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*Amendment Request*

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# RESPONSIVE EDUCATION SOLUTIONS, INC.

**Founded in 1999**

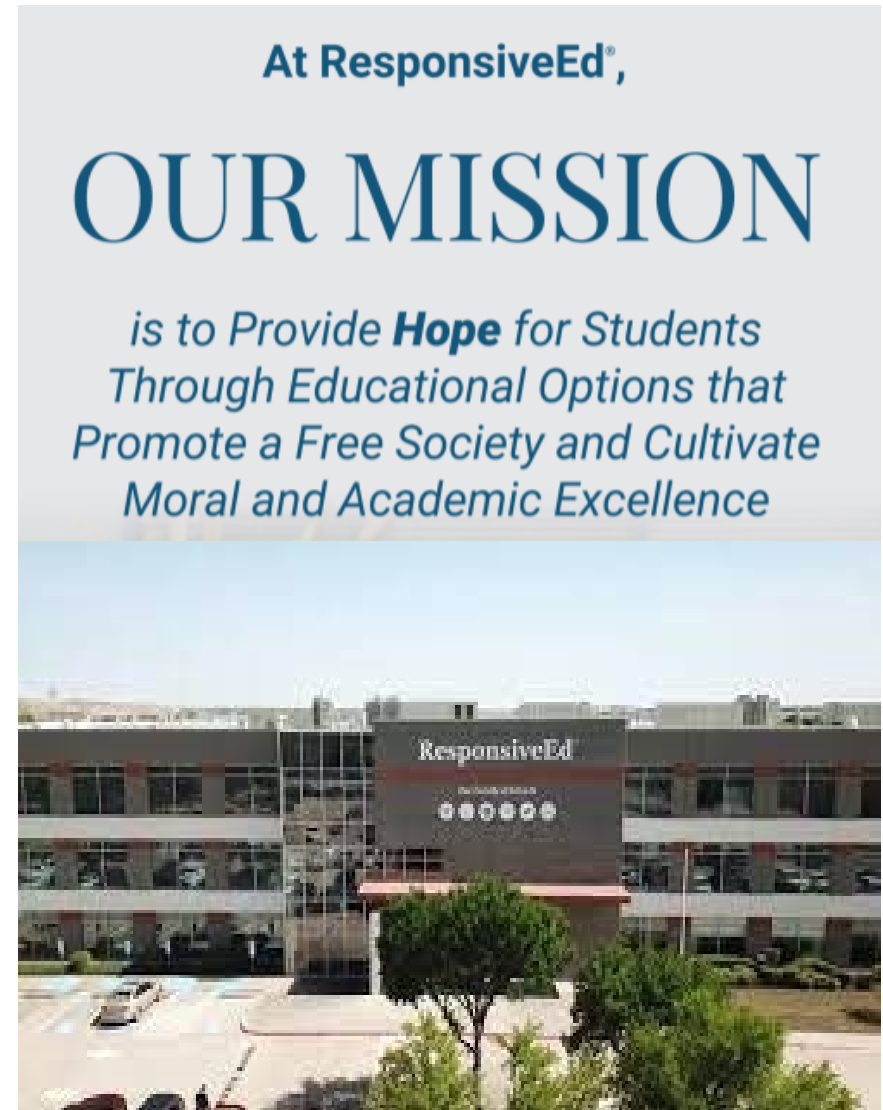
**Operates more than 90  
schools across the  
country**

**6 School Brands**

**22,000+ Graduates**

**22,000+ Students**

**3,000+ Employees**



# Amendment Request Overview



- 1) **Expansion LEA:** PHS of Arkansas is seeking to add a virtual school to the district for grades 9-12 for 22-23 SY.
- 1) To increase the district enrollment cap by 250 students **(675) to (875) students** to reflect additional virtual LEA.



# Premier High Schools in Arkansas

## Current Locations

PHS Little Rock

PHS North Little Rock

PHS Springdale

PHS Fort Smith

PHS Texarkana

*Arkansas*



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# Arkansas Impact- Premier High Schools

**PHS Little Rock: Open 2013**

**PHS North Little Rock: Open 2019**

**PHS Springdale: Open 2021**

*Currently serving over 350 students across Arkansas*

**144** Arkansas High School Diplomas Awarded

**71** Dropout Recovery Graduates

**17** Early Graduates

**15** Teen Parent Graduates

**43** College Hours Earned

**85** Graduates enrolled in a college, military, or postsecondary institution upon graduation



# Premier High Schools Awards & Recognition

In 2021, PHS of North Little Rock received the Univ of AR OEP "Beating the Odds" awards: Statewide ELA Growth: High School Level/High ELA Growth: High School Level (Central Region)

In 2018, Premier High School of Little Rock was recognized by Secretary Johnny Key & Gov. Asa Hutchinson for participation in the Inaugural Class of PLC schools in the state of Arkansas.

In 2016, Premier High School of Little Rock was recognized by the AR Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) for “best practices” in Personalized Learning among charter schools.





# Premier Online

Responsive Education Solutions is seeking to add an additional campus to Premier High Schools of Arkansas charter for the 2022-2023 SY.

