

**SIATECH
AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL
WAIVERS**

District LEA:	60-52-700	Elementary School LEA:	N/A
City:	Little Rock	Middle School LEA:	N/A
Opening Date:	Fall 2011	High School LEA:	60-52-703
Grades Approved:	9-12	Expiration Date:	6/30/2016
CAP:	275	Grades Served 2013-2014:	9-12

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

6-10-106	School year dates
6-11-129	Data to be accessible on website
6-13-109	School superintendent
6-13-608	Length of directors' terms
6-13-611	Vacancies generally
6-13-616	Director eligibility
6-13-620	Powers and duties
6-15-1004	Qualified teachers in every public school classroom
6-15-2302	General business manager—Responsibilities—Minimum qualifications
6-16-102	School day hours
6-16-124	Arkansas history
6-17-111	Duty-free lunch periods
6-17-114	Daily planning period
6-17-203	Committees on personnel policies—Members
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	Teacher licensure requirement
6-17-418	Teacher licensure—Arkansas history requirement
6-17-902	Definition (definition of a teacher as licensed)
6-17-908	Teachers' salary fund—Authorized disbursements
6-17-919	Warrants void without valid certification and contract (the only requirement which would be waived is 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)
6-17-1501 et seq.	Teacher Fair Dismissal Act
6-17-1701 et seq.	Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act
6-17-2403	Minimum teacher compensation schedule
6-18-213(f)	Policy of dropping a student who is absent from daily attendance for more than 10 consecutive school days, except as allowed by rule, from attendance records of the school
6-18-1001 et seq.	Public School Student Services Act
6-20-2208(c)(6)	Monitoring of expenditures (gifted and talented)
6-25-101 et seq.	Public School Library and Media Technology Act
6-42-101 et seq.	General Provisions (gifted and talented)

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

9.03.1.2	The Smart Core curriculum contained within 38 units that must be taught each year
9.03.4	Grades 9-12 (courses to be taught, requiring the 38 units of credit)

9.03.4.11	AP Courses
10.01.3	At least 10 days or 60 hours shall be used for professional development and in-service training and at least two (2) days shall be used for parent/teacher conferences
14.03	Unit of credit and clock hours for a unit of credit (clock hours)
15	Personnel
16.01.3	Requiring a certified counselor at each school at a ratio of 1 to 450
16.02	Media Services
16.03.3	Student health records
18	Gifted and Talented Education

Waivers from Other Rules:

- 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 Mandatory Attendance Requirements for Students in Grades Nine through Twelve
- ADE Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards and Body Mass Index for Age Assessment Protocols in Arkansas Public Schools (those portions of the standards involving Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-132)
- Final ADE Rules and Regulations Four-day School Weeks
- Certified staff salary schedule
- ADE Rules Governing Public School Student Services

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.