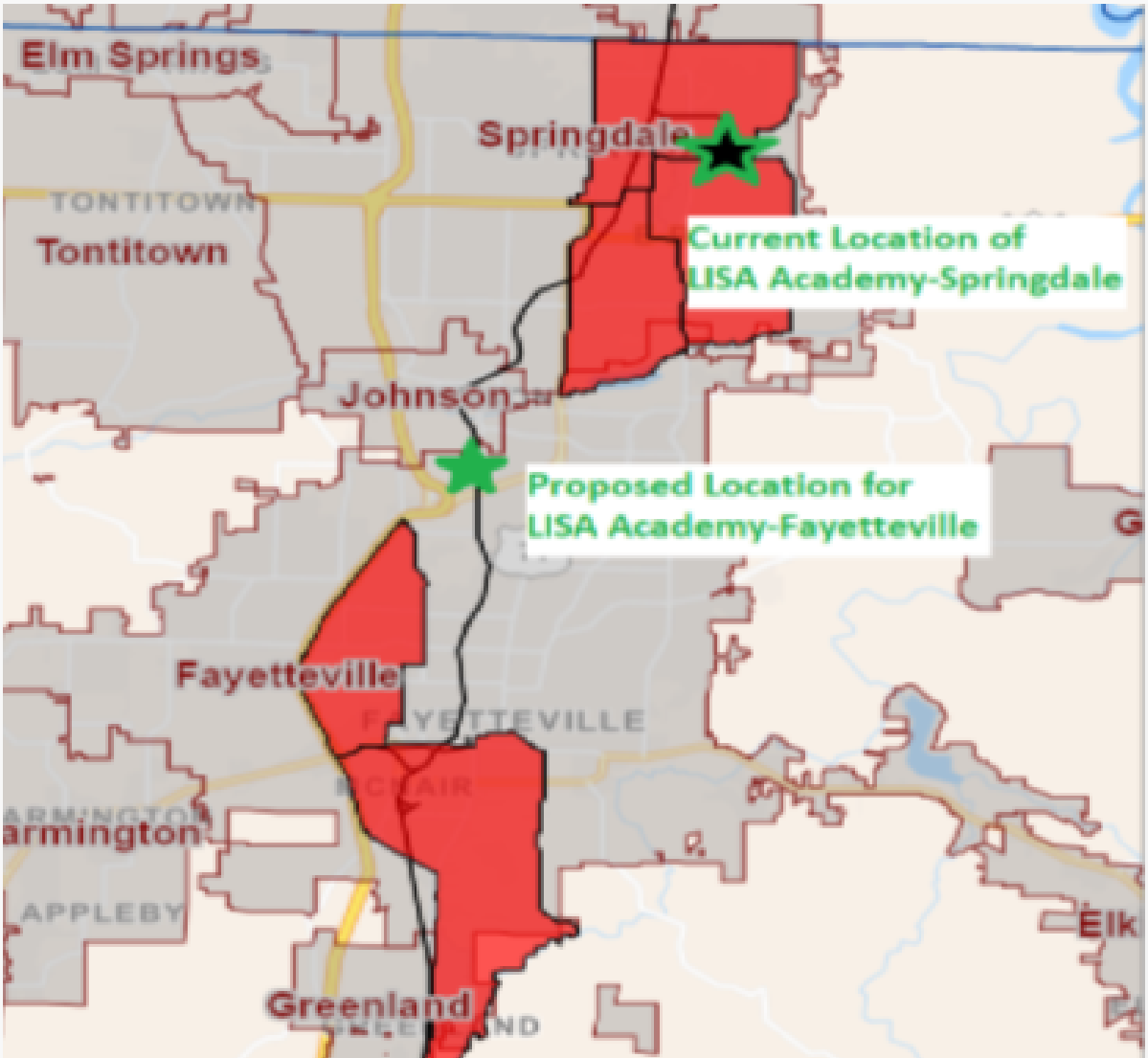


PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

- Virtual Home visits (translation provided)
- Virtual Open Houses
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Volunteer opportunities
- Virtual Parent Academy
- Reading Festival
- STEM festival