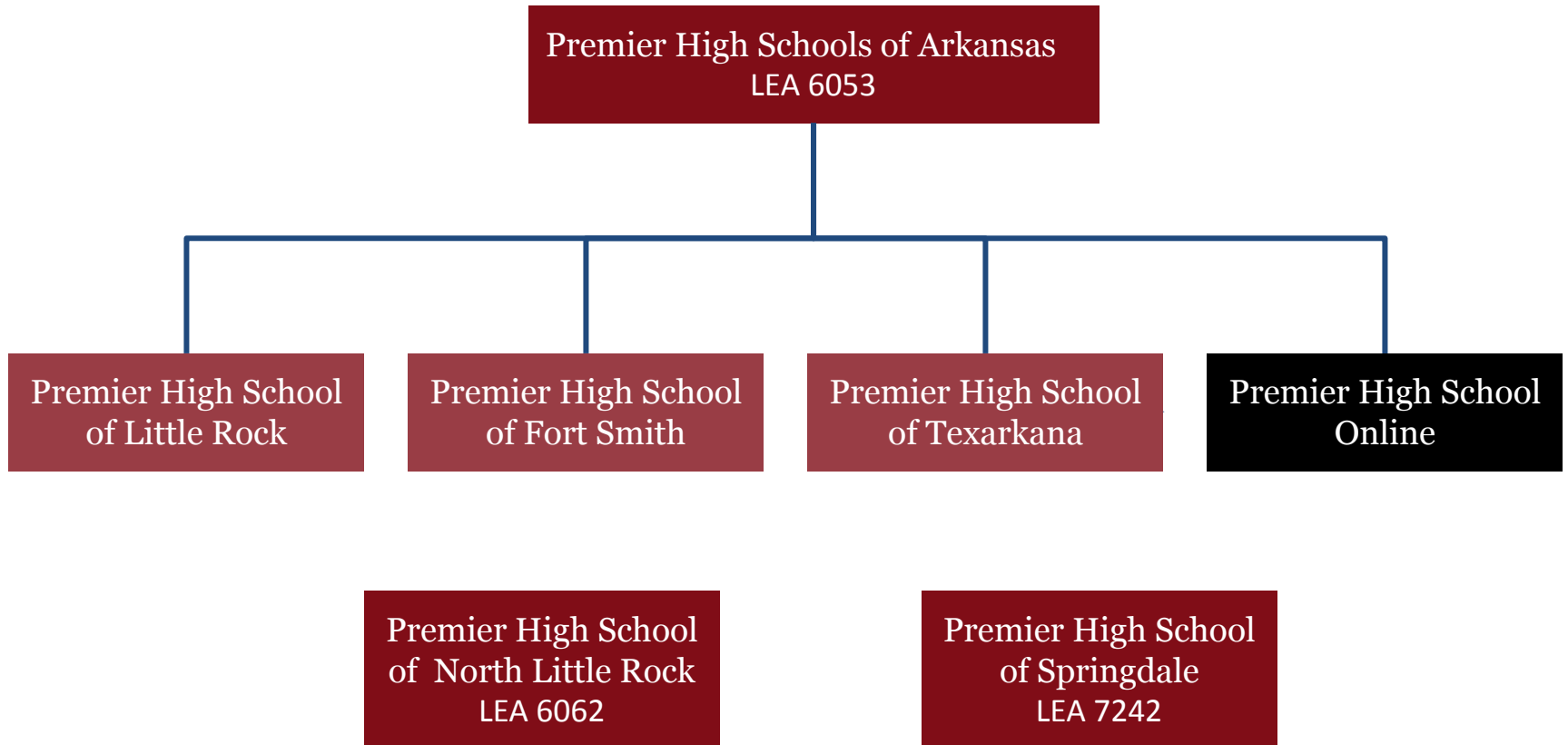
The new campus, Premier Online, will serve as a virtual campus for PHS students across the state of Arkansas.

Campus Enrollment Cap: 250





# District Structure



# Why Virtual?

To provide students across the state with a high quality personalized virtual education that includes best digital learning practices and adequate wraparound support on their journey to high school graduation and further higher education.

Premier High Schools offer unique virtual learning experience for students through a personalized learning environment.

The goal of a virtual school will be to enable the program to expand its mission and impact across Arkansas while keeping its personalized focus.



# Purpose of Premier Online

- 1) Provide an innovative virtual academic program to Arkansas communities that provides an unique educational opportunity with an emphasis on educationally disengaged students.
- 2) Decrease the dropout rate and increase the graduation rate in Arkansas communities where educationally disadvantaged students are a concern.
- 3) To be responsive to parent and student flexibility
- 4) Replicate best practices in “personalized learning” in Arkansas to increase program capacity and accessibility.

