

LISA Academy Background

SPONSORING ENTITY: LITTLE SCHOLARS OF ARKANSAS FOUNDATION
LEA # 6041700

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

CHARTER BACKGROUND TIMELINE

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Waiver rescinded for ADE Rules Governing Parental Notification of an Assignment of a Non-Licensed Teacher to Teach a Class for More than Thirty (30) Consecutive Days and for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