

**Subject: LETTER OF INTENT for An Open-enrollment Public Charter School**


Submitted via certified mail to:  
Arkansas Department of Education  
Charter School Office  
Four Capitol Mall, Room 302-B  
Little Rock, AR 72201

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CHARTER SCHOOL OFFICE

Dear Dr. Duncan,  
Please accept this letter of intent for an open-enrollment public charter school.  
Thank you,

  
Sally Wilson, OCBA, Inc.

1. Name of the eligible entity which intends to apply for a charter. If a not for profit, specify name on the 501 (c) (3) and 501 (c) (3) status: OCBA, Inc (Osceola, Communication, Business and Arts, Inc.). This 501(c)(3) was incorporated in 2007 and the IRS determination's TIN is 26-1309516.
2. Contact person: Sally Wilson, 851 W. Semmes, Osceola, AR 72370  
Daytime telephone number 870-822-0574  
FAX number 870-563-5582  
e-mail address ocbainc@yahoo.com
3. Give a description of the eligible entity which will be proposing the charter; OCBA, Inc is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating Arkansas residents
4. Give the name of the proposed open-enrollment public charter school; Diploma School of Marion
5. Describe the location of the proposed open-enrollment public charter school; In Marion in the Marion Public School district
6. Identify the grade levels of students to be served by the open-enrollment public charter school; 11 and 12
7. Provide proposed student enrollment cap for the school; 300 students
8. Provide a one-paragraph description of the purpose or special emphasis of the proposed school. The Diploma School is designed to serve 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, who are not on track to graduate from high school within four years or who have already dropped out of high school. The Diploma School is a research-based school with a proven record of successful targeted intervention. The school model is non-traditional because most classes convene in the evenings between 3:00 and 10:00. And the school's year-round calendar would have seven "semesters" condensed into six-week long blocked sessions. This scheduling format allows students to complete as many as 3 half-unit classes in just six weeks. This approach would allow students transferring to our school the opportunity to fill the gaps in their high school transcripts and earn a full Arkansas high school diploma in a shorter time than the traditional high school schedule would allow.

**A copy of the letter of intent is being sent via certified mail to the superintendent of the public school district.**