# Premier Online Enrollment Breakdown

<b>Geographic Region</b>	<b>22-23 SY</b>	<b>23-24 SY</b>	<b>24-25 SY</b>
<b>Northwest AR</b>	40	45	50
<b>Northeast AR</b>	40	45	50
<b>Central AR</b>	75	80	85
<b>Southern AR</b>	20	25	30
<b>Rural</b>	20	25	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>245</b>

# Enrollment Breakdown by LEA

LEA	Enrollment Cap
Little Rock	250
Fort Smith	300
Texarkana	75
Premier Online	250

CURRENT ENROLLMENT
Little Rock- 141
North Little Rock- 161
Springdale- 84

Campus	21-22 Virtual or Hybrid Option Enrollment
Little Rock	67.0
North Little Rock	55.0
Springdale	18.0
Total	140.0



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# Demand for Virtual Learning

Over the past three years, Premier High Schools across the state have seen an increase in demand in students choosing virtual option.

Over **130** students in PHS across the state requested virtual or hybrid instruction for the 2021-2022 SY.

In order to continue to provide students with a high quality virtual learning experience and streamline support, resources, staffing, and services, the district is seeking to house all of these students under one (1) local education agency (LEA).

**5 Digital Learning Programs > 1 Virtual Campus**



# Demand for Virtual Learning

**36%** of charter school enrollment in the state of AR is represented by virtual charter schools. (Over 8,000 students)

The state of Arkansas has seen an **51%** increase in enrollment in virtual charter schools over the past three (3) school years. 18-19: **4,071**    21-22: **8,300**

Over **8,000** students choose virtual charter school during 20-21 SY.





# Demand for Virtual Learning

Online Schools Are Here to Stay, Even After the Pandemic

There will always be a significant percentage of parents and students who prefer virtual school option.

*The two (2) largest charter systems in the state of AR are virtual charter schools.*



# What We Have Learned?

Students can learn at through a myriad of instructional options. This can be face to face onsite instruction or virtual, going back and re-reading, watching tutorials, or accelerating through concepts as they choose.

The professional development and instructional support is differentiated from traditional method of instruction.

Mutual **ACCOUNTABILITY**, **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION**, and **FLEXIBILITY** are essential to student outcomes.

“Virtual education is not a one size fits all, it must be **PERSONALIZED!**”



# Results from Virtual Learning

Increase in attendance

Increase in student engagement

Flexibility for students  
who are full-time  
employees and/or  
parents

Access to Real Time Data



# OUR MISSION

is to provide **hope** for students through a **caring, mastery-based, blended learning** option, that promotes a free society and cultivate **moral and academic excellence.**



# WHO WE WILL SERVE?

- Students seeking a smaller, personalized virtual learning environment
- Disengaged Student
- Students who have or “at-risk” of dropping out of high school
- Employed Student
- Parent Student



# Benefits to Students

- Highly trained instructional team specializing in online teaching and learning
- Programs and engagement activities designed specifically for the online environment
- Flexibility for the online environment
- Provides options in locations that previously would not have access to a Premier High School.
- Accessibility to course material and, highly qualified support.



# Enhancements to Staff



Highly specialized in  
online instruction  
(The NSQ/QM National  
Standards for  
Quality Online Teaching)

Virtual PLC (Best  
Practices)

Virtual Job Embedded  
Coaching & Instructional  
Support



# ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION



Tracking student data of  
virtual students vs.  
traditional  
(accountability/data driven  
decision)

Streamline personnel and  
resources to LEA

Virtual Teacher  
Observations & Feedback  
Data Analysis of student  
outcomes (ie.e attendance,  
state assessments, local  
assessments)

# A DAY IN THE SHOES OF A VIRTUAL STUDENT

- Character Education
- Goal Setting/ Learning Facilitator Check-In
- Academic Advising
- Tutorial Session
- College/Career Advising
- Independent Study
- Project Based Learning
- Employment/Internship/IBC/CTE Program



# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

**Administrator**

**College & Career Advising**

**Learning Mentor**

**Student Technology Loaner Program**

**Learning Facilitator/Managing Instructor**

**Student Success Center**



# POTENTIAL SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## Partners

- NSQ Institute
- AR Virtual Academy
- AR Connections Academy
- FCA Online
- ISVA
- Bright Thinker
- Virtual Arkansas



Virtual Learning Leadership Alliance, and Digital Learning Collaborative



# NATIONAL & STATE SUPPORT

**National Director of Virtual Learning**

**Virtual Systems Administrator**

**State Director of Virtual Learning**

**Virtual Campus Administrator**

**District Support Staff**

**ResponsiveEd<sup>®</sup>**

ARKANSAS



# ResponsiveEd AR PREMIER GRADUATES



Inaugural Graduating  
Class: **10** graduates  
(2014)

Anticipate over **60** high  
school diplomas to be  
awarded this year

More than **140** AR  
Premier graduates to date

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# WAIVERS

*All waivers requested currently exist in all the other current other Premier High School Charters.*

*All “new” additional waivers outside of existing waivers are requested only only due to the lack of a physical building for the virtual campus.*

*These waivers will only be applicable to the virtual campus to meet AR DESE Standards of Accreditation.*



# Premier High School



“Where the success of our students matter the most”

“Aiming to be responsive to the needs of the Arkansas communities”

# Questions?



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