

Letter of Intent to Apply for a Conversion Charter School

Location: Hermitage School District, Hermitage Elementary (K-6), Hermitage, Arkansas

The Hermitage School District proposes to convert its elementary school into Awesome Adventures Charter School. This proposed school will serve grades kindergarten through sixth grade with a current enrollment of 220 students. It is the desire that this model of education will continue to the high school (7-12 –enrollment 190) after one year of implementation in the elementary school.

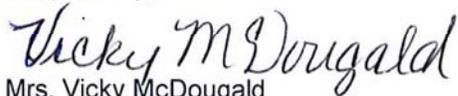
Awesome Adventures Charter School- Three Major Components:

1. **Arts Integration:** An academic based instructional method that uses the arts to teach the Common Core Standards by the regular classroom teacher, through collaboration, innovation and risk-taking strategies that engage all students with imagination, curiosity and inquiry. (Based on Arts Integration Solutions-Tucson, AZ)
2. **Technology Integration:** Utilizing various technologies to bring exciting curricula, based on real-world problems that allow students to scaffold/monitor their learning and enhance their thinking, while allowing feedback, reflection and revision.(Based on eMINTS-University of Missouri)
3. **Inquiry-Based/Discovery Learning:** Beginning with the end in mind, inquiry-based/discovery learning will encourage students to become team players that are self-directed, motivated, analytical thinkers, to better prepare them for the STEM project and the 21st Century. (Utilizing the Essential Question Method)

Purpose of Awesome Adventures Charter School:

The purpose of this school is to meet the needs of our multicultural population (35% Hispanic/Migrant 15% African American and 50% Caucasian) in the limited rural area (approximately 408 square miles with the nearest metropolitan area of 10,000 plus approximately 55 miles away) through the arts, technologies and hands-on inquiry-based instruction. The goal of the Awesome Adventures is to support a climate where all students are engaged, where they come to school eager to learn, where they speak and write and solve problems with self-confidence and discipline and where innate gifts of creativity and innovation are nurtured and encouraged. We want to see classrooms where teachers develop new ways of working with students and collaborating with their colleagues to motivate the best performance from all students. We want to create classrooms where every student feels he or she is good at something and where all teachers feel they have the tools to reach every student. The ultimate goal of this school is to generate productive, thinking students, strong, confident teachers and a supportive, engaged community.

Respectfully,



Mrs. Vicky McDougald

P.O. Box 180

Hermitage, AR 71647

Phone: 870-463-8500 FAX: 870-463-2034

v.mcdougald@hermitageschools.org



Richard Rankin

Hermitage School Superintendent

