

2017 CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSAL Letter of Intent and Demonstration of Eligibility

This letter of intent (LOI) serves to provide a formal notice to the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board (MCSAB) regarding our intention to submit a proposal for opening a charter school.

Name of applicant organization: Shades of Elegance Corporation
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We plan to apply as a:

- New operator Existing operator Conversion operator

Do any of the following describe your organization, or the school/campuses you will propose?

- Seeks approval for multiple campuses under a single charter.
 Already operates schools elsewhere in the US.
 Will contract or partner with an education service provider.

If so, identify the provider:

- This provider already operates schools in this state or elsewhere in the US.

Provide the names of all members of the applicant team (add lines as needed):

Full Name	Current Job Title and Employer	Position with Proposed School
Dr. T.J. Graham	Math Department Chair - KIPP Memphis Preparatory Middle School	Executive Director
Ms. Shantal Johnson	Grade 7 Science Teacher - KIPP Memphis Preparatory Middle	School Leader (Principal)

Provide the names of all members of the proposed governing board of the school (add lines as needed):

Full Name	Current Job Title and Employer	Position with Proposed School
James Potts	Iraq/Afghanistan War Veteran	Board Chair
Hazel Harris	Vice Mayor, City of Drew	Board Vice Chair
Viscia Pointer	Correctional Case Worker	Secretary
Jennie Lewis, CPA	CPA and Entrepreneur	Treasurer
Terry Tyler	Chief of Police (Drew, MS)	Sergeant-at-Arms

Provide the names of all members of the proposed leadership team of the school (add lines as needed):

Full Name	Current Job Title and Employer	Position with Proposed School
Ms. Shantal Johnson	Grade 7 Science Teacher - KIPP Memphis Preparatory Middle	School Leader (Principal)

COMPLETE THIS PART FOR EACH SCHOOL/CAMPUS YOU INTEND TO PROPOSE. Duplicate as needed.

Proposed School/Campus Name	Opening year	Grades served year one	Grades served at capacity
Truth Academy STEAM Charter School	2018	K-6	K-8
Proposed Location			
School District: <i>Identify the school district where the charter school will be located.</i>	Sunflower County Consolidated School District		

Model/Specialty (check all that apply)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative	<input type="checkbox"/> Career and Technical Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Disability (list):	<input type="checkbox"/> Montessori
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College Prep	<input type="checkbox"/> Language Immersion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STEM
<input type="checkbox"/> Blended Learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (list): Other (list): STEAM (STEM Arts-infused)	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	
Proposed School Description			
Provide the mission statement of the proposed school.	The mission of Truth Academy STEAM Charter School is to engage and prepare future-ready students through a rigorous, standards-based education that uses an arts integrated, STEM framework and to provide the underpinnings for every child to be successful in college, work, and life. Truth Academy STEAM Charter School graduates are expected to immediately take advantage of opportunities through post-secondary institutions and businesses.		
In 100 words or less, briefly describe the instructional focus of the proposed school.	With STEM + Arts or STEAM as its model, Truth Academy STEAM Charter School's (TASCS) instructional focus is centered on a STEAM Pedagogy, framed by STEM education in one or more of the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines. At TASCS, however, we believe STEM is much more than subject matter, but a process of leading students through distinct levels of research, planning, creation, and reflection that will be intentionally integrated with arts instruction to increase student engagement, creative thinking, and innovation (adding 'A' for "Arts" to bridge STEM to STEAM).		

Certification

We understand that upon receipt of this letter and accompanying documentation, the MCSAB will evaluate our organization and applicant team against the legal eligibility requirements to determine whether we are eligible to hold a charter in the state of Mississippi.

We further understand that in order to be considered in this RFP cycle, we must submit a complete proposal by 3pm CST on March 7, 2017.

I certify that I have the authority to submit this LOI and that all information contained herein is complete and accurate, realizing that any misrepresentation could result in disqualification from the application process. The person named as the contact person for the application is so authorized to serve as the primary contact for this application on behalf of the organization.

Dr. T.J. Graham – Executive Director

Name, Role with Applicant Organization

T.J. Graham, Ph.D.

Signature

February 10, 2017

Date