



# Harrisburg School District

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## LETTER OF INTENT

Charter and Home Schools Office  
Division of Learning Services  
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To Whom It May Concern,

Harrisburg High School intends to establish a district conversion public charter school. Please accept this proposal as the District's letter of intent to apply for such charter.

Harrisburg Schools are located in a highly rural, low socioeconomic region. Our school has 100% participation in the free lunch program, and many of our students who go to post-secondary schools are the first in their family to do so. Recognizing the need to prepare all of our students for when they leave our campus, we want to expand the opportunities which we presently offer, so any student who chooses can be prepared to begin work in a professional area, with the certifications they need to be successful.

In order to offer these expanded opportunities, we want to partner with Arkansas State University-Newport campus (ASU-N) to present a multifaceted education experience which will allow our students to achieve the skills called for under the Common Core Standards, and also, obtain industry approved certifications based on real world training needed for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We would like to include programs of study such as welding, cosmetology, and long haul trucking, among others. We would change our daily schedule to facilitate longer blocks of instructional time, in order to allow students to travel to the college campus for concurrent credit opportunities and still be able to obtain the necessary credits demanded by the ADE.

This name of this charter school would be Harrisburg High School, and it would reach grades 9-12 with approximately 400 students. The location of the school will be 401 West South Street, Harrisburg, AR, 72432. Contact person for this conversion will be High School Principal Brandon Craig. He may be reached at 870-578-2417 or [bcraig@hbgsd.org](mailto:bcraig@hbgsd.org). Mailing address for future correspondence is 207 W. Estes Street, Harrisburg, AR, 72432.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal, and look forward to working with you through our application process.

Sincerely,

  
Danny B. Sample

Harrisburg School District Superintendent