PROPOSED LOCATION FOR LISA ACADEMY FAYETTEVILLE



Proposed location serves both opportunity zones
(Approx. 1.5 miles from each zone)

2020 Census

Fayetteville	pop. 73,580	2nd largest city in AR
Springdale	pop. 69,797	4th largest city in AR

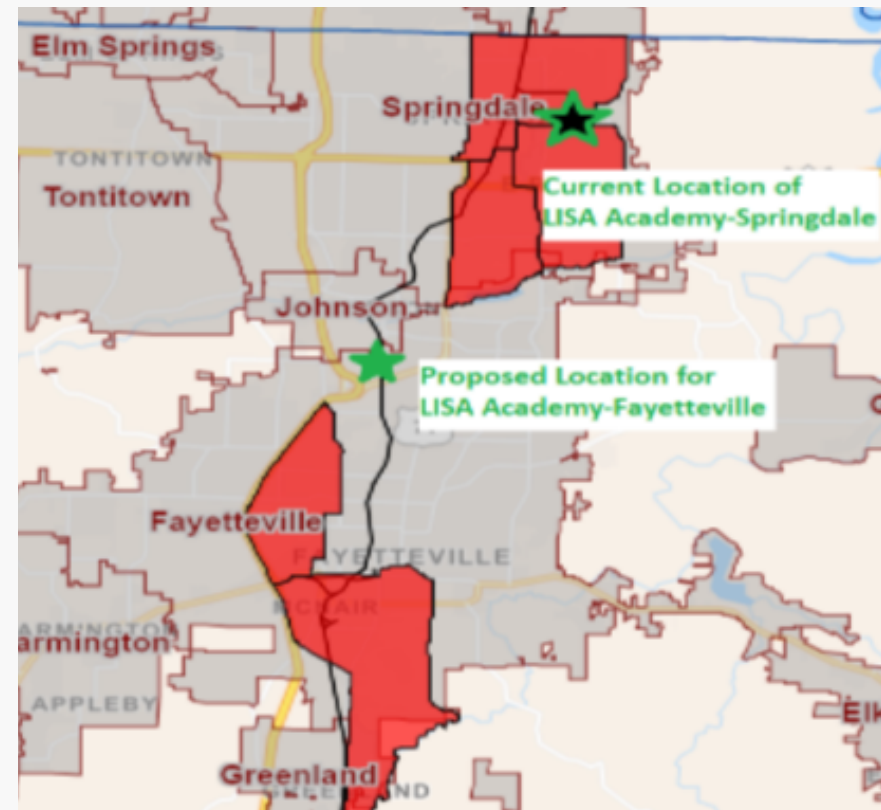
Source: US Census Bureau, 2021

Projected Growth Rates - 2040

Springdale	113%	Projected population: 150,932
Johnson	156%	Projected population: 8,578
Fayetteville	94%	Projected population: 142,496

Source: Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, 2021

STUDENT POPULATION



37,000+

2025 projected population of children
ages 0-19 within 5 mile radius of proposed location

Surrounding School District Student Populations

Fayetteville Public School District: 11,000+

Springdale Public School District: 22,000+

Farmington Public School District: 2,000+

Others: 4,000+

Source: My School Info, 2021



LISA FAYETTEVILLE ENROLLMENT PROJECTION

	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26		2026-27		2027-28		2028-29		2029-30		2030-31 and after	
Grade	Section	Total	Section	Total	Section	Total	Section	Total	Section	Total	Section	Total	Section	Total	Section	Total
K	3	40	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60	3	60
1	2	50	3	50	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75
2	2	50	2	50	3	50	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75
3	1	25	2	50	2	50	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75
4	1	25	1	25	2	50	2	50	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75
5	2	40	2	45	3	60	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75	3	75
6		0	2	48	3	70	3	81	4	92	4	104	4	108	4	108
7		0			2	52	3	72	3	81	4	92	4	104	4	108
8		0					2	54	3	72	3	81	4	92	4	104
9		0					1	27	3	81	4	104	5	125	5	125
10		0							1	25	4	100	5	102	5	125
11		0									1	24	4	97	4	100
12		0											1	23	4	95
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10825 FINANCIAL CENTER PARKWAY
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72211

