

LISA Academy

SPONSORING ENTITY: LITTLE SCHOLARS OF ARKANSAS FOUNDATION

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of LISA Academy to provide an academically rigorous college preparatory program, in partnership with students, families, and the community, and guide all students in gaining knowledge, skills, and the attitude necessary to direct their lives, improve a diverse society, and excel in a changing world by providing dynamic, resource-rich learning environments.

CURRENT DATA

Maximum Enrollment	3,432
Approved Grade Levels	K-12
Grades Served 2019-2020	K-12

2019-2020 Enrollment by Race

Two or More Races	99
Asian	200
Black	1108
Hispanic	748
Native American/Native Alaskan	14
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	17
White	639
Total	2,825

2019-2020 Enrollment by Grade

Kindergarten	254
1st Grade	233
2nd Grade	223
3rd Grade	203
4th Grade	216
5th Grade	220
6th Grade	300
7th Grade	258
8th Grade	248
9th Grade	219
10th Grade	175
11th Grade	155
12th Grade	121

2019-2020 Student Status Counts

Migrant	7
LEP	523
Gifted & Talented	319
Special Education	323
Title I	763
Source: District Cycle 4 Report	

2018-2019 Average Daily Attendance

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ADA	2,157.15	2,107.63	2,090.27	2,052.96
ADM	2,211.47	2,192.43	2,167.94	2,150.10
%	97.54%	96.13%	96.42%	95.48%

BACKGROUND

Authorized	January 12, 2004	(LISA Academy)
	November 5, 2007	(LISA Academy- North Little Rock)
Contract Expiration	June 30, 2030	

State Board	
Application Hearing	January 12, 2004
Board approved the application	
State Board	
Renewal Request - LISA Academy	April 9, 2007
Charter renewed for five years	
Amendment approved to increase enrollment from 450 to 600	
State Board	
Amendment Request Considered and DENIED	April 11, 2011
LISA Academy - add grades 4 and 5, increase enrollment by 200	
State Board	
Renewal Request - LISA Academy	April 9, 2012
Charter renewed for five years	
Amendment approved to increase enrollment from 600 to 800	
State Board	
Renewal Request - LISA Academy North Little Rock	March 11, 2013
Charter renewed for five years	
State Board	
Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED	January 15, 2014
Merge LISA Academy and LISA Academy North Little Rock with combined enrollment of 1,500	
Charter Authorizing Panel	
Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED	February 19, 2016
Add a new K-6 campus in West Little Rock	
Increase enrollment from 1,500 to 2,100	
Change grade levels at existing LISA West campus to 7-12	
State Board	
Consideration of Panel Decision	March 10, 2016
Board voted to review the Panel's February 19, 2016 decision	
State Board	
Amendment Request Review	March 31, 2016
Board voted to affirm the Panel's February 19, 2016 decision	
Charter Authorizing Panel	
Renewal Request	December 15, 2016
Charter renewed for thirteen years	
Waiver rescinded for ADE Rules Governing Parental Notification of an Assignment of a Non-Licensed Teacher to Teach a Class for More than Thirty (30) Consecutive Days and for Granting Waivers	

Waivers granted for the following:

6-17-812

6-25-103

6-25-104

Standards for Accreditation

10.02.5

14.03

16.02.3

16.02.4

State Board

Consideration of Panel Decision

January 12, 2017

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

February 15, 2018

Add a new campus to LISA North Little Rock

Increase enrollment to 2,700

Waiver of 6-10-106

State Board

Consideration of Panel Decision

March 8, 2018

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

October 18, 2018

Transition to new Standards for Accreditation

State Board

Consideration of Panel Decision

November 8, 2018

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

February 25, 2019

Merge Ozark Montessori Academy into LISA Academy charter as LISA Academy

Springdale

Increase enrollment from 2,700 to 3,000

Additional waivers

6-21-117

6-16-105

6-16-106

6-23-908(a)(4)(B)

Standards for Accreditation:

4-C.1

4-C.2

4-B.1

4-B.2

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

February 25, 2019

Waiver of ADE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load

State Board

Consideration of Panel Decision

March 14, 2019

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision

Charter Authorizing Panel

Amendment Request Considered and APPROVED

October 15, 2019

Merge Little Rock Preparatory into LISA Academy effective 2020-2021 school year

Increase enrollment cap by 432

Waiver of 6-18-2003(a)(1)(A)(B)

Rename schools and reconfigure grades served at certain schools

State Board

Consideration of Panel Decision

November 14, 2019

Board voted not to review the Panel's decision