



Friendship Aspire Academy
Public Charter School
ARKANSAS

PUBLIC NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Friendship Aspire Academy Ed-Flex Waiver Application

Friendship Aspire Academy intends to apply to the Arkansas Department of Education for one or more waivers of federal requirements under the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 (20 U.S.C. § 5891b). Ed-Flex allows the Department to waive certain federal requirements for individual districts and schools so they can better meet local needs while remaining accountable for student performance.

The district is requesting the following waiver[s]:

Time-and-effort certification forms: 2 C.F.R. 200.430 (g) The district is asking that this requirement be waived. Employees paid entirely by a single federal program must currently sign paperwork twice a year confirming how they spend their time. This flexibility removes the certification requirement for those employees. The district expects this waiver to result in staff and administrators spending less time on federal paperwork and more time supporting students and classrooms.

Parents, educators, school administrators, and other interested community members are invited to comment on this proposed waiver request.

Comments may be submitted to Scott McRae, Federal Programs Director, by email at smcrae@friendshipaspire.org, or by mail at 300 S. Izard St. Little Rock AR, 72201, or in person at 300 S. Izard St. Little Rock, AR 72201. Comments will be accepted from 9/16/26 through 9/27/26.

All comments received will be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Education with the district's application.