

**PINE BLUFF LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER SCHOOL
AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL
WAIVERS**

District LEA:	35-41-700	Elementary School LEA:	35-41-701
City:	Pine Bluff	Middle School LEA:	35-41-702
Opening Date:	Fall 2011	High School LEA:	N/A
Grades Approved:	K-12	Expiration Date:	6/30/2015
CAP:	650	Grades Served 2014-2015:	K-7

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

6-15-1004	Qualified teachers in every public school classroom
6-17-309	Certification to teach grade or subject matter—Exceptions—Waivers
6-17-401	Teacher licensure requirement
6-17-702	Staff development sessions
6-17-902	Definition (definition of a teacher as licensed)
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)
6-17-2403	Minimum teacher compensation schedule
6-18-1001 et seq.	Public School Student Services Act
6-20-2208(c)(6)	Monitoring of expenditures (gifted and talented)

Waivers from Arkansas Department of Education 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 (waiver for first year only)
7.03.1	Operating Policies and Procedures
8.01	Each school district shall form a coalition of parents, and representatives of agencies and institutions, and of business and industry to develop and implement a comprehensive plan for effective and efficient community involvement in the delivery of comprehensive youth services and support
10.02	Class Size and Teaching Load
15.01	School District Superintendent
15.03.1	Requiring all administrative, teaching, and other personnel shall hold a current, valid Arkansas license
15.03.2	Requiring all administrative, teaching, and other personnel shall meet appropriate state licensure and renewal requirements for the position to which they are assigned
16.02.3	Requiring a licensed library media specialist
16.02.4	Establishing minimum requirements for the school's media collection
18.01	Requiring the development of procedures to identify gifted and talented students in accordance with guidelines established by the Department
18.02	Requiring the school district to provide educational opportunities for students

Waivers from Other Rules:

- ADE Rules for Gifted and Talented Program Approval Standards

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.