III- Budget Projections

LISA Academy Fayetteville Campus Proforma					
	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Projected# of Students	230	328	467	644	786
Revenue Per Student	\$7,534	\$7,634	\$7,734	\$7,834	\$7,934
# of Staff	26	33	41	58	67
Revenue					
Base state and local aid	1,732,820.00	2,471,152.00	3,518,378.00	4,851,896.00	5,921,724.00
State Categorical Fund (Restricted)	208,447.20	297,263.83	423,238.45	583,652.16	712,345.65
Federal Funds (Restricted)	195,250.80	278,444.62	396,444.02	546,702.24	667,248.39
Private Funds	750,000.00	500,000.00	0	750,000.00	375,000.00
Total Revenue	2,886,518.00	3,546,860.45	4,338,060.46	6,732,250.40	7,676,318.03
Expenditures					
Salary/Benefits	1,661,435.00	2,193,459.48	2,831,228.89	4,021,518.00	4,712,512.65
Prof., Tech. & Other Services	95,387.80	136,031.30	193,678.70	267,085.84	325,977.43
Building Lease	225,400.00	324,654.40	466,858.97	650,243.57	801,556.46
Building Services and Utilities	169,322.73	177,788.87	186,678.31	497,808.83	522,699.27
Supplies and Materials	234,600.00	334,560.00	476,340.00	656,880.00	801,720.00
Other Expenditures	300,000.00	250,000.00	50,000.00	400,000.00	250,000.00
Total Expenditures	2,686,145.53	3,416,494.04	4,204,784.87	6,493,536.23	7,414,465.81
Year End Balance	200,372.47	130,366.41	133,275.59	238,714.17	261,852.22

V- ENROLLMENT

Current Year to Date Percent Free and Reduced Lunch

Building/Campus	Free/Reduced #s	Total Enrollment	Percentage
LISA Academy West ES	413	652	63.34%
LISA Academy West MS	299	561	53.30%
LISA Academy West HS	269	495	54.34%
LISA Academy North ES	420	782	53.71%
LISA Academy North MS	206	380	54.21%
LISA Academy North HS	152	295	51.53%
LISA Springdale ESMS	196	353	55.52%
LISA Hybrid School	26	126	20.63%
Grant Total	1981	3644	54.36%

Current Year to Date Enrollment by Race and Grade

Lisa Academy ENROLLMENT REPORT Enrollment Date: Aug 20, 2021

Enrollment Count		01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	KF	Race Totals
Asian	Females	3	7	7	8	12	14	23	19	9	7	7	6	5	127
	Males	8	10	11	3	3	18	13	21	4	6	6	2	9	114
	Gender Totals	11	17	18	11	15	32	36	40	13	13	13	8	14	241
Black	Females	59	83	70	66	64	73	65	53	72	41	47	33	78	804
	Males	64	56	63	57	54	84	78	66	39	38	36	26	68	729
	Gender Totals	123	139	133	123	118	157	143	119	111	79	83	59	146	1,533
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	Females		2	3	2			1	2	1			1	2	14
	Males	2	2	1	1		2								8
	Gender Totals	2	4	4	3		2	1	2	1			1	2	22
Hispanic	Females	45	37	39	37	35	43	48	47	37	27	33	15	23	466
	Males	30	44	41	39	31	38	45	45	40	28	35	16	19	451
	Gender Totals	75	81	80	76	66	81	93	92	77	55	68	31	42	917
Native American	Females	3	1				1	1	1		1	1	1	3	13
	Males		1				1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	12
	Gender Totals	3	2				2	3	2	1	2	2	2	6	25
Two or More	Females	4	7	8	7	8	7	3	9	4	2	3	1	4	67
	Males	8	12	6	4	5	5	9	5	2	4	3	3		66
	Gender Totals	12	19	14	11	13	12	12	14	6	6	6	4	4	133
White	Females	42	30	21	38	21	37	29	19	23	24	21	15	39	359
	Males	33	45	30	48	27	48	39	29	27	20	19	15	34	414
	Gender Totals	75	75	51	86	48	85	68	48	50	44	40	30	73	773
Grade Totals		301	337	300	310	260	371	356	317	259	199	212	135	287	3,644

