

Notice of Intent to Apply for an Arkansas Public Charter School License

Type of Charter:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open-Enrollment <input type="checkbox"/> District Conversion
Proposed Charter School Name:	Inspire Academy Charter
Proposed Location:	Hope
School District Where Charter Will be Located:	Hope
Grade Levels Served:	K-3 initially and adding a grade each year K-12
Enrollment Cap:	156
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Focus Area:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traditional <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Learning Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual <input type="checkbox"/> College Prep <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Provide a brief description of the purpose or emphasis of the school:

Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative supports nine area school districts with professional development, early childhood, special education, and numerous other services. During a strategic planning meeting with our district superintendents, the desire to provide better services to meet the needs of students that have experienced traumatic events and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) was expressed. We began researching and devising a plan to help support our districts.

The goal of establishing an open-enrollment charter school will allow us to help meet this need in our districts. This charter will provide trauma-informed practices to children who have experienced trauma and adverse childhood experiences. Children with high ACEs are vulnerable to academic failure, attendance issues, behavioral problems, and negative life consequences. This, in turn, will lead to economic hardships and poor life outcomes.

This school will focus on providing a safe place with trauma-informed teachers and practices, along with a robust curriculum in order to provide academic success for all students. We will work to meet the needs of the whole child, including their physical, emotional and psychological needs. We will also work closely with the family unit to provide services that may be needed in order for the entire home to overcome past adversities. The proposed open-enrollment charter will be a K-12 charter school. In year 1, we will begin with K-3 classrooms. Each classroom will have 12 students with a maximum of 48 students in the first year. We will add a grade with 12 students each subsequent year with a total enrollment of 156.

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