

**QUEST MIDDLE SCHOOL OF WEST LITTLE ROCK
A OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL IN THE PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT
APPROVED TO OPEN FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR
WAIVERS**

District Name and LEA#:	Responsive Ed. Solutions 60-54-700	LEA:	6054703
City:	Little Rock	Expiration Date:	06/03/2019
Opening Date:	Fall 2014	Grades Served 2014-2015:	6-8
Grades Approved:	6-12	CAP:	490 (220 in Year 1)

Waivers from Title 6 of the Arkansas Code Annotated (Education Code)

6-10-106	School year dates
6-13-109	School superintendent
6-13-619	Monthly meetings
6-13-620	Powers and duties
6-13-622	Budget publication
6-13-634	School district board of directors—Size
6-14-101 et seq.	Applicability of general election laws
6-15-902(a)	Grading scale—Exemptions—Special education (to implement a more
6-15-1004	Qualified teachers in every public school classroom(pertaining to alternative learning programs)
6-15-2302	General business manager—Responsibilities—Minimum qualifications
6-16-102	School day hours
6-16-105	United States flag
6-16-106	Arkansas state flag
6-17-111	Duty-free lunch periods
6-17-114	Daily planning period
6-17-117	Noninstructional duties
6-17-201	Requirements—Written personnel policies—Teacher salary schedule
6-17-201 et seq.	Personnel Policies
6-17-211	Use of personal leave when administrator or school employee is absent from campus
6-17-301	Employment of certified personnel
6-17-302	Principals—Responsibilities
6-17-309	Certification to teach grade or subject matter—Exceptions—Waivers
6-17-401 et seq.	Certification Generally
6-17-401	Teacher licensure requirement
6-17-427	Superintendent license—Superintendent mentoring program required
6-17-902	Definition (definition of a teacher as licensed)
6-17-908	Teachers' salary fund—Authorized disbursements
6-17-908(a)(4)(B)	Pertaining to insurance and fringe benefits for teachers
6-17-919	Warrants void without valid certification and contract (the ability to pay a teacher's salary only upon filing of a teacher's certificate with the county clerk's office, if the requirement of a teacher's certificate is waived for such teacher)
6-17-1201 et seq.	Teachers' Minimum Sick Leave Law
6-17-1301 et seq.	School Employees' Minimum Sick Leave Law
6-17-1501 et seq.	Teacher Fair Dismissal Act
6-17-1701 et seq.	Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act
6-17-2201 et seq.	Classified School Employee Minimum Salary Act
6-17-2301 et seq.	Classified School Employee Personnel Policy Law
6-17-2401 et seq.	Teacher Compensation Program of 2003
6-18-211	Students in grades none through twelve—Mandatory Attendance
6-18-503(a)(1)(C)(i)	Pertaining to alternative learning environments

6-18-706	School nurses
6-18-1001 et seq.	Public School Student Services Act
Chapter 19	Transportation
6-20-2208(c)(6)	Monitoring of expenditures (gifted and talented)
6-21-117	Leased academic facilities (requiring leased facilities to confirm to the school facility standards)
6-21-303	Rules (the requirement to reimburse teachers for personal expenditures for classroom supplies)
6-25-101 et seq.	Public School Library and Media Technology Act
6-42-101 et seq.	General Provisions (gifted and talented)
6-48-101 et seq.	Alternative Learning Environments

Waivers from Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and Districts

9.03.4	Grades 9-12 (courses to be taught, requiring the 38 units of credit)
10.02	Class Size and Teaching Load
14.03	Unit of credit and clock hours for a unit of credit
15.01	School District Superintendent
15.02	Principals
15.03	Licensure and Renewal
16	Support Services
18	Gifted and Talented Education
19.03	Pertaining to alternative learning environments
19.04	Requirement to provide summer school and adult education programs
21	Auxiliary Services

Waivers from Other Rules:

- ADE Rules Governing Waivers for Substitute Teachers
- ADE Rules Governing Parental Notification of an Assignment of a Non-Licensed Teacher to Teach a Class for More than Thirty (30) Consecutive Days and for Granting Waivers
- ADE Rules Governing the Superintendent Mentoring Program
- ADE Rules Governing Minimum Qualifications for General Business Managers
- ADE Rules Governing Educator Licensure
- Section 4 of the ADE Rules Governing the Distribution of Student Special Needs Funding and the Determination of Allowable Expenditures of those Funds (Pertaining to alternative learning environments)
- ADE Rules Governing Public School Student Services
- ADE Rules for Gifted and Talented Program Approval Standards
- ADE Rules Governing School Board Zones and Rezoning
- ADE Rules Governing School Election Expense Reimbursement

Regardless of any waivers granted, every charter school must always abide by the following requirements:

- All standardized assessments required by the state must be administered solely by licensed personnel, as required by ADE Rules Governing the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing Assessment and Accountability Program, Sections 5.02.4 and 5.03.2. Violations of ADE assessment procedures are subject to sanctions by the State Board, including without limitation sanctions pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-15-438 and 6-23-105.

- All teachers and school personnel, whether licensed or unlicensed, must submit to the criminal background and central registry checks required by law.
- Any teacher, whether licensed or unlicensed, who teaches a core academic subject area must meet the requirements of the ADE Rules Governing Highly Qualified Teachers Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Core academic subject areas are defined by federal law to include English Language Arts, Reading, Mathematics, Science, Foreign Languages, Social Studies, Music, and Art.