

Garfield Scholars' Academy

**Charter Amendment Request
For 2024-25 School Year**



Waive requirement for a certified school counselor

**Standards of Accreditation 4-E.1 & 4-E.2
And Section 3.01.1.1 of the DESE Rules
Governing School Counseling
Programs.**

RATIONALE:

- ❖ Fully licensed school counselors are difficult to find in this area.
- ❖ We are a small charter school and are unable to pay a licensed professional full-time in this role.

ASSURANCES:

- ❖ All teachers and staff will follow the school's Comprehensive School Counseling Plan.
- ❖ There are a great many mental health and counseling referral resources in NWA that we can access for student support.

Our Ideal Candidate Will:

- Have a Bachelor's or higher degree in a field related to school counseling.
- Be actively working toward a licensure or certification in School Counseling
- Be trained in School Threat Assessment Protocols necessary to identify and respond to bullying, suicide, and threat to others.
- Complete a background check