

March 5, 2018

Alexandra Boyd, Director of Public Charter Schools  
Arkansas Department of Education  
Charter Schools Office  
Four Capitol Mall, Room 105-C  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Letter of Intent in Application for Open Enrollment Charter School

Dear Ms. Boyd,

In accordance with the requirements established by the Arkansas State Board of Education, please accept this letter of intent to submit an application to launch Drew Academy, an open enrollment Public Charter School, in the Monticello School District beginning 2018-2019 school year.

The contact information for Drew Academy is:

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The proposed school will serve (175 students) grades K-5, increasing by one grade per year allowing the first cohort group to graduate from Drew Academy in 2016. At full enrollment, the Drew Academy will serve 400-student k-5. Prior to opening, Drew Academy will incorporate as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization within the state of Arkansas to meet all applicable legal requirements.

Drew Academy's mission is to (prepare students for future success by creating a learning environment conducive to fostering creativity and the advancement of critical thinking and leadership skills, and promoting the development of basic life and workplace readiness skills). Students will gain the skills, knowledge, and values essential for lifelong learning, vocational success, and responsible citizenship.

Our purpose is to meet the educational and vocational needs of underserved students in the state of Arkansas, including students with learning, cognitive, developmental, and physical disabilities. Drew Academy will offer a challenging, individualized academic curriculum in which students can progress at their own rate with an emphasis on career and vocational development. Students will graduate from our program with both a high school diploma as well as a vocational certification in a career field of their choice that will provide a sound footing for their future career success. Students will be prepared to either directly enter the workforce or to pursue post-secondary education.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Denise Courtney  
Director of Drew Academy