

## Letter of Intent to Apply for an Arkansas Public Charter School License

<b>Type of Charter:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open-Enrollment <input type="checkbox"/> District Conversion
<b>Proposed Charter School Name:</b>	Little Rock Military Academy
<b>Proposed Location:</b>	Pulaski County, Arkansas
<b>School District Where Charter Will be Located:</b>	The exact district has not yet been determined but could include Little Rock School District, North Little Rock School District, or the Pulaski County Special School District.
<b>Grade Levels Served:</b>	9-12 (Phased In Over 2 years)
<b>Enrollment Cap:</b>	600 students
<b>Name of Contact for Application:</b>	Paul Vallas
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<b>Focus Area:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Learning Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College Prep <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Recovery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Military/First Responders Academy

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

The Little Rock Military Academy will be a military academy that uses the junior ROTC curriculum with a “first responders” electives concentration and focuses on a college-preparatory instructional framework. These schools create learning environments that promote self-discipline, leadership, teamwork, health and physical fitness. In addition, the academies will incorporate remote/online learning options for both students and faculty. This includes a supplemental, virtual learning program and an online educational resource repository.

The proposed school will serve 600 students in grades 9-12 from diverse demographic backgrounds phased in over two years (9/10 year 1; 11/12 year 2). Academies of this type have historically drawn significant numbers of students from underrepresented populations. These students thrived in this strong, support-oriented educational approach. Equity in learning opportunity and quality of educational experience is key in these academies.

Other common features of military academy charter schools include:

- Small schools with high highly focused levels of teacher-student interaction
- Instill values of discipline, work ethic, leadership, and character development
- Emphasize service learning and giving back to the community
- Cadets provided with "First Responder" training including life safety, EMT, and EMS
- Partner with organizations such ROTC, police and fire departments, TSA, emergency Management Services, Med-Tech institutions to promote career opportunities
- ROTC program funded by DOD
- Military structure with a chain of command and students organized into companies, platoons and squads

**Printed Name:** Mr. Paul G. Vallas

**Title:** Co-chair, Board of Directors

**Signature:**



**Date:** March 11, 2021