V- ENROLLMENT

Enrollment Projection for the Fayetteville Campus

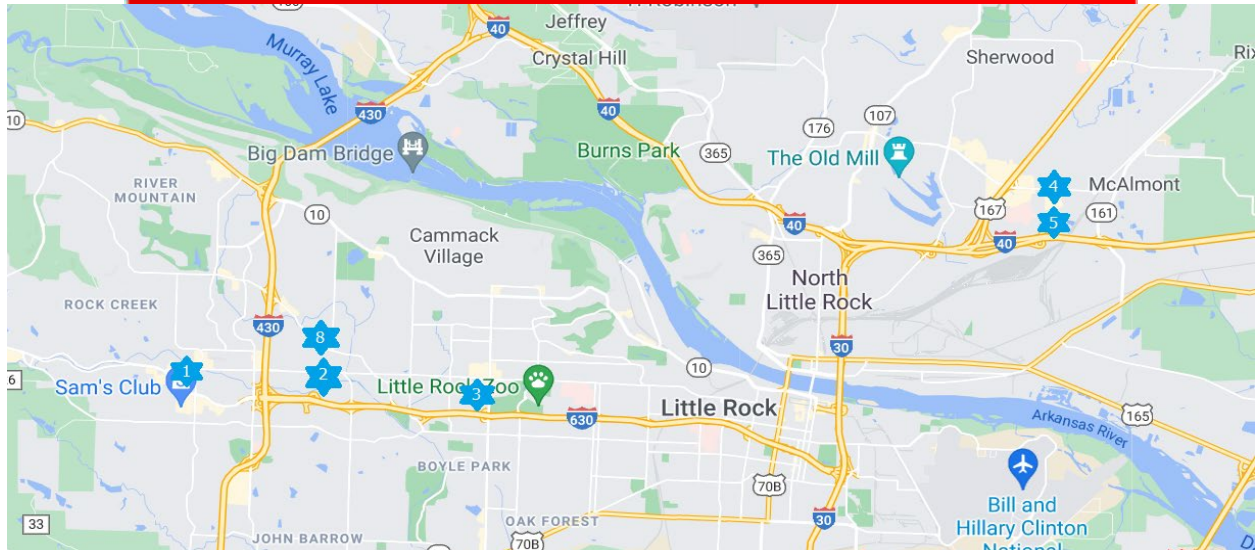
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6	4	92	4	104	4	108	4	108
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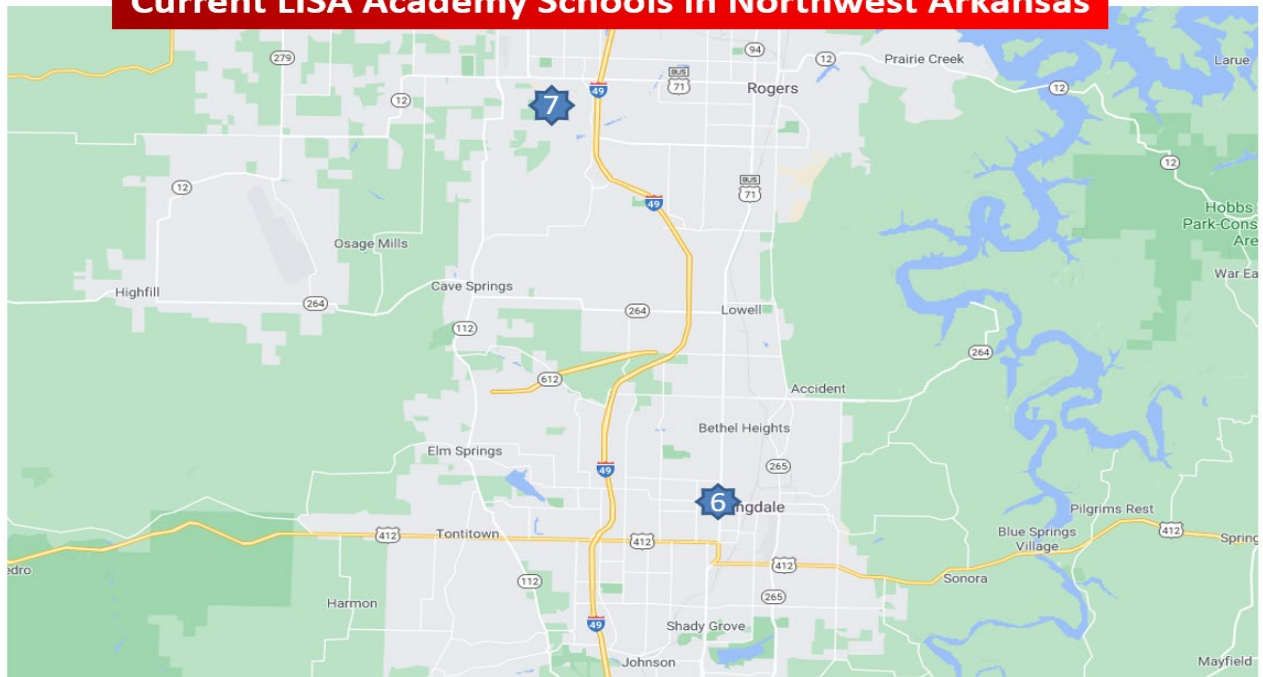
Current LISA Academy Schools in Central Arkansas



