



Ms. Dorie Summons
Director of Public Charter Schools
Arkansas Department of Education
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
Four Capitol Mall, Box 26
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Arkansas Lighthouse Charter Schools Charter Amendment Request

Dear Ms. Summons:

Pursuant to Section 4.02.4 of the ADE Rules Governing Public Charter Schools, I have enclosed a completed Charter Amendment Form (with the required attachments and related documents) for the purpose of requesting the following amendments to our charter:

- 1.) The official name of the district shall be Arkansas Lighthouse Charter Schools, Inc. (6050700); and
- 2.) The Arkansas Lighthouse Charter Schools, Inc. will operate all of the Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School campuses and request that the enrollment cap of 1,019 be incrementally met over the course of the next five (5) years; and
- 3.) The Arkansas Lighthouse Charter Schools, Inc. requests to amend its traditional calendar of 178 instructional days to provide a year round calendar for its scholars, staff, and families beginning SY 23-24.

I am requesting that this amendment request be placed on the April, 2023 agenda of the Charter Authorizing Panel for consideration.

I am also contemporaneously sending a copy of this notice letter and the enclosed Charter Amendment Form with attachments and related documents to the Superintendent of the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LaShawnDa Noel".

LaShawnDa Noel
Chief Executive Officer/Superintendent
Arkansas Lighthouse Charter Schools

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Charter Amendment Request From

The Charter Amendment Request Form and all required documentation must be received via email (ade.charterschools@arkansas.gov) at the Arkansas Department of Education at least 35 days prior to the Charter Authorizing Panel meeting.

Charter Name: Arkansas Lighthouse Academies
LEA Number: 6050700
Superintendent or Director: LaShawnDa Noel
Email: lashawnda.noel@arlcs.org
Phone: 501.353.8251

**All open-enrollment amendment requests must include evidence that the request was contemporaneously sent by the applicant to the superintendent of the school district where the charter is located.*

Type of Amendment(s) Requested

- Add a New Campus** (Must also submit the map of current location, map of proposed location, Facilities Utilization Agreement and desegregation analysis)

Address: _____
School District: _____

- Relocate Existing Campus** (Must also submit the map of current location, map of proposed location, Facilities Utilization Agreement and desegregation analysis)

Campus Name: _____
Current Address: _____
Proposed Address: _____
School District: _____

- Increase Enrollment Cap**

Current Cap: _____
Proposed Cap: _____

Change Grade Levels Served

Current Grade Levels Served: _____

Proposed Grade Levels Served: _____

Name Change

New Name of Charter: Arkansas Lighthouse Charter Schools

Other (Describe requested change)

Incremental enrollment cap
See Appendix A

Charter is requesting that the enrollment cap of 1,019 is met incrementally throughout the course of the five (5) year charter renewal. Proposed incremental schedule is attached.

Calendar Update
See Appendix B

Charter is requesting calendar transition from traditional to year-round.

Waiver(s)

Waiver Topic #1	Teacher Salary Schedule
Arkansas Code Annotated	Ark. Code Ann. Section 6-17-2403
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	Arkansas Lighthouse is requesting to amend its charter by rescinding its waiver of Ark. Code Ann. Section 6-17-2403, concerning the minimum teacher compensation schedule. The rationale for requesting the rescission of the waiver is to assist our charter school in qualifying for the additional funding available under Section 3. of the LEARNS Act (Act 237 of 2023), in order to implement the new statutory minimum teacher compensation schedule and offer competitive salaries to our current and prospective teachers.

Waiver Topic #2	
Arkansas Code Annotated	
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	

Waiver Topic #3	
Arkansas Code Annotated	
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	

Waiver Topic #4	
Arkansas Code Annotated	
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	

Waiver Topic #5	
Arkansas Code Annotated	
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	

Waiver Topic #6	
Arkansas Code Annotated	
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	

Waiver Topic #7	
Arkansas Code Annotated	
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	

Waiver Topic #8	
Arkansas Code Annotated	
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	

Waiver Topic #9	
Arkansas Code Annotated	
Standard for Accreditation	
ADE Rules	
Rationale for Waiver	

Facilities Utilization Agreement

To be completed and submitted with an amendment request to add a new campus or relocate an existing campus

Lessor (Owner): _____

Lessee (Tenant): _____

Information regarding affiliation, family ties or other relationships between the Lessor and Lessee:

Address of Premises: _____

Describe the present use of the facility: _____

Square Footage: _____ Rental Amount: _____

Terms of Lease: _____

Contingency: The terms of this agreement are contingent upon _____
Charter School receiving approval by the Authorizer to operate an open-enrollment public charter school at the premises identified.

No indebtedness of any kind incurred or created by the open-enrollment public charter school shall constitute an indebtedness of the State of Arkansas or its political subdivisions and no indebtedness of the open-enrollment public charter school shall involve or be secured by the faith, credit or taxing power for the state or its political subdivisions. An open-enrollment public charter school shall not incur any debt, including lease, without the prior review and approval of the Commissioner of Education.

We affirm that the facility is, or will be prior to charter occupancy, compliant with ADE/IDEA accessibility regulations and will remain so while the charter occupies the location.

