

River Valley Virtual Academy
2021 Renewal Application

Legal comments are below, separated by waiver. For each comment, please provide a response. The attorney will review your comments once you resubmit the legal review. Any legal concerns that are not addressed by your responses must be discussed in front of the Charter Authorizing Panel during your hearing. If you have any questions about the legal review, please contact Whitney James at (501) 683-1876.

General Legal Concerns

Waivers

1. Period of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance, Arkansas and US Flags (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-10-115

6-16-108

6-16-106

6-16-105

Legal Comments: None.

2. School Counselor (Continue)

Standards 4-E.1, 4-E.2

Legal Comments: Also, if a school counselor is being shared with another school, as indicated in the waiver rationale, does the school sharing the counselor have a waiver of 4-E.2?

3. Licensure (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-15-1004

6-17-302

6-17-309

6-17-401

6-17-418

6-17-908

Standards 4-C.1, 4-C.2, 4-D.1

Legal Comments: None.

4. **Administrator License** (Rescind)
Standard 4-B.2

Legal Comments: None

5. **Personnel** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-17-111

6-17-114

6-17-117

6-17-807

6-17-902

6-17-919

6-17-1501, et seq.

6-17-1701, et seq.

6-17-2403, et seq.

DESE Rules Governing Requirements for Personnel Policies, Salary Schedules, Minimum Salary Schedules, Minimum Salaries, and Documents Posted to District Websites

Legal Comments: None.

6. **Library Media** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-25-103

6-25-104

Standards 2-D.1, 4-F.1, 4-F.2

Legal Comments: None.

7. **Health Services** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-18-706

6-18-1501, et seq.

Standards 2-E.1, 2-E.2

DESE Rules Governing Eye and Vision Screening Reports

Legal Comments: None.

8. **Class Size and Teaching Load** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-812

Standard 1-A.5

DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load

Note: Waiver is not for special education courses.

Legal Comments: None.

9. **Recess** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-102(a)(5)

Standard 1-A.4.3

DESE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards, Sections 7.11 and 7.12

Legal Comments: None.

10. **Curriculum, Concurrent Credit, CPR, Fine Arts, Physical Education** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-16-130(a)

6-16-132

6-16-143

Standards 1-A.1.2.5, 1-A.1.1.5, 1-A.1.2.6, 1-A.1.1.6

DESE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards, Sections 7.01 and 7.03

Legal Comments: None.

11. **Gifted and Talented** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-20-2208(c)(6)

6-42-109

Standard 2-G.1

DESE Rules Governing Gifted and Talented Program Approval Standards

Legal Comments: If a GT program is being offered, the rationale does not support the waiver request.

12. **Attendance, Clock Hours, Calendar** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-10-106

6-16-102

6-18-213(a)(2)

Standards 1-A.2, 1-A.4.2

Legal Comments: None.

13. **Credit for College** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-223

Legal Comments: None.

14. **Acquisition of Commodities** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-303(b)

Legal Comments: None.

15. **Safety Policies and Procedures** (Continue)

Standard 6-A.2

Legal Comments: None.

16. **Report Cards** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. 6-15-903(a)(2)

Legal Comments: None.

17. **School Lunch Program** (Continue)

Ark. Code Ann. §§

6-20-701, et seq.

6-18-705

Legal Comments: Please confirm that you have spoken with the DESE Child Nutrition Unit about this waiver request.

18. **Mandatory Attendance** (Rescind)

DESE Rules Governing Mandatory Attendance

Legal Comment: None.

19. **Licensure** (Rescind)

DESE: Parental Notification of an Assignment of a Non-Licensed Teacher to Teach a Class for More than Thirty (30) Consecutive Days

Legal Comments: None.

20. **Licensure** (New)

DESE Rules Governing Educator Licensure, Section 7

Legal Comments: None.