

**PINE BLUFF LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER SCHOOL  
APPROVED WAIVERS**

<b>District LEA:</b>	35-41-700	<b>Elementary School LEA:</b>	35-41-701
<b>City:</b>	Pine Bluff	<b>Middle School LEA:</b>	35-41-702
<b>Opening Date:</b>	Fall 2011	<b>High School LEA:</b>	N/A
<b>Grades Approved:</b>	K-12	<b>Expiration Date:</b>	6-30-2019
<b>CAP:</b>	650	<b>Grades Served 2016-2017:</b>	K-8

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

6-13-619(c) and (d)	Monthly board meetings
6-15-1004	Qualified teachers in every public school classroom
6-17-111	Duty-free lunch periods
6-17-114	Daily planning period
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
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 ADE Rules Governing Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and Districts**

7.03.1	Operating Policies and Procedures (first year only)
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

**Waivers from Other Rules:**

ADE Rules for Gifted and Talented Program Approval Standards

**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.