Lessee: _____

By: _____ Date: _____
Signature

Lessor: _____

By: _____ Date: _____
Signature



Appendix A

Arkansas Lighthouse Charter Schools Proposed Incremental Cap

	Enrollment 22.23	Enrollment 23.24	Enrollment 24.25	Enrollment 25.26	Enrollment 26.27	Enrollment 27.28
Total	594	650	725	825	922	1,019
		75	100	97	97	
School				FL Modular		
JLE	243	279	301	316	341	366
JLFL	241	200	200	220	245	265
JLHS	110	171	224	289	336	388

Appendix B

Arkansas Lighthouse Charter School Districts 2023-2024

Month	2023					2023					2023					2023					2023					2023										
	M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F	M	T	W	R	F	Students	H/NS/CL	PD/S/LC	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	CH19	CH19	Admin	240
July	3	4	5	Admin	7	10	11	ECP Mntr	NTCH	ECP Year 1	VTCH	ECP ALL	19	20	21	[*]24	25	26	27	28	31						5	3	6	5	0	0	0	11	13	19
August		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	28	29	30	31			22	1	0	22	0	0	0	22	22	23
September					SLC1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	[#]29		15	5	1	15	0	0	0	16	16	20
October	2	3	4	5	6	[*]9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24	25	26	27	30	31					16	6	0	0	16	0	0	16	16	22
November			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30			15	6	1	0	15	0	0	16	16	18
December					1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29		11	10	0	0	11	0	0	11	11	16
2024																																				
January	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	[#]11	[*]12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30	31				15	7	1	0	3	12	0	16	16	22
February				1	2	5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	MU20	MU21	MU22	MU23	26	27	28	29		15	5	1	0	0	15	0	16	16	20	
March					SLC1	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	28	29		14	6	1	0	0	14	0	15	15	16
April	1	2	3	4	[#]5	[*]8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24	25	26	29	30					20	1	1	0	0	4	16	21	21	22
May			1	2	3	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31		17	1	0	0	0	0	17	17	17	22
June	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	[#]19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28							13	7	0	0	0	0	13	13	13	20
Total																																				
178 58 12 42 45 45 46 190 192 240																																				

- H** = Holiday District Closed For All
- PD** = Teacher-only Professional Development (No Students)
- [*] = Begin Grading Period
- [#] = End Grading Period
- NS** = District Closed for Scholars and Non-240 Employees
- CL** = District Closed for All Employees
- STC** = Scholar-Led Conference (9 to 10 P.M./No Scholars)
- MU** = Inclement Weather Days, No School
- LS** = Teacher PD and PLCs/Scholars Late Start 9:15
- VTCH** = First and Last Day of School

1st Grading Period	42
2nd Grading Period	45
3rd Grading Period	45
4th Grading Period	46
Student Interaction Days	178
PD/SLC Days	+ 12
Teacher Contract Days	190

Special Notes
Last Day of school is dependent on AMI Plan and snow days. If no days are taken, June 19th is
Spring Break is March 18-22.
ALSEA 2023 (Arkansas Lighthouse Summer Enrichment Academy) starts 6/3/2024 and ends 6/19/2024



Appendix B

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Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter Schools
Bell Schedules 2023-2024

Jacksonville Lighthouse Elementary

Monday 9:00am Start	Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am Start
7:30-8:30 Early Arrival 8:30-8:55 Breakfast 9:00-10:10 1st period 10:15-11:25 2nd period 11:30-12:00 Lunch 12:05-1:30 Intervention 1:35-2:45 3rd period 2:50-4:00 4th period Total Instructional Time: 6 hrs. 5 min.	7:30-7:55 Breakfast 8:00-9:15 1st period 9:20-10:35 2nd period 10:40-11:25 Intervention 11:30-12:00 Lunch 12:05-12:50 Intervention 12:55-2:10 3rd period 2:15-3:30 4th period Total Instructional Time: 6 hrs. 30 min.



Jacksonville Lighthouse Flightline Middle School

Monday 9:00am Start	Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am Start
7:30-8:30 Early Arrival 8:30-8:55 Breakfast 9:00-10:10 1st period 10:15-11:25 2nd period 11:30-12:00 Lunch 12:05-1:30 Intervention 1:35-2:45 3rd period 2:50-4:00 4th period Total Instructional Time: 6 hrs. 5 min.	7:30-7:55 Breakfast 8:00-9:15 1st period 9:20-10:35 2nd period 10:40-11:25 Intervention 11:30-12:00 Lunch 12:05-12:50 Intervention 12:55-2:10 3rd period 2:15-3:30 4th period Total Instructional Time: 6 hrs. 30 min.



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Jacksonville Lighthouse High School

Monday 9:00am Start	Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am Start
7:30-8:25 Early Arrival 8:25-8:55 Breakfast 9:00-10:20 1st period 10:25-11:45 2nd period 11:50-12:20 Lunch 12:25-12:55 Intervention 1:00-2:20 3rd period 2:25-3:45 4th period	7:25-7:55 Breakfast 8:00-9:20 1st period 9:25-10:45 2nd period 10:50-12:10 3rd period 12:15-12:45 Lunch 12:50-1:20 Advisory 1:25-2:45 4th period 2:50-3:20 Intervention
Total Instructional Time: 6 hrs. 30 min.	Total Instructional Time: 7 hrs.



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