



# Gentry Public Schools



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Cindy Hogue, Director, Office of Educational Options  
Arkansas Department of Education  
Division of Learning Services  
Charter and Home Schools Office  
Four Capitol Mall, Mail Slot 3  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Hogue:

Please accept this letter as Gentry Public Schools' official "Letter of Intent to Apply for a District Conversion Public Charter School". Listed below is the requested information per instructions provided by the Arkansas Department of Education:

School District:	Gentry Public Schools
District Contact:	Judy Winslett 201 S. Giles Gentry, AR 72734 479-736-2253 <a href="mailto:jwinslett@gentrypioneers.com">jwinslett@gentrypioneers.com</a>
Name of School:	Gentry High School
Proposed Name of School:	Gentry Conversion Charter High School
Proposed Location:	1155 Pioneer Lane Gentry, AR 72734
Grade Levels:	9-12
Number of Students to be Served:	250

The Gentry School District proposes to establish a conversion charter high school with a multifaceted program designed to prepare students to be college and/or career ready. High school students will have the opportunity to enroll in courses leading to industry certificates prior to high school graduation, as well as courses that will transfer to post-secondary colleges or vocational schools for industry certification or expanded degrees. Additionally, apprenticeship opportunities, with local business and industry, will be included in the program design allowing students to graduate with a value-added diploma that demonstrates their acquisition of necessary skills to be successful in their pursuit of additional education or immediate employment.

Sincerely,

Randy C. Barrett, Ed.D.  
Superintendent