

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

<b>Type of Charter:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Open-Enrollment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Conversion
<b>Proposed Charter School Name:</b>	Career and Technical Academies at Newport High School
<b>Proposed Location:</b>	Newport, AR
<b>School District Where Charter Will be Located:</b>	Newport School District
<b>Grade Levels Served:</b>	9-12
<b>Enrollment Cap:</b>	
<b>Name of Contact for Application:</b>	Jon Bradley
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<b>Focus Area:</b>  <b>Career and Technical Education</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Learning Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual <input type="checkbox"/> College Prep <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Recovery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:

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


The purpose of this charter is to better prepare the students of Newport School District to become productive members of the workforce upon graduation. The charter would enable the high school to emphasize coursework and material leading to career and technical certifications, providing students with a clear advantage upon entering the workforce. By partnering with local businesses, students will participate in hands-on, meaningful experiences with industry-certified, highly qualified instructors. Newport High School currently offers many career and technical certifications and programs of study and we believe this charter will allow us to expand on these opportunities. Our students and surrounding communities will greatly benefit from the highly trained, exceptionally qualified workforce.

Newport High School's current catalogue of CTE programs includes Ag. Mechanics, Plant Science, Food Production, Pharmaceutical Technologies, Certified Nurses Asst., Cybersecurity, and Digital Marketing. The district owns an 80-acre farm that could provide students with work experience to build their knowledge base and resume. Greenway Equipment Company is located in Newport, through this community partnership students will work in the Ag. Tech program with Greenway's training team to gain knowledge, experience, and network with those currently working and hiring in the Ag, Tech field. Through a community partnership with a local welding company, students will work in an

apprenticeship program as part of their courses. As a result of the Serv-Safe Food Handler and Food Manager certifications earned in our food production program, several former and current students have gained employment within the food and restaurant industries. Additionally, NHS is the home of the first student-run restaurant in the state, providing ample opportunity for students to springboard into the food service industry. Preparing students for the medical field is at the forefront of our career and technical education programs. Through a partnership with Arkansas State University Newport (ASUN), students will work toward a CNA, phlebotomy, and patient care tech certification. Furthermore, students are able to participate in computer networking and cabling courses at ASUN, building upon the skills obtained in our Cybersecurity program. NHS will also have the capabilities to offer Drone technology and skills in preparation for Part 107 licensure creating opportunities in a growing area of employment. The Digital Marketing pathway provides foundational skills for students in a continuously evolving, technology-based workforce. The city of Newport is opening a Tech Depot to train individuals to receive A+ and CompTIA certifications in conjunction with Newport High School and the programs of study that we offer currently and in the future. We anticipate offering opportunities in HVAC, plumbing, electrical, real estate, banking, and construction as community leaders have indicated these are growing fields of employment in our surrounding area.

NSD looks forward to going through the application, planning, and implementation portions of the process to build upon our vision. The Career and Technical Academies at Newport High School is an exhilarating prospect for all stakeholders, providing great opportunities for the future of our community.

Printed Name: Jon Bradley Title: Superintendent

Signature:  Date: 2-17-23