

Unit Represented	Question from application being addressed (Provide question #)	Comments	Remaining Questions
School Counseling	#11	I don't see any mention of Act 190, which is the law that governs the requirements of having a comprehensive school counseling program. I would like to see a statement of assurance.	
Special Education	#13(A)	I'm glad that you will have a Response to Intervention Team; however, a referral for special education can be made at any time by anyone. Once a referral is made, the referral team must meet within the timelines regardless of whether or not the CARE team makes a decision to continue with the various tiers.	What public awareness ideas for Child Find will GSA provide?
Special Education	#13(B)	The full continuum of services must be provided as outlined by IDEA.	How will you ensure that the full continuum of services will be provided in the event that a student can not be educated in the general education classroom?
licensure	#21, #22	no issues	
Special Education	#13a	There is a detailed description of RtI that sounds like ALL referrals must follow RtI and a brief statement that RtI will not block a referral.	How will the district ensure the RtI process does not block referrals?
Special Education	#13c	The application says there are members of the board who have special education backgrounds and the CARE team will ensure laws are followed. I do not see a plan to ensure they are implemented and followed.	How will the CARE team ensure federal and state laws are implemented? Who is part of this team?
Special Education	#13d	The district may want to consider what therapy companies to contract with.	Who will ensure that GSA pays medicaid match.
ALE Office	#17	No issues	
English Learners	#15a	We are assuming that you understand that students will be screened using the ELPA21 screener; although, your application does not specify that. For exiting criteria, please refer to the criteria in the Arkansas English Learner Entrance and Exit Procedures. If a student qualifies for exiting services, a district must do so.	

English Learners	#15b	While we appreciate your intention to hire teachers with current ESOL endorsements and/or training, you still have not addressed how you will provide services and what those services will be. Please describe how you intend to meet the needs of your English learners in both English Language Development and Access to Core Content; list any specific programs or protocols that you intend to use.	
Public School Accountability		The applicant indicates that there will not be a superintendent. Please describe who will be responsible for the day-to-day operations and the point of contact for DESE.	Will there be a superintendent or director of schools?
Public School Accountability		The applicant seems to be dependent on the Rogers SD	Are there any agreements in place with the Rogers SD to support the applicant?
Dyslexia	#14	Districts will need to have an approved K-12 Dyslexia Intervention program. See approved programs - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vRPOaeNyeml2owVwZYfos1eT-TAmFBDq5C-t_sr2GDcPOdDsBOGk9cx92Rkk1qfGkouywS0yto2iv5/pubhtml?gid=0&single=true	
Public School Accountability		The applicant has not requested a waiver of Standard 4-D.1 for Teacher Licensure, however, they have requested the option to hire someone who is AQT for several positions.	
Library Media	#12	The plan to hire a half-time school librarian is acceptable. It appears that the school is unaware that there is no state approved list of books to select from as well as the existing law requiring written selection, removal and reconsideration policies. This should be addressed.	
School Performance		No issues	
DCTE		No concerns as submitted. Did not note any CTE waivers, so 5-8 CTE instruction expected.	

GT & AP	#16	<p>No waiver is requested</p> <p>For K-2, please provide clarity around if this is intended to meet the requirements for the program option of whole group enrichment (GT Standards, pg 22). If classroom teachers will be responsible for the delivery of whole group enrichment, then they must be appropriately trained, as described in I.D.3 on page 22 of GT Program Approval Standards.</p>	<p>Provide details about training for K-2 classroom teachers if they are to be responsible for delivering the program option of whole group enrichment. If what is described in the application is something that will be done in addition to whole group enrichment, no clarification regarding training is needed, but clarity that requirements GT Standards will be met in these grade levels should be added. Staff from Office of Gifted & Talented and Advanced Placement are available to discuss options for training and provide support.</p>
Child Nutrition	#23	<p>Charter indicates they will serve breakfast, lunch, and afterschool snacks to their students. They will establish eligibility using NSLP free and reduced meal applications. Individual eligibility is determined for students from the various categorical lists or from free and reduced meal applications which is based on household income and household size. For serving afterschool snacks in the afterschool snack program, there must be some type of enrichment program included in the afterschool program. Something that is school related and considered academic... It can't just be afterschool care. It could be tutoring along with care... According to</p>	<p>We need contact information once established to assure they have an agreement and policy statement with DESE, CNU. I have passed on this contact information for Farm to School oinformation.</p>
Finance	#18	<p>On the application, it states if transportation is needed the district would obtain a bus or contract with RogersPublic Schools to provide a bus. The budget did not included funding for transportation.</p>	
Finance	#24	<p>Under responsibilities, it reads "Approval of purchases over \$1,000." Generally, the starting approval amount is \$5,000. Can you confirm you want the approval amount to be \$1,000?</p>	
Finance	#28	<p>The reponse for question #28 states," notice of charter approval will appear in the newspaper. Local TV news stations will also be notified. The charter approval will also be announced on all of GSA social media and on the local city social media pages." The budget did not include funding for marketing.</p>	

Finance	#32	The response reads GSA will seek to employ one full-time secretary/registrar with experience in running a school office. The school secretary will serve as the Family Engagement Coordinator. The budget listed one clerical position. Can you confirm if this person is going to be the secretary and the Family Engagement Coordinator?	
Finance	#36	The response reads the building is currently owned by Rogers Public Schools. On the budget, under facilities, there isn't any funding listed for leasing/ purchase contract per year.	
Finance	#37	The response reads, " This facility will need a chair lift and stair modifications to meet ADA compliance standards." Funding for these expenses were not listed on the budget.	