



DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

2023-2024 Statement of Assurance

District Lawrence County LEA # 3810-000

Superintendent: Terry Belcher

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-202, each Arkansas school district superintendent and each chief academic officer of an open-enrollment charter school shall give written assurance each school year of school district or charter school compliance with Arkansas law. **This written assurance shall be uploaded to the SFA system by September 1 of each school year.** By my signature below, I certify that:

- To the best of my knowledge, the school district is in compliance with all state laws and the Standards for Accreditation; and
- This statement is submitted in compliance with Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-15-202 and 6-15-206(c)(1), and is subject to the enforcement provisions of Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-15-202 and 6-15-207.

Superintendent's Signature: \s\TerryBelcher Date: 8-1-23

Constitutionally Protected Prayer

Section 8524 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), requires that, as a condition of receiving ESEA funds, each school district and charter school must certify in writing to the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) that it has no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public schools as set forth in guidance from the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) to all school administrators, dated January 16, 2020.

http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/religionandschools/prayer_guidance.html

- The school district has no policy that prevents or otherwise denies participation in constitutionally protected prayer in public schools.

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