

June 11, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

It is the intention of Ozark Education, Inc., to submit an application for an open-enrollment charter school in the Springdale Public School district to be referred to as Ozark College & Career Academy (OCCA).

The contact person is:

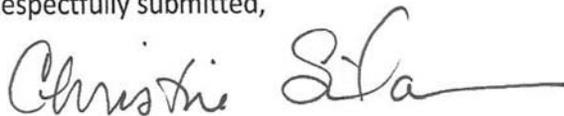
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Ozark Education, Inc. (OEI), is recognized as a non-profit corporation in the State of Arkansas and is currently in the process of applying for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. OEI is dedicated to providing high-quality project-based learning experiences to grades PreK-Adult through after-school and summer programming, guest teachers, and professional development.

The proposed school anticipates serving grades K-12 with a maximum enrollment of 245 students by year five, accepting 108 students for the first year of operation. OCCA seeks to locate its facilities in close proximity to inner city Springdale to especially accommodate the needs of at-risk, low-income, and minority families offering extended day, extended year, and after-school programs.

It is the intention of OCCA to: 1) Prepare K-6 students for a rigorous secondary program through integrated direct-instruction and guided-inquiry models that emphasize 21st century literacies including one-to-one technology ratios and global-economy foreign language acquisition, and, 2) Prepare 7-12 students for concurrent credit and post-secondary college and/or vocational placement through implementation of a rigorous, project-based, service-learning model supplemented by digitally-blended core content delivery to meet and exceed Common Core State Standard requirements. OCCA further intends to emphasize education of the whole child through character education, parent advisory teams, life skills training, and a safe, structured environment to include mandatory school uniforms.

Respectfully submitted,



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