

CHARTER APPLICATION REQUEST FOR WAIVERS

Charter Applicant: Newman Virtual Academy of Arkansas

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Waiver Topic #1	Typical School Day/ Minimum Clock Hours/ Competency
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§§ 6-16-102 (a)(5) (School Day recess) 6-15-216 (120 clock hours)
Standard for Accreditation	1-A.4.2 (6 Hour Day) 1-A.2 (Seat Time) 1-A.4.3 (recess)
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	<p>The purpose of this waiver is to enhance student learning opportunities and promote innovation with flexibility in awarding course credit, use of seat time, and recess in a virtual school setting. Newman seeks a waiver from the requirement in the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts that units of credit be awarded for a minimum number of clock hours. Newman seeks to award units of high school course credit based on a demonstration of subject matter competency instead of, or in combination with, completing hours of classroom instruction and will record demonstrated subject matter competency on high school transcripts.</p> <p>Students will work at the pace needed to complete the courses. Individual needs can be met by students pacing their learning and/or accelerating as needed. Students will also have the ability to work outside the normal Monday-Friday school week. Credit will be awarded based on subject matter competency. Mentor teachers monitor students' progress on a weekly basis to make sure they are meeting goals. Teachers will work with parents and students to help ensure success in the program. This waiver helps support our goal of flexibility.</p> <p>Since Newman is virtual, a waiver of the at least forty (40) minutes of instructional time per school day that shall be used for recess during the school day is also requested. Recess time is in the suggested schedule</p>

	for students, but flexibility can be at the parent's discretion as well as what activities constitute "recess time".
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Waiver Topic #2	Mandatory Attendance
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§ 6-18-213 (a) (2)
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	<p>The request is to waive the requirement of the basic record, showing the daily attendance and absence of each student for the school year.</p> <p>Newman Virtual Academy students will have the opportunity to self-pace and to work each day of the week. Course completion will validate students' effort and will be monitored by teachers and mentors. We are seeking this waiver for attendance, not graduation requirements. Teacher mentors will update a weekly tracker of student progress, and if students are falling behind, contact will be made with family. This waiver helps support our goal of flexibility.</p> <p>Student progress is monitored daily. If a student is falling behind, teachers will work with the student and family to address academic achievement until the student is back on track</p>

Waiver Topic #3	Flags/Period of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§§ 6-10-115 (Period of Silence) 6-16-108 (Recitation of Pledge of Allegiance) 6-16-105 (US Flag) 6-16-106 (AR Flag)
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	

Rationale for Waiver	<p>The purpose of this request is to waive the requirements, within a virtual school setting, that our public school shall observe a one-minute period of silence at the beginning of school each school day, provide a time to recite the pledge without compulsion, or expend funds and provide American and Arkansas flags and/or flagpoles although fiercely patriotic in our mission.</p> <p>American and State flags will be displayed in our drop in centers. Since Newman Virtual Academy is an online learning environment, the period of silence and recitation of the pledge of allegiance will be impossible to monitor.</p> <p>Time will be allotted for these activities in the suggested schedule. Families will be encouraged to post flags in their learning space. This waiver helps support our goal of flexibility.</p>
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Waiver Topic #4	Teacher Licensure
Arkansas Code Annotated	<p>Ark. Code Ann.§§ 6-15-1004 Qualified Teachers in every Classroom 6-17-309 Licensure Waiver 6-17-401 Teacher License 6-17-902 Definitions 6-17-919 Warrants Void Without Valid Certificates and Contracts</p>
Standard for Accreditation	4-D.1
ADE Rules	Licensure- Educator Licensure -Section 7
Rationale for Waiver	<p>Newman Virtual Academy will hire Arkansas licensed teachers except in cases where a teacher cannot be found. Newman Virtual Academy will contact a curriculum provider to employ teachers that are licensed in the state of residence. This waiver will help to increase student achievement by providing students with a full catalog of courses to help meet student success plans.</p> <p>Newman Virtual Academy will comply with Arkansas Qualified Teacher requirements as applicable. Newman Virtual Academy is aware that special</p>

