

## BLYTHEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Superintendent

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Arkansas Department of Education  
Charter and Home Schools Office  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Blytheville School District intends to make application for a District Conversion Public School Charter. The contact person for this conversion is:


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The school applying for the charter is Blytheville Middle School (4702012). The proposed charter will be called Blytheville Middle School New Tech. and will be located in the existing middle school building, located at 700 West Chickasawba Street Blytheville, AR 72315. The charter will serve grades 6-8 and will enroll no more than 800 students.

Blytheville School District proposes the conversion of its middle school into a conversion charter, so that it can fully implement the New Tech model with fidelity and integrity to keep students on track to persist in school and graduate high school rather than dropping out prior to completion. The implementation of the model is meant to empower students to be agents of their own learning and to take responsibility for their learning. Students will be met with a challenging project-based curriculum rooted in the Common Core State Standards and applied in an environment that is both contextual and shared. Students will be enabled to extend their learning through the use of technology to both share and demonstrate learning to their peers, teachers and parents. As a feeder to Blytheville High School New Tech, it is imperative for Blytheville Middle School to adjust to meet the needs of the students and transform teaching and learning to create continuity and keep students on pace to graduate on time.

Thank you for your time and attention. We believe this will create a dramatic improvement in the lives of our students and in our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard Atwill, Superintendent

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