- 1-LISA West Elementary (K-5)
- 2-LISA West Middle School (6-8)
- 3-LISA West High School (9-12)

- 4- LISA North Elementary (K-5)
- 5- LISA North Middle/High School (6-12)
- 8- LISA Academy-Hybrid (K-12)

Current LISA Academy Schools in Northwest Arkansas



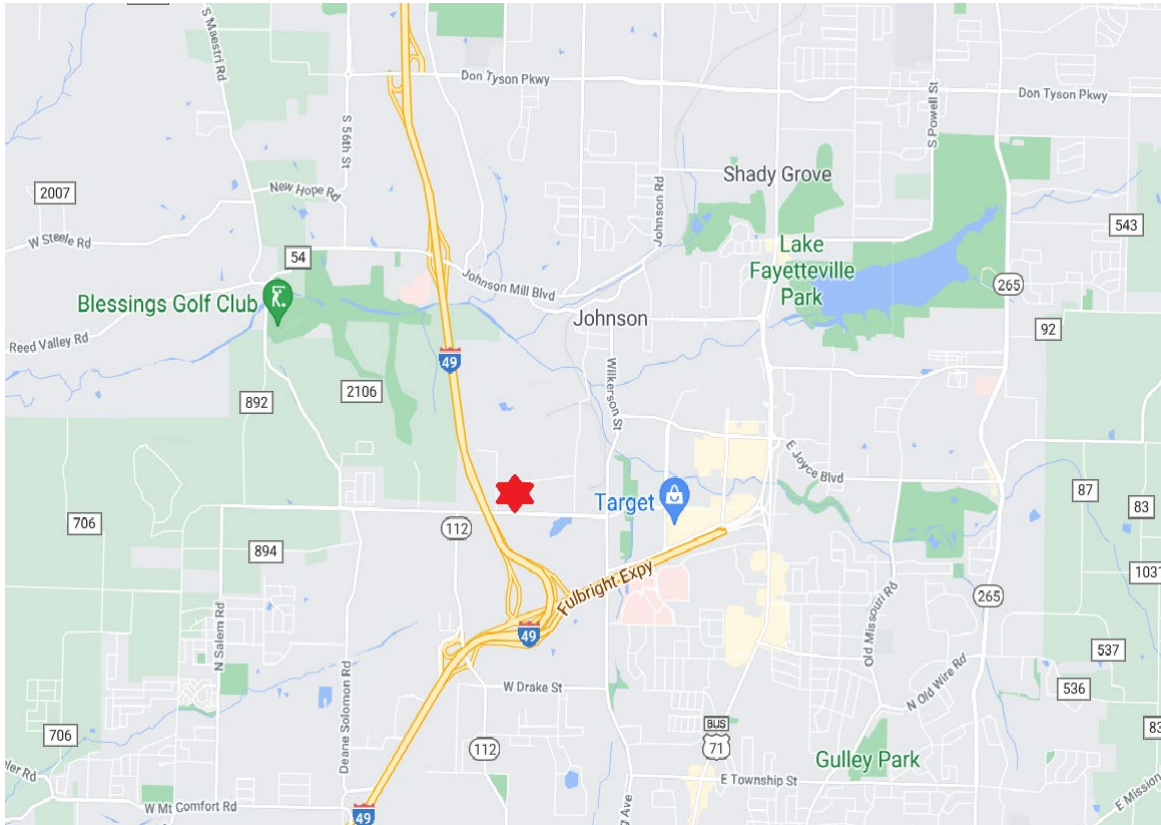
- 6 – LISA Springdale School (K- 8)
- 7 – LISA Rogers-Bentonville (K-12) to open Fall of 2022

VII- MAP of the Proposed Locations

LISA Academy-Fayetteville

Located on W. Van Asche & McGuire St.

Fayetteville AR, 72704



LISA Academy
Desegregation Analysis- Fayetteville Campus Amendment

LISA Academy (LISA) is seeking an amendment to its charter to add a campus in Fayetteville. The campus will be comprised of Grades K-5 in the 2023-2024 school year, with a maximum enrollment of 320 students. The campus proposes to add grade levels each school year, becoming a campus housing Grades K-12 in the 2029-2030 school year. LISA is asking for a 1,168 student increase in its system-wide enrollment cap (all for the Fayetteville campus), increasing its cap from the current 5,632 students to 6,800 students. The Fayetteville campus will be located within the boundaries of the Fayetteville School District, and as an open-enrollment public charter school unconfined by district boundaries, will likely obtain most of its students from within the boundaries of the Fayetteville (FSD), Springdale (SSD), Bentonville (BSD) and Rogers (RSD) School Districts. This analysis is provided to inform the decision making of the charter authorizer regarding the effect, if any, that the enrollment cap increase would have on the efforts of the FSD, SSD, BSD and the RSD to comply with court orders and statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools.

LISA, in this analysis, has carefully reviewed the potential impact that the opening of its new Fayetteville campus with a corresponding enrollment cap increase 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, LISA has found that none of the school districts listed above (FSD, SSD, BSD and RSD) are under any court orders concerning their desegregation obligations, and are therefore unitary in all respects of their school operations. Therefore, the enrollment cap increase due to LISA's proposed Fayetteville campus cannot be said to have a negative impact on the FSD, SSD, BSD, and the RSD's ability to comply with the districts' statutory obligations to create and maintain a unitary system of desegregated public schools.