	<p>education services must be taught by a licensed special education teacher. Teachers will all be required to successfully complete criminal background and Child Maltreatment Registry checks. Newman Virtual Academy requests the flexibility to make timely personnel decisions to meet the needs of online students. All efforts will be made to support teachers to be successful in the virtual learning environment.</p> <p>Waiver in Section 7 of the Educator Licensure Rules will only be necessary if we choose to utilize certified teachers to teach in an area outside of their areas of certification</p>
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Waiver Topic #5	Class Size and Teaching Load
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§ 6-17-812
Standard for Accreditation	1-A.5 Class Size 1-A.6 Teaching Load
ADE Rules	DESE Rule Governing Class Size and Teaching Load - Sections 3 & 4
Rationale for Waiver	In Newman Virtual Academy, teachers will instruct students using an Arkansas DESE approved digital learning provider. Through personalized learning, teachers can provide quality instruction to a larger group of students. Newman Virtual Academy recognizes that class size requirements cannot be waived for special education courses. Transition to new standards of waiver granted 11/17/15. K-5 Teachers - 50:1 student/teacher ratio;

Waiver Topic #6	Food Services- Breakfast Program and School Lunch Program
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§§ 6-18-705 6-20-701 et seq.
Standard for Accreditation	3-D.1
ADE Rules	DESE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity and Body Mass Index for Age Assessment Protocols in Arkansas Public Schools, Section 5.02, 12.00

Rationale for Waiver	<p>Newman Virtual Academy will follow all federal food service requirements. Newman requests a waiver from the rule that if forty percent (40%) or more of the students enrolled in the preceding school year were eligible for free or reduced-price meals Newman shall establish a school breakfast program. This will not apply as students will not be physically present on campus to eat breakfast or lunch, and thus meals and monitoring reports will not be necessary. Support for choosing healthy meals in collaboration with the Learning Coach that support a healthy BMI will be offered through health and guidance programming.</p>
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Waiver Topic #7	Library Media Services & Specialists
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§§ 6-25-104 6-25-103
Standard for Accreditation	2-D.1 4-F.1 4-F.2
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	<p>The purpose of this waiver is to waive a traditional library media services program and licensure requirements that the modified library media services program be delivered by a library media specialist under time and class size constraints. Various professionals will provide programming and resources available to stakeholders such as identifying, locating, and interpreting information, providing opportunities related to new technologies, supporting curriculum development and assessment projects, providing professional development in appropriate use of technologies and electronic retrieval systems.</p> <p>We request a waiver of the requirement that only trained and certified library media services program personnel shall be assigned to carry out duties of the library media specialist. Professionals will maintain library media materials for students and assist students in obtaining/using them.</p>

	Newman Virtual Academy will offer creative programming to support delivery of library media services. This waiver will allow for atypical pathways to providing mandated programming that runs parallel with other developmental, educational, social-emotional, career prep, capstone, etc. developmental efforts that build whole students that graduate with holistic plans and preparation
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Waiver Topic #8	Teacher and Classified Employee Minimum Salary
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§§ 6-17-2201 et seq 6-17-2401 et. Seq, 6-17-2403 (a)(1)(C)
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	

Rationale for Waiver	<p>The purpose of this waiver is to allow Newman to increase equitable access to effective teacher teams for students. Waiver of the “Classified School Employee Minimum Salary Act” is requested. Newman will meet minimum teacher salary requirements. A “teacher” might not be a full-time employee of the school district and may not be compelled by law to secure a license from the State Board of Education in Arkansas. Furthermore, all warrants issued in payment of teachers' salaries would not be voided if the teacher is not licensed to teach in the State of Arkansas by a license issued by the State Board of Education; or substitute teacher employed under § 6-15-1004 and rules of the State Board of Education. Teachers will be employed with a written contract. Teaching teams can include partnering of a classified employee to support on a team and minimum salary requirements may be altered to meet job demands.</p> <p>Newman Virtual Academy requests the opportunity to recruit and retain the highest quality staff possible at a</p>
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	<p>fair market price that matches the demands and flexibility of the virtual school setting. Each position will have the requisite skills and experience and be held accountable for academic and other district outcomes as described in their job description. Flexibility may fall into areas such as out-of-state certification, partial FTE salaries, payment for course load versus salary, flexible schedule in contract period, daily work hours, etc. to provide flexibility for successful management of the virtual school environment.</p>
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Waiver Topic #9	Principal
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-302
Standard for Accreditation	4-C.1 4-C.2

ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	<p>Newman requests to waive Principal licensure requirements in order to recruit and retain the highest quality principal possible at a fair market price that matches the demands and flexibility of the virtual school setting. Each principal will have the requisite skills and experience and be held accountable for academic and other campus outcomes as outlined in their job description. Flexibility may fall into areas such as out-of-state certification, partial FTE salaries, flexible contract period and daily/weekly work schedules, etc. to provide proper flexibility for successful management of the virtual school environment. Newman board of directors will have the opportunity to employ through written contract public school principals who can hold valid supervisory or administrative licenses in the United States and who shall supervise the operation and management of the school assuming administrative responsibility and instructional leadership. Newman also seeks flexibility to employ at least a half-time principal or a full-time principal. This role will be determined by organizational chart needs and the role of the Superintendent and other staff in meeting the needs of students.</p>

Waiver Topic #10	Text Books
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§§ 6-21-413
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	DESE Rule Instructional Materials (5.01)
Rationale for Waiver	The purpose of this waiver is to allow for selection of instructional materials outside of a selection committee composed of a majority of licensed personnel, which shall include classroom teachers. Newman Virtual Academy will have the opportunity to work from a variety of curriculum materials that meet state standards. When state textbooks are the most appropriate material, Newman can select them for use. This waiver helps support our goal of flexibility and innovation in delivery of the required curricular standards of the state.

Waiver Topic #11	Salaries
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§§ 6-17-902 6-17-908 6-17-919
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	The purpose of this waiver is to secure flexibility for teacher salaries, status, and licensure. In flexibility with this subchapter, "teacher" could include a full-time employee of a school district who is compelled by law to secure a license from the State Board of Education. A waiver of warrants or checks in payment of salaries of teachers; contributions to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System; and Insurance or other fringe benefits for teachers is requested as needed. Newman Virtual Academy requests the opportunity to recruit and retain the highest quality teachers possible for the flexibility of the virtual school setting.

Waiver Topic #12	Gifted and Talented
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-42-109 6-20-2208(c)(6)
Standard for Accreditation	2-G.1
ADE Rules	DESE Rule-Gifted and Talented Program Approval Standards
Rationale for Waiver	<p>The purpose is to waive the annual expenditures percentage where Newman is required to expend state and local revenues on Gifted and Talented Programs in an amount equal to fifteen percent and the annual reporting requirements as allowable for this virtual charter school.</p> <p>These waivers also seek to establish flexibility with meeting the minimum standards for approval of gifted programs within the requirements of community involvement, staff development, personnel, identification, program options, curriculum, and evaluation to match the virtual school setting and Learning Coach model.</p> <p>Newman Virtual School will meet the nature and needs of gifted students through various innovative methods embedded within our digital curriculum, co-curricular courses, teaching strategies, advancement paths, and wide variety of course path sequences that can be accelerated to meet interests and needs of gifted and talented students at their level of development and achievement.</p>

Waiver Topic #13	Board of Directors – Vacancies/Elections
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-13-612(c) 6-13-619(c) 6-13-630 6-13-615 6-14-101 et seq. 6-13-608 6-13-619(c)(1)(A) 6-13-619(d)(4) 6-13-620(5)(A) 6-13-634 6-13-613

Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	<p>Should a member of the Board of Directors be removed due to a felony conviction, the vacancy on the board due to a conviction of a felony shall be filled., however a waiver of the timelines and election process is requested. The officers will vote by a majority to replace the vacated director position.</p> <p>The purpose of this waiver is to address attendance when a member announces a conflict of interest with regard to the issue, the member may remain in the virtual meeting until the voting on the issue is concluded, and the member who abstains from voting thereby shall not be counted as having voted.</p> <p>The purpose of this waiver is to waive the requirement that the board of directors of any school district shall have the authority to provide by resolution adopted by a majority vote that a portion of the board members shall be elected by zone, at large, or a combination thereof. The directors of Newman are not elected to but appointed without regard to zone or at large zones.</p> <p>The purpose of this waiver is to waive the requirement that qualified electors of a school district may, by petition, be placed on the ballot of any annual school election to determine whether to elect the school district board of directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) From single-member zones; (B) At large; or (C) A combination of single-member zones and at large. <p>The directors of Newman are not elected to but appointed without regard to zone or at large zones. The purpose of this waiver is to waive the requirement that general election laws shall apply to school elections. Board members will be appointed.</p> <p>The purpose of this waiver is to waive the requirement that members of a school district board of directors shall be elected to a term of office of not less than three (3) years nor more than five (5) years in length. Board members will be appointed and can serve longer terms if effective in service to build an effective virtual school system.</p>

Arkansas Code states that a board member must be present at a meeting to be counted as part of a quorum or to vote. This waiver requests that virtual participation is allowable to reach quorum.

The purpose of this waiver is to adjust powers and duties of a school district's board of directors in Arkansas for a virtual school district. The board is responsible for providing an efficient, suitable, and general system of free public schools. Some of their duties include:

- *Attending meetings (Virtually)*
- Determining the school district's mission and direction
- Following state and federal laws
- Enacting, enforcing, and following school district policies
- Employing staff
- Understanding and overseeing school district finances
- Reviewing, adopting, and publishing the school district's budget
- *Entering into contracts for goods and services*
- *Buying, selling, renting, and leasing real and personal property (adjusted)*
- Receiving, reviewing, and approving annual financial audit reports
- Presenting the annual financial audit reports to the public
- *Ensuring that necessary facilities are built, furnished, and maintained (adjusted)*
- *Ensuring that all district properties are managed and maintained (adjusted)*

The purpose of this waiver is for Newman to have flexibility with regards to the size of the board of directors to range from four (4) to seven (7) members as determined best to meet the governance needs of the virtual school system.

The purpose of this waiver is to have flexible treatment in the filling of temporary vacancies for directors who have entered the services of the United States Armed Forces or its allies.

The purpose of this waiver is to extend the timeline of 30 days and the residency rules should a vacancy

	<p>occur on the school district board of directors. The vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of an individual who is a qualified elector but they may not reside in the same zone. Rules for attending meetings as a criteria for removal are adjusted to virtual meeting attendance.</p>
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Waiver Topic #14	Board of Directors – Attend Meeting Remotely
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§§ 6-13-619(d)(2) 6-13-619(d)(3)
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	<p>This waiver addresses the board of directors adopting a policy permitting a member of the board of directors who is unable to be physically present at a meeting to attend the meeting virtually. Since Newman is a virtual school spanning the entire state, a representative board could also span the entire state geographically. Where travel is prohibitive, board members can participate virtually for each meeting during the calendar year to establish a quorum. This is in line with the nature or learning in the virtual school, we understand remote exchanges are effective and efficient. As part of legal procedures, remote members can give sworn statements to their confidentiality during executive session.</p>

Waiver Topic #15	Acquisition of Commodities - Reimbursement for Classroom Activities
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§ 6-21-303(b)(1)(A)
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	

