

# **NOTICE LETTER**



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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June 28, 2021

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Pleasant Plains, AR 72568

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Deputy  
Commissioner

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**Stacy Smith**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

Mr. Dennis Truxler, Superintendent  
White County Central Schools  
3529 Hwy 157  
Judsonia, AR 72081

**State Board of  
Education**

**Re: Appeal Under the Public School Choice Act-Corey Vines**

**Charisse Dean**  
*Little Rock*  
Chair

Everyone:

This letter is to notify you that the Arkansas State Board of Education is scheduled to hear the above-referenced appeal(s) on **Thursday, July 8, 2021**. The action item is set for the **10:00 a.m. agenda in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas.** Any additional materials any party chooses to submit should be provided to my office **no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, July 2, 2021.**

**Ouida Newton**  
Poyen  
Vice Chair

**The Arkansas State Board of Education has requested the parent, the non-resident district, and the resident district attend this meeting and be available for questions.**

**Susan Chambers**  
*Bella Vista*

**Dr. Fitz Hill**  
*Little Rock*

The above-referenced appeal(s) will be conducted pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the State Board by the Public School Choice Act and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Public School Choice Act. You may find copies of these references on the Arkansas Department of Education Website.

**Kathy McFetridge**  
*Springdale*

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact the Arkansas Department of Education's Legal Services Division at (501) 682-4585 should you require additional information.

**Dr. Sarah Moore**  
*Stuttgart*

**Steve Sutton**  
*Marion*

Sincerely,

**Adrienne Woods**  
*Rogers*

/s/Taylor Dugan

**Dr. Beth Anne Rankin**  
*Magnolia*

Taylor Dugan  
Staff Attorney  
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education  
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**APPEAL**

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June 10, 2021

Office of the Commissioner  
ATTN: Arkansas Public School Choice Act Appeals  
Four Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to formally request an appeal on the decision made by the Midland School District (Resident District) to deny my school choice application I submitted on behalf of my child, Corey Vines.

The School Choice Application was submitted to the non-resident District, White County Central School on April 9, 2021. On May 11, 2021 the Midland School District emailed their letter of his eligibility (enclosed) to White County Central. May 24, 2021 my child was notified by his baseball coach that his request had been approved verbally. On May 27, 2021 I received a letter from the White County Central School District that my child had been accepted to their district for enrollment. To date, I have not received any written letter from the Midland School district that our School Choice Application has been denied furthermore, revoked. To my knowledge, this a direct violation of the law regarding the 10-day notice of their District to our family regarding their decision.

I would like to request an appeal of the Midland School District's rejection of our application based on the following reasons:

1. Test scores: White County School District reports higher test scores than that of the Midland School District. This would promote a higher level of learning and overall level of knowledge for my child. As an educator, I feel that this is an absolute need for an opportunity for my child to succeed not only in the classroom, but outside as well.
2. Transportation: I am employed in the Riverview School District in Searcy, Arkansas. I pass by the White County School District every day and would be able to drop my child off and pick him up. There are no other licensed drivers in our household. Previously, while attending Midland School District he had to depend on teammates and their parents for transportation after school if he had practice. This often meant he did not attend extra-curricular activities because he was too embarrassed to ask. My campus is only 10 minutes from the White County School District so I can easily pick him up and it would

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also allow me to attend more of these activities. I am over 30 minutes away from the Midland campus and that created a major problem for us.

3. Friends: Corey's best friend will be attending White County School this year as well as several other good friends that he has played sports with over the years. This will allow more transportation options for him after school since these are families that we know well.
4. Work Schedule: as a coach, my schedule varies and my game nights can be long. I would feel more comfortable knowing that my child was closer to me and that I would have people that I know I can trust to help with his care. If there was an emergency for instance, I could be there much faster. My child has severe allergies as well as asthma and has needed urgent care in the past.

For all these reasons, I humbly ask that the decision of the Midland School District to deny the School Choice for my child be reversed and he would be allowed to attend the White County School District which is his school of choice for 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Camp". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Rebecca Camp  
Mother of Corey Vines

Enclosures

Cc: Dean Stanley, Superintendent, White County School District  
Bruce Bryant, Superintendent, Midland School District





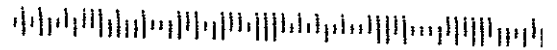
*White County Central School District*  
3259 Highway 157  
Judsonia, AR 72081

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27 MAY 2021 PM 3:00  
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Rebecca Camp



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May 27, 2021

The Board of Directors for White County Central School District accepted the School Choice Application you submitted for your child.

