

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

June 20, 2011

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
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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; Academic Center of Excellence, ACE
5. Describe the location of the proposed open-enrollment public charter school; In the Osceola Industries building located in the Osceola Public School district
6. Identify the grade levels of students to be served by the open-enrollment public charter school; pre-K through 12
7. Provide proposed student enrollment cap for the school; 450 students
8. Provide a one-paragraph description of the purpose or special emphasis of the proposed school. ACE will be a college prep program with a more rigorous curriculum to constructively challenge the students more traditional school curriculum. ACE is dedicated to paving the way for better college preparation and to improving the students' outcomes on such tests as the ACT or SAT-9 thus making it worth their extra efforts and as well as the efforts expended in establishing ACE. ACE will also place an increased emphasis on the development of excellent work habits, paying vital dividends for students in developing skills needed for high school, college and the work force. These will be higher expectations for parental involvement, classroom behavior, attendance and homework. These expectations, in turn, provide a foundation for success in other area of life. Information technology will facilitate student-initiated and mixed-initiative projects, inquiries, explorations, and problem-solving activities. ACE will utilize an extended day and an extended school year.

A copy of the letter of intent is being sent via certified mail to the superintendent of the Osceola public school district (where the ACE will be located).