Rationale for Waiver	<p>The purpose of this waiver is to adjust the rule that each school district, according to its established reimbursement policy, shall provide to each prekindergarten through sixth grade (preK-6) teacher in each fiscal year for use by that teacher in his or her classroom or for class activities the greater of (i) Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per student enrolled in the teacher's class for more than fifty percent (50%) of the school day at the end of the first three (3) months of the school year; or (ii) Five hundred dollars (\$500) for the teacher to apply toward the purchase of related commodities. Virtual teachers' resource needs vary from those of traditional teacher classrooms.</p>
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Waiver Topic #16	Alternative Learning Environment
Arkansas Code Annotated	<p>Ark. Code Ann. § 6-48-103 6-18-503(a)(1)(C)(i) 6-15-1005(b)(5)(A) 6-48-102</p>
Standard for Accreditation	2-I.1
ADE Rules	DESE Rule – Student Special Needs Funding
Rationale for Waiver	<p>The request is to waive the school district requirement that if the district authorizes use of corporal punishment in its discipline policy it shall include provisions for administration of the punishment. Students attend virtually and will not receive physical discipline as they are not physically present.</p> <p>The purpose is to waive the requirement to assess a student either before or upon entry into the alternative learning environment; and provide intervention services designed to address a student's specific educational needs. Students in Newman virtual school will not be assigned to an alternative learning environment for behavioral reasons.</p> <p>The request is to waive the school district requirement that if the district authorizes use of corporal punishment in its discipline policy it shall include provisions for administration of the punishment. Students attend</p>

	<p>virtually and will not receive physical discipline as they are not physically present.</p> <p>Newman requests a waiver from providing safe and functional facilities that meet existing state and federal requirements and are designed and structured to support learning. Schooling at Newman is offered in a virtual setting.</p> <p>The purpose is to waive the district requirement to provide alternative learning environments for all students who meet the minimum criteria established by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education. This is not necessary for virtual school students who attend remotely under the support of a Learning Coach.</p> <p>The purpose of this waiver is to remove stipulations on provision of an Alternative Learning Environment (ALE) for virtual school students who attend remotely under the support of a Learning Coach.</p>
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Waiver Topic #17	Business Manager
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§ 6-15-2302(b)
Standard for Accreditation	3-A.5
ADE Rules	DESE Rule Governing the Arkansas Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program – Section 12
Rationale for Waiver	<p>The purpose of this waiver is for flexibility in the requirement to employ a general business manager responsible for the fiscal operations of the school district- either part time or full time. This role will be determined by organizational chart needs and the role of the Superintendent and other staff in meeting the fiscal operational needs.</p> <p>The purpose of this waiver is to allow for altered general business manager qualifications that require Certified Arkansas School Business Official (CASBO) to allow for effective management of virtual charter resources that exist across state lines meeting similar qualifications in other states.</p>

Waiver Topic #18	Defibrillators Required
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§ 6-10-122

Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	Newman requests waivers of the State Board of Education rules that require that: (A) Each school campus have an automated external defibrillator, as these are not necessary in a virtual school environment where students do not physically attend schools. If an administration building or any other physical plant is established, an AED will be installed and trained.

Waiver Topic #19	Documents Posted to School District Websites
Arkansas Code Annotated	
Standard for Accreditation	DESE Rule Documents Posted to School District Websites Sections 6.01-6.04
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	The purpose of this waiver is to alter the Governing School District Requirements for Personnel Policies, Salary. Schedules, Minimum Salaries, and Documents Posted to be posted to District Websites. Teacher and staff scheduling a variability in FTE's are variable in a virtual setting, and customized by subject area and chosen teacher schedule. Standardized schedules are not part of the design of the virtual environment.

Waiver Topic #20	Superintendent
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§ 6-13-109 6-17-427
Standard for Accreditation	4-B.1 4-B.2
ADE Rules	DESE Rule Superintendent Mentoring Program DESE Rule Educator Licensure

Rationale for Waiver	The purpose of this waiver is for flexibility in the requirement to employ a “Superintendent of schools”, whose qualifications, duties and mentoring could vary from those prescribed by the General Assembly and the State Board of Education. The Superintendent can share the burden of directing the affairs of the school district as a full or part time employee as determined by organizational chart needs and the role of the Principal and other staff in meeting the needs of students in a virtual setting.
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Waiver Topic #21	Eye and Vision Screening Procedures
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§ 6-18-1501 et. seq.
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	The purpose of this waiver is to waive the requirements that children in prekindergarten (preK), kindergarten (K), grades one (1), two (2), four (4), six (6), and eight (8) and all transfer students shall receive an eye and vision screening. Students are not on campus to participate in screenings. As a part of the enrollment and Rtl process, Learning Coaches will report on student screening history and need. Where a student has not been screened, and if access it difficult, Newman will provide access to screening through service providers in the students’ geographic area or through virtual resources.