If you have questions, please call the numbers below:

Elementary K-4 <sup>th</sup> grade	501-729-4292 ext. 851
Jr. High 5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	501-729-0107 ext. 116
High School 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	501-729-3947 ext. 160

Donna Chandler  
Letter from Midland  
June 10, 2021 at 10:16 AM

Let me know when you get this and if you need anything else.

Thanks!

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**Donna Chandler**

Accounts Payable  
White County Central School District

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**C**hallenging students academically and socially to  
**C**reate productive, caring citizens

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**Midland School District**  
Office of the Superintendent

P.O. Box 630  
Pleasant Plains, AR 72568

741 Main Street  
(501) 345-8844  
(501) 345-2086 • Fax

May 11, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The students listed within this letter have met all the guidelines for the Public School Choice Act of 2015 and are eligible to attend within the White County Central School District if they choose to do so beginning in the 2021-2022 school year:

Corey Vines

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 501-345-8844 or 501-977-6215.

Sincerely,



Dr. Bruce Bryant  
Superintendent



# OTHER DOCUMENTS

# APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER

(Deadline for submission is May 1, unless the student is eligible for School Choice for Military Families)

## TYPE OF SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER REQUESTED

Public School Choice Act of 2015

Opportunity School Choice Act

**NOTE:** Applications for the Public School Choice Act of 2015 must be sent to the resident and nonresident districts. Applications for the Opportunity School Choice Act must be sent to the resident district, the nonresident district, and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

*If you are unsure which type of school choice best applies, please review the FAQ following this form for information about the different types of school choice that may be available to your student.*

## SIBLING INFORMATION

If applying for a transfer under the Public School Choice Act, does the applicant have a sibling or step-sibling already attending the nonresident district listed in this application pursuant to the Public School Choice Act? If so, please list:

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: Corey Vines

Grade: 9

Student Date of Birth: 10/11/05

Gender: Male  Female

Is the applicant currently expelled?

Yes  No

## MILITARY FAMILY INFORMATION

Does the applicant have a parent or guardian who is an active-duty member of the military who has been transferred to and resides on a military base? If so, please state the date of the parent's or guardian's arrival on the military base:

**NOTE:** In order to take advantage of school choice options available to military families who have recently transferred to a military base, you must submit military transfer orders and proof of residency on the military base to the resident and nonresident school districts.

## RACE OR ETHNIC ORIGIN (CHECK ONE)

*This information is collected for data reporting purposes only, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §6-18-227(f)(2)(B).*

2 or More Races

Asian

African-American

Hispanic

Native American/  
Native Alaskan

Native Hawaiian/  
Pacific Islander

White

**RESIDENT SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OF APPLICANT**

District and School Name:

County Name:

Midland School

~~White~~ Independence

Address:

741 Main St

Pleasant Plains AR 72568

Phone:

501-345-8844

**NONRESIDENT SCHOOL/SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICANT WISHES TO ATTEND**

District and School Name:

County Name:

White County Central

White

Address:

3259 Hwy 157

Judsonia, AR 72081

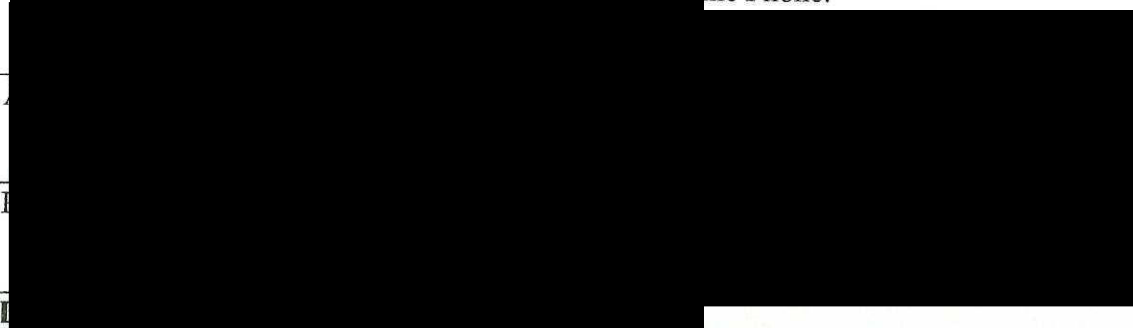
Phone:

501-729-3992

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Name:

Home Phone:



Date and Time Received by Nonresident District:

4-9-21 11:00 a.m. JC

Date and Time Received by Resident District:

Resident District LEA #:

Nonresident District LEA#:

7304

Student's State Identification #:

Application:

Accepted

Rejected

Reason for Rejection (If Applicable):

Date Notification Sent to Resident District and Parent/Guardian of Applicant:

emailed 4-9-21

← 5-27-21