ARKANSAS VIRTUAL ACADEMY

APPROVED WAIVERS

District LEA:	60-43-700	**Elementary School LEA:**	60-43-701
City:	Little Rock	**Middle School LEA:**	60-43-702
Opening Date:	Fall 2007	**High School LEA:**	60-43-703
Grades Approved:	K-12	**Expiration Date:**	6/30/2020
CAP:	2000	**Grades Served 2016-2017:**	K-12

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

6-5-405(b)(1)	Pertaining to the requirement for superintendents and assistant superintendents to have professional development on applying for state-supported student financial assistance for higher education
6-10-106	School year dates
6-10-110	School fire marshal program
6-13-109	School superintendent
6-13-608	Length of directors' terms
6-13-611	Vacancies generally
6-13-615	Election—Single member zones
6-13-616	Director eligibility
6-13-619	Monthly meetings
6-13-619(a)(1)	Monthly board meetings
6-13-619(c)(1)(A)	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	Powers and duties
6-13-630	Election by zone and at large
6-13-631	Effect of minority population on election
6-13-634	School district board of directors—Size
6-14-101 et seq.	School Elections
6-15-902(a)	Grading scale—Exemptions—Special education (in grades 3-8, the uniform grading scale is waived only as to non-core courses)
6-15-903(a)(2)	Requiring report cards to be mailed, given to a parent at a conference, or sent home with the student
6-15-1004	Qualified teachers in every public school classroom
6-15-1005(b)(5)	Pertaining to alternative learning environments
6-15-1302	Emergency plan for war or terrorist attack
6-16-102	School day hours
6-16-108	Daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance
6-17-201 et seq.	Requirements—Written personnel policies—Teacher salary schedule
6-17-203	Committees on personnel policies—Members
6-17-208	Written grievance procedure
6-17-302	Principals—Responsibilities
6-17-309	Certification to teach grade or subject matter—Exceptions—Waivers
6-17-401	Teacher licensure requirement
6-17-427	Superintendent license—Superintendent mentoring program required
6-17-902	Definition (definition of a teacher as licensed)
6-17-908	Teachers' salary fund—Authorized disbursements

6-17-919	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)
6-17-1501 et seq.	Teacher Fair Dismissal Act
6-17-1701 et seq.	Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act
6-17-2301 et seq.	Classified School Employee Personnel Policy Law
6-17-2403	Minimum teacher compensation schedule
6-18-209(b)	Adoption of student attendance policy—Effect of excessive absences
6-18-210	Definition of planned instructional time
6-18-213	Attendance records and reports generally
6-18-503(a)(1)(C)(i)	Pertaining to alternative learning environments
6-18-511	Removal of student from classroom by teacher
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
6-18-1005(a)(6)	Health services (requiring individual health care plans for certain students and trained and licensed personnel to perform medical tasks at school)
6-20-2208(c)(6)	Monitoring of expenditures (gifted and talented)
6-21-406	Adoption, sale, or exchange of instructional materials
6-21-413	Textbook selection committee
6-25-101 et seq.	Public School Library and Media Technology Act
6-25-103	Library media services program defined
6-25-104	Library media specialist—Qualifications
6-25-105	Establishment of guidelines for the selection, removal, and retention of materials (Library Media)
6-25-106	Provision of resources (Library Media)
6-42-101 et seq.	General Provisions (gifted and talented)
6-48-101 et seq.	Alternative Learning Environments

Waivers from ADE 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
9.03.2.7	Grades K-4 Practical Living Skills/Career Exploration
9.03.3.9	Grades 5-8 Career and Technical Education (not approved to the extent that it affects accountability)
9.03.4	Grades 9-12 (courses to be taught, requiring the 38 units of credit)
10.01.4	Planned instructional time
10.02	Class Size and Teaching Load
10.02.5	Requiring that teachers in Grades 7-12 not be assigned more than 150 students and classes should not exceed 30 students except for exceptional cases or courses that lend themselves to large group instruction
10.05	Extracurricular Activities
10.06	Requirements for Participation in Extracurricular Activities
10.07	Homework and Independent Study Skills
12.02	Grading

15.01	School District Superintendent
15.02	Principals
15.03	Licensure and Renewal
16.01	Guidance and Counseling
16.02	Media Services
16.03	Health and Safety Services
18	Gifted and Talented Education
19.03	Pertaining to alternative learning environments

Waivers from Other Rules:

ADE Rules Governing Uniform Grading Scales for Public Secondary Schools and for Optional Use in Public Elementary Schools

ADE Rules Governing Mandatory Attendance Requirements for Students in Grades Nine through Twelve

ADE Rules Governing the Superintendent Mentoring Program

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 Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards and Body Mass Index for Age Assessment Protocols in Arkansas Public Schools

Section 1-7 of ADE Rules Governing School District Requirements for Personnel Policies, Salary Schedules, Minimum Salaries, and Documents Posted to District Websites (not a waiver of website posting requirements)

Alternative Learning

Certified staff salary scale

Defibrillator devices

Discipline and school safety policies

Distance learning

Expenditure requirements

Junior Fire Marshal Program

Purchasing of instructional materials

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.