Waiver Topic #22	Finance - Teacher Salaries
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§ 6-20-2208(c)(1)
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	Newman Virtual Academy requests a waiver of the requirement that each school district shall expend sums for teacher salaries in order to meet the requirements of Arkansas law. The virtual school model proposed has unique staffing and other costs as presented in the budget model. Newman will expend the sums allocated to the school district under § 6-20-

	2305(b) for salaries and other instructional aid components to benefit students and ensure that those sums are used to improve the educational opportunity of children with a primary emphasis on improving each student's proficiency in the virtual school environment.
Rationale for Waiver	The request waives the requirement that Newman employ at least one (1) person who is certified by the American Red Cross or approved by the Department of Education as qualified to administer emergency first aid

Waiver Topic #23	Personnel Policies - Classified
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-2301(c)(1) & (d)(2)
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	The purpose of this waiver is to allow Newman to adjust operations with regard to organization, officers, calendar, and other requirements of the committee on personnel policies for classified employees. The committee or the board of directors may propose new personnel policies or amendments to existing policies.

Waiver Topic #24	Site-Based Decision Making
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1301 et. seq.
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	The AR definition of "Site-based decision making" means a joint planning and problem-solving process implemented within a local school building, providing for a sharing of power, authority, and responsibility among teachers, administrators, and parents, and designed to shift decision making activity to the local building level. The virtual school will utilize joint planning and problem-solving with stakeholders across the virtual community to ensure student success.

Waiver Topic #25	Personnel Policies
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann.§§ 6-17-201(a) & (c)
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	The purpose of this waiver is to provide for innovation in personnel policies for personnel appropriate for a virtual school setting.

Waiver Topic #26	School Counselor Ratio
Arkansas Code Annotated	
Standard for Accreditation	Standard 4-E.2
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	The purpose of this waiver is to gain flexibility with the student-to-guidance counselor ratio of no more than 1 to 450 that is part of the Comprehensive School Counseling Act of 2019. The counselor role works in tandem with other professionals and a Learning Coach in the virtual setting to provide a comprehensive counseling and support model, and thus ratios may be altered from the standard but still meet the needs of students.

Waiver Topic #27	Student Discipline and School Safety
Arkansas Code Annotated	
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	Student Discipline and School Safety DESE Rule Section 5.04.10
Rationale for Waiver	Newman will support the Learning Coach and family of students with discipline challenges at home. Family Liaisons with expertise in discipline techniques are assigned when students are not producing work or a Learning Coach or parent expresses concern and requests support. Contracted services are utilized when the need arises through Rtl. These rules being waived are designed to assist local school districts with the development, review and revision of student discipline and school safety policies that must include offenses such as 5.03.1 Willfully and intentionally assaulting or threatening to assault or abuse any student or teacher,

	principal, superintendent, or other employee of a school system; 5.03.2 Possession by students of any firearm or other weapon prohibited upon the school campus by law or by policies adopted by the school board of directors; 5.03.3 Using, offering for sale, or selling, beer, alcoholic beverages, or other illicit drugs, by students on school property; and 5.03.4 Willfully or intentionally damaging, destroying, or stealing school property by students. These are not necessary in the safety and discipline policies of a virtual school district.
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Waiver Topic #28	Utility and Maintenance Expenditure Requirements
Arkansas Code Annotated	A.C.A. § 6-21-808 (d)
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	Newman will have expenses associated with drop-in centers- however sometimes these will be shared/leased spaces where the utilities expense is indirect in the “rent” for the space. The purpose is to waive the annual expenditure requirement for utilities and facilities maintenance that dictates that school districts dedicate nine percent (9%) of Foundation Funding exclusively to payment of utilities and costs of custodial, maintenance, repair, and renovation activities, which include related personnel costs, for public school facilities. The costs of drop-in centers will likely not meet the 9% threshold and will likely come in the form of a contracted service.