

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:	Institute for the Creative Arts
Proposed Location:	1101 Riverfront Drive in Fort Smith, AR
School District Where Charter Will be Located:	Fort Smith Public Schools
Grade Levels Served:	9-12
Enrollment Cap:	500-600
Name of Contact for Application:	Dr. Rosilee Russell
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Focus Area:	<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 type="checkbox"/> Other:

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

The purpose of the Institute is to function as a High School for the Performing Arts providing intensive, cutting-edge preparation for college and a career in the arts. This Institute will come under the umbrella of Community School of the Arts which currently houses after-school programs and the Preschool for the Creative Arts providing quality educational opportunities in the arts from Prekindergarten through high school graduation.

The Institute will serve as a specialized Charter program with a focused curriculum geared toward the arts and trends in the 21st century arts industry. Program areas in the Institute include theatre, dance, culinary, music, visual art, film, and writing. These programs are not intended to duplicate what is currently taught in the public schools, but rather to provide an immersive and intense learning environment where creative students can thrive in fields that are in high demand in the arts. The idea is to prepare students for careers in creative corporate or arts fields. In terms of general education, advanced preparation in the fields of mathematics, science, English, and history, including AP courses, will be emphasized. This will ensure that each graduate will be prepared to be successful in college, career, and life.

Printed Name: Dr. Rosilee Russell

Title: Founder/Executive Director

Signature: 

Date: 3.13.23

