

**ROCKBRIDGE MONTESSORI SCHOOL
APPROVED WAIVERS**

District LEA:	60-57-700	Elementary School LEA:	60-57-701
City:	Little Rock	Middle School LEA:	N/A
Opening Date:	Fall 2015	High School LEA:	N/A
Grades Approved:	K-8	Expiration Date:	6/30/2020
CAP:	325	Grades Served 2016-2017:	K-6

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

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
6-13-618	Organization - Disbursing Officers
6-13-619(c)	Monthly meetings
6-13-620	Powers and duties
6-13-621	Authority to exchange for other land
6-13-628	Purchaes in small communities without bids
6-13-630	Election by zone and at large
6-13-631	Effect of minority population on election
6-13-633	Vacancy created by non-residency
6-13-634	School district board of directors—Size
6-13-635	School board review and approval of salary increases
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)
6-15-1004	Qualified teachers in every public school classroom
6-15-1005(b)(5)	Pertaining to alternative learning environments
6-15-2302	General business manager—Responsibilities—Minimum qualifications
6-16-105	United States flag
6-16-106	Arkansas state flag
6-16-130(b)(1)	Visual art or music
6-16-130(b)(3)	Visual art or music
6-16-130(b)(4)(a)	Visual art or music
6-16-132(b)(1)(a)	Physical education
6-17-111	Duty-free lunch periods
6-17-114	Daily planning period
6-17-117	Noninstructional duties
6-17-201 et seq.	Requirements—Written personnel policies—Teacher salary schedule
6-17-201(c)(2)	Pertaining to teacher compensation
6-17-301	Employment of certified personnel
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
6-17-807	Additional days
6-17-902	Definition (definition of a teacher as licensed)
6-17-919	Warrants void without valid certification and contract
6-17-1501 et seq.	Teacher Fair Dismissal Act
6-17-1701 et seq.	Public School Employee Fair Hearing Act
6-17-2203	Minimum salary

6-17-2301 et seq.	Classified School Employee Personnel Policy Law
6-17-2403	Minimum teacher compensation schedule
6-18-501 et seq.	Discipline
6-18-503(a)(1)(C)(i)	Pertaining to alternative learning environments
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)
6-21-117	Leased academic facilities
6-25-103	Library media services program defined
6-25-104	Library media specialist—Qualifications
6-42-109	Gifted and talented progress reports
6-48-101 et seq.	Alternative Learning Environments

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

9.03.2.6	Fine Arts (grades K-4)
9.03.3.5	Grades 5-8 Physical Education (not approved to the extent that it affects accountability)
9.03.3.6	Grades 5-8 Fine Arts (to be integrated into the other curriculum)
9.03.3.7	Grades 5-8 Health and Safety (not approved to the extent that it affects accountability)
10.02	Class Size and Teaching Load
15.01	School District Superintendent
15.02	Principals
15.03	Licensure and Renewal
16.01	Guidance and Counseling
16.02.3	Requiring a licensed library media specialist
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 Gifted and Talented Program Approval Standards
- Section 4.00 of ADE Rules Governing the Distribution of Students with Special Needs Funds
- Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the ADE Rules Governing School District Requirements for Personnel Policies, Salary Schedules, Minimum Salaries, and Documents Posted to District Websites
- Section 4 of the ADE Rules Governing Personnel Policies, Salary Schedules, Minimum Salaries, and Documents Posted to the District Website
- Section 3.01.1 and 3.01.6 of the ADE Rules Governing Public School Student Services (Rules)
- ADE Rules Governing Uniform Grading Scales for Public Secondary Schools and for Optional Use in Public Elementary Schools
- ADE Rules Governing Minimum Qualifications for General Business Managers
- ADE Rules Governing Educator Licensure

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.