According to the latest enrollment figures as maintained by the DESE Data Center, the FSD had a student population of 10,045 students; the SSD had a student population of 21,804 students; the BSD had a student population of 17,958 students, and the RSD had a student population of 15,327 students. LISA had a system-wide student population of 3,306 students. Of those 3,306 students, approximately 41.6% were African-American students; 27.2% were Hispanic students; 20.8% were Caucasian students, and 6.7% were Asian students. FSD's student population was comprised of approximately 66.2% Caucasian students; 12.4% Hispanic students; 9.8% African-American students, and 7.8% students of two (2) or more races. SSD's student population was comprised of approximately 48.1% Hispanic students; 32.6% Caucasian students, and 13.7% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander students. BSD's student population was comprised of approximately 71.1% Caucasian students; 11.7% Hispanic students; 7.7 % Asian students, and 4.7% students of two (2) or more races. RSD's student population was comprised of approximately 47.8% Hispanic students, and 43.1% Caucasian students. Ark. Code Ann. §6-23-106 also requires that LISA's operation of the charter school will not serve to hamper, delay or in any manner negatively affect the desegregation efforts of a public school district or districts within the state. LISA's careful review of the relevant statutes affecting the FSD, SSD, BSD and RSD, and the student populations of such districts, shows that such negative effect is not present here.

In conclusion, LISA 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 LISA's amendment request to add a campus in Fayetteville, and increase its enrollment cap due to the new campus from 5,632 students to 6,800 students.



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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LITTLE SCHOLARS OF
ARKANSAS FOUNDATION, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Little Scholars of Arkansas (LISA) Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors (Board) met in a special, open, and properly-called meeting on September 1, 2021, in Little Rock, Arkansas;

WHEREAS, a quorum was declared by the chair;

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed information from the administrators of LISA Academy concerning a proposed LISA Academy Fayetteville expansion application to be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Education for review and approval with said application asking the Arkansas Department of Education to approve LISA Academy Fayetteville expansion.

WHEREAS, the Board, upon due consideration and deliberation, hereby approves and adopts this Resolution for the purpose of opening LISA Academy Fayetteville; and

NOW THEREFORE, this Board hereby adopts this Resolution, and authorizes the Superintendent of LISA Academy to prepare and submit all necessary documentation for the signature of the Board's President; to submit said paperwork and this Resolution to the Department of Education for consideration and action by the Department's Charter Authorizing Panel; and to take all other necessary and proper action in order to effectuate the Board's Resolution.

Cynthia Dawson

Cynthia Dawson, President

Sept. 1, 2021

Date

OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES UTILIZATION AGREEMENT

Lessor(Owner): KLS Leasing II, LLC

Lessee(Tenant): LISA Academy Foundation

Any information regarding affiliation, family ties, or other relationships between the Lessor (Owner) and Lessee (Tenant) must be disclosed with the facilities lease agreement.

Describe the present use of the facility:

Open enrollment charter school

Address of Premises: W. Van Asche & S. McGuire St., Fayetteville, AR,
72704

Square Footage: around 47,000 sq. feet

Terms of Lease: July 31, 2023- December 21, 2028

Rental Amount: 12% of State and Categorical Fund

Contingency: The terms of this agreement are contingent upon

LISA Academy Foundation

Sponsoring Entity

receiving a charter to operate an open-enrollment public charter school approved by the authorizer by August of 2022

Statutory Language Concerning No Indebtedness:

No indebtedness of any kind incurred or created by the open-enrollment public charter school shall constitute an indebtedness of the State of Arkansas or its political subdivisions, and no indebtedness of the open-enrollment public charter school shall involve or be secured by the faith, credit, or taxing power of the state or its political subdivisions. An open-enrollment public charter school shall not incur any debt, including any lease, without the prior review and approval of the Commissioner of Education.

Lessee: LISA Academy Foundation

By:  Dr. Fatih Boyrek Date 8/24/2021 | 11:58:07 AM CDT

Lessor: KLS Leasing II, LLC

By:  Keri Ledbetter Date 8/24/2021 | 12:13:35 PM CDT