

HUGHES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office Of The Superintendent
Hughes, Arkansas 72348



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Via e-mail

ade.charterschools@arkansas.gov

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Letter of Intent to apply for district conversion public charter school
Hughes School District, Hughes St. Francis County Arkansas

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please accept this as the Letter of Intent for the Hughes School District as it intends to apply for a district conversion public charter school within the time frame permitted under the Rules and Regulations of Arkansas Department of Education. The contact person's name, full address, day time phone number and e-mail is as follows:

Mrs. Sheryl Owens, Superintendent
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The name of the school that the District wants to convert to charter status is Hughes High School. The name of the proposed charter school is as follows: Hughes Career Academy.

The description and location of the charter school: The charter school will be a career academy intended to prepare the students of the Hughes School District and surrounding area for career work and job readiness in conjunction with concurrent credit classes offered through either the East Arkansas Community College in Forrest City, Arkansas or the Mid-South Community College in West Memphis.

The grade levels will be 7 through 12. The number of students intended to be served by the public charter school: Enrollment cap – 500.

The Hughes Career Academy will function as a school within a school, offering additional opportunities to Hughes School District students in technical and vocational curriculum areas, utilizing a personalized method of instruction that incorporates individualized and digital curriculum delivery, designed to provide students with career certification as well as high school diploma. The Hughes Career Academy will prepare students for matriculation into a college or for immediate positions open in the job market.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheryl Owens". Below the signature, the name "Sheryl Owens" and the title "Superintendent" are printed in a standard black font.

Sheryl Owens, Superintendent

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cc: Members of the Hughes School Board