

**ARKANSAS CONNECTIONS ACADEMY
APPROVED WAIVERS**

District LEA:	0444700	Elementary School LEA:	0444701
City:	Bentonville	Middle School LEA:	
Opening Date:	2016	High School LEA:	
Grades Approved:	K-12	Expiration Date:	06/30/2021
CAP:	3,000	Grades Served 2016-2017:	K-9

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

6-10-106	School year dates
6-10-115	Period of silence
6-10-122	Automated external defibrillators required
6-13-109	School superintendent
6-13-608	Length of directors' terms
6-13-611(b) and (c)	Vacancies generally
6-13-612(c)	Vacancies generally
6-13-613	Temporary vacancies - vacancies created by failure to participate
6-13-619(c)(1)(A) and (d)(2)	Requiring a board member to be physically present at a meeting to be counted for purposes of a quorum or to vote
6-13-620(5)(A)	Powers and duties
6-13-630	Election by zone and at large
6-13-631	Effect of minority population on election
6-13-1301 et. seq	Site-based decision making
6-14-101 et seq.	School Elections
6-15-1005(b)(5)(A)	Pertaining to alternative learning environments
6-15-1302	Emergency plan for war or terrorist attack
6-15-2006(b)	Annual progress report
6-15-2302	General business manager—Responsibilities—Minimum qualifications
6-16-102	School day hours
6-16-105	United States flag
6-16-108	Daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance
6-16-143	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction
6-17-102	Emergency first aid personnel
6-17-119	Alternative pay programs
6-17-201 et seq.	Requirements—Written personnel policies—Teacher salary schedule
6-17-302	Principals—Responsibilities
6-17-427	Superintendent license—Superintendent mentoring program required
6-17-913	Audit of accounts
6-17-1111	Life and disability insurance - Employee eligibility - Allocation of costs
6-17-1117	Health insurance
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 nine through twelve—Mandatory Attendance
6-18-213(a)(2)	Attendance records and reports generally

6-18-503(a)(1)(C)(i)	Pertaining to alternative learning environments
6-18-705	School breakfast program
6-18-706	School nurses—Nurse-to-student ratio
6-18-1001 et seq.	Public School Student Services Act
6-18-1501 et. seq.	Mandated eye and vision screening procedures and tests for children
6-20-701 et. seq.	School lunch program
6-20-2208(c)(1)	Monitoring of expenditures (gifted and talented)
6-21-106	Fire hazards inspection prior to closing for breaks
6-21-303(b)(1)(A)	Rules (Acquisition of commodities generally)
6-21-406	Adoption, sale, or exchange of instructional materials
6-25-103	Library media services program defined
6-25-104	Library media specialist—Qualifications
6-42-109	Reports by school districts
6-48-101 et seq.	Alternative Learning Environments

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

7.02.2	Publication of a report in a newspaper of general circulation in the district before November 15 a report detailing the progress toward accomplishing program goals, accreditation standards, and proposals to correct deficiencies
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) 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
10.01.3	Planned instructional time
10.01.4	Class Size and Teaching Load
10.02	Unit of credit and clock hours for a unit of credit
14.03	School District Superintendent
15.01	Principals
15.02	Licensure and Renewal
15.03	Professional development and in-service training
15.04	Requiring a certified counselor at each school at a ratio of 1 to 450
16.01.3	Media Services
16.02	Health and Safety Services
16.03	Gifted and Talented Education
18	Pertaining to alternative learning environments
19.03	
19.04	Requirement to provide summer school and adult education programs

Waivers from Other Rules:

ADE Rules - Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Devices and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
ADE Rules - Automated External Defibrillators, Requirement of Schools to Have
ADE Rules - Business Manager Qualifications
ADE Rules - Eye and Vision Screening Report in Arkansas Public Schools
ADE Rules - Gifted And Talented Program Approval Standards
ADE Rules - Licensure - Educator Licensure, Chapter 3, Chapter 4 as it applies to administrators
ADE Rules - Mandatory Attendance Requirements for Students in Grades Nine through 12
ADE Rules - Personnel Policies and Salary Schedules, Sections 4-8
ADE Rules - School Fire Marshal
ADE Rules – Student Discipline and School Safety Policies 4.10
ADE Rules Governing Instructional Materials 6.02

ADE Rules Governing Public School Student Services 3.01.1

ADE Rules Governing Public School Student Services 3.01.6

ADE Rules Governing the Distribution of Student Special Needs Funding 4.00

Certain provisions of state law shall not be waived. The public charter school is subject to any prohibition, restriction, or requirement imposed by Title 6 of the Arkansas Code Annotated and any rule and regulation approved by the State Board of Education under this title relating to:

- Monitoring compliance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-23-101 et seq. as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Education;
- Conducting criminal background checks for employees;
- High school graduation requirements as established by the State Board of Education;
- Special education programs as provided by this title;
- Public school accountability under this title;
- Ethical guidelines and prohibitions as established by Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-24-101 et seq., and any other controlling state or federal law regarding ethics or conflicts of interest; and
- Health and safety codes as established by the State Board of Education and local governmental entities.

Also, any teacher, whether licensed or unlicensed, who teaches a core academic subject area must meet the requirements of the ADE Rules Governing Arkansas Qualified Teacher Requirements. Core academic subjects include English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Early Childhood (Elementary), Music, Art and Foreign Language.