

Letter of Intent

This letter of intent (LOI) serves to provide a formal notice to the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board regarding the Children Development Center’s intention to submit a proposal for opening a PreK–5 Elementary charter school (**Excellence Academy Charter School**) in the 2014-2015 school year.

The information presented in the Letter of Intent is non-binding.

Name of Proposed School	<i>Excellence Academy Charter School</i>
Grade Configuration	PreK–5
Model or Focus	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
Primary Contact Person	Ozella Ward
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District	Panola County
Proposed Leader (if known)	Unknown at this time (We are recruiting)
Replication?	No
Contract with ESP?	No

Enrollment Projections:

Provide additional rows and columns if necessary. Replace “Year 1” with the academic year the applicant plans to begin operating and the four subsequent academic years.

Grade	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
PreK–5	40	40	40	40	40
K	40	40	40	40	40
1 st	40	40	40	40	40
2 nd	40	40	40	40	40
3 rd		40	40	40	40
4 th			40	40	40
5 th				40	40
Total # of students	160	200	240	280	280

Mission of School:

Excellence Academy Charter School will provide research-based alternatives to the current traditional system of educational delivery in the Panola County School District; thereby improving instructional delivery, fostering a higher level of motivation and interest in education, particularly in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. By the end of fifth grade, students will master grade level science, technology, engineering, and mathematics content, practices, and processes, integrate STEM contents with other disciplines, answer complex questions, investigate global issues, solve real world problems, and meet real world challenges while engaging in meaningful, purposeful, and relevant hands-on inquiry-based, problem-based and/or project-based learning experiences.

Provide a brief overview of the education program of the school:

Excellence Academy Charter School students are expected to apply the rigor of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics content and the STEM Standards of Practice while engaged in learning activities that investigate the natural world. The students will explore technology and engineering solutions and appropriately apply the concepts of mathematics in order to understand and address real life issues and solve problems or challenges. As students progress through elementary school they will begin to independently integrate the STEM Standards of Practice. They will understand how to apply the roles and views of STEM career professionals and analyze real world STEM issues, problems, or challenges as they incorporate STEM content, skills, and practices and other disciplines such as social studies, performing arts, health, and creative movement. In short, Excellence Academy Charter School students will thrive in a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics enriched curriculum. The STEM focused education of our program will prepare students for further study in these areas and for careers in this highly sought after career field.

- To support our students as they seek academic excellence, we will offer:
- STEM Labs
- STEM focus woven within the curriculum
- Computers in every classroom
- Gifted and Talented Education
- Music program
- College-bound emphasis in all classrooms

Complete the following table to list Board members for the school at this time. Add rows as is necessary.

Name	Current Professional Title and Organization	Board Role	Focus/Expertise
Dr. Lori May	Educator	Chair	Education
Mr. Terry D. Wallace	Community Leader	Co-chair	Ministry
Mrs. Nettie Turner	Educator	Secretary	Education
Mr. Fred Cummings	Retired Educator	Treasurer	Education
Mrs. Tracy Reed	Dispatcher/Swift Transportation	Community	Public Relations