

# LISA Academy Background

SPONSORING ENTITY: LITTLE SCHOLARS OF ARKANSAS FOUNDATION  
LEA # 6041700

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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It is the mission of LISA Academy to provide an academically rigorous college preparatory program, in partnership with students, families, and the community, and guide all students in gaining knowledge, skills, and the attitude necessary to direct their lives, improve a diverse society, and excel in a changing world by providing dynamic, resource-rich learning environments.

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## CHARTER BACKGROUND TIMELINE

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Authorized	January 12, 2004	(LISA Academy)
	November 5, 2007	(LISA Academy- North Little Rock)
Contract Expiration	June 30, 2030	

### State Board

#### Application Hearing

January 12, 2004

Board approved the application

### State Board

#### Renewal Request - LISA Academy

April 9, 2007

Charter renewed for five years

Amendment approved to increase enrollment from 450 to 600

### State Board

#### Amendment Request Considered and DENIED

April 11, 2011

LISA Academy - add grades 4 and 5, increase enrollment by 200

### State Board

#### Renewal Request - LISA Academy

April 9, 2012

Charter renewed for five years

Amendment approved to increase enrollment from 600 to 800

### State Board

#### Renewal Request - LISA Academy North Little Rock

March 11, 2013

Charter renewed for five years

### State Board

#### Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

January 15, 2014

Merge LISA Academy and LISA Academy North Little Rock with combined enrollment of 1,500

**Charter Authorizing Panel**  
**Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED** February 19, 2016  
Add a new K-6 campus in West Little Rock  
Increase enrollment from 1,500 to 2,100  
Change grade levels at existing LISA West campus to 7-12

**State Board**  
**Consideration of Panel Decision** March 10, 2016  
Board voted to review the Panel's February 19, 2016 decision

**State Board**  
**Amendment Request Review** March 31, 2016  
Board voted to affirm the Panel's February 19, 2016 decision

**Charter Authorizing Panel**  
**Renewal Request** December 15, 2016  
Charter renewed for thirteen years  
Waiver rescinded for ADE Rules Governing Parental Notification of an Assignment of a Non-Licensed Teacher to Teach a Class for More than Thirty (30) Consecutive Days and for Granting Waivers  
Waivers granted for the following:  
6-17-812  
6-25-103  
6-25-104  
Standards for Accreditation  
10.02.5  
14.03  
16.02.3  
16.02.4

**State Board**  
**Consideration of Panel Decision** January 12, 2017  
Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

**Charter Authorizing Panel**  
**Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED** February 15, 2018  
Add a new campus to LISA North Little Rock  
Increase enrollment to 2,700  
Waiver of 6-10-106

**State Board**  
**Consideration of Panel Decision** March 8, 2018  
Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

**Charter Authorizing Panel**  
**Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED** October 18, 2018  
Transition to new Standards for Accreditation

**State Board**

**Consideration of Panel Decision**

November 8, 2018

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

**Charter Authorizing Panel**

**Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED**

February 25, 2019

Merge Ozark Montessori Academy into LISA Academy charter as LISA Academy Springdale

Increase enrollment from 2,700 to 3,000

Additional waivers

6-21-117

6-16-105

6-16-106

6-23-908(a)(4)(B)

Standards for Accreditation:

4-C.1

4-C.2

4-B.1

4-B.2

**Charter Authorizing Panel**

**Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED**

February 25, 2019

Waiver of ADE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load

**State Board**

**Consideration of Panel Decision**

March 14, 2019

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

**Charter Authorizing Panel**

**Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED**

October 15, 2019

Merge Little Rock Preparatory into LISA Academy effective 2020-2021 school year

Increase enrollment cap by 432

Waiver of 6-18-2003(a)(1)(A)(B)

Rename schools and reconfigure grades served at certain schools

**State Board**

**Consideration of Panel Decision**

November 14, 2019

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

**Charter Authorizing Panel**

**Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED**

April 14, 2020

Add a new campus in Rogers to open in 2022

Increase enrollment by 950 to a total of 4,382

**State Board**

**Consideration of Panel Decision**

May 14, 2020

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision