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## Charter School Proposal



# Introduction



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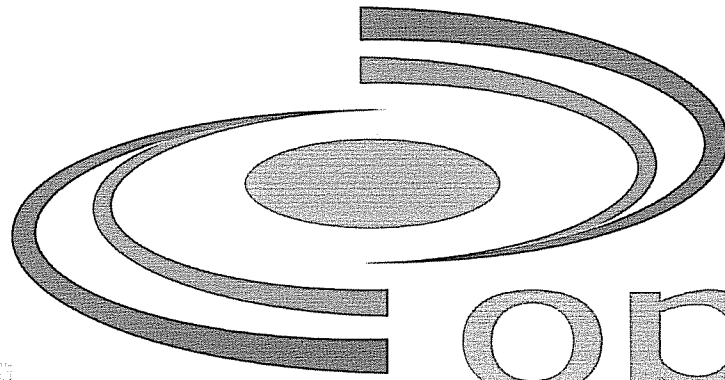
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- Brief background

- Mission

To teach students by:

- ✓ Using positive and productive adults as role models;
- ✓ Allowing students to learn through demonstration and exploration;
- ✓ Assisting students to find joy and excitement in learning;
- ✓ Providing curriculum content that holds personal meaning for the learner and instructional practices that lead to deeper meanings and understandings, and
- ✓ Holding all stakeholders accountable in making sure that every student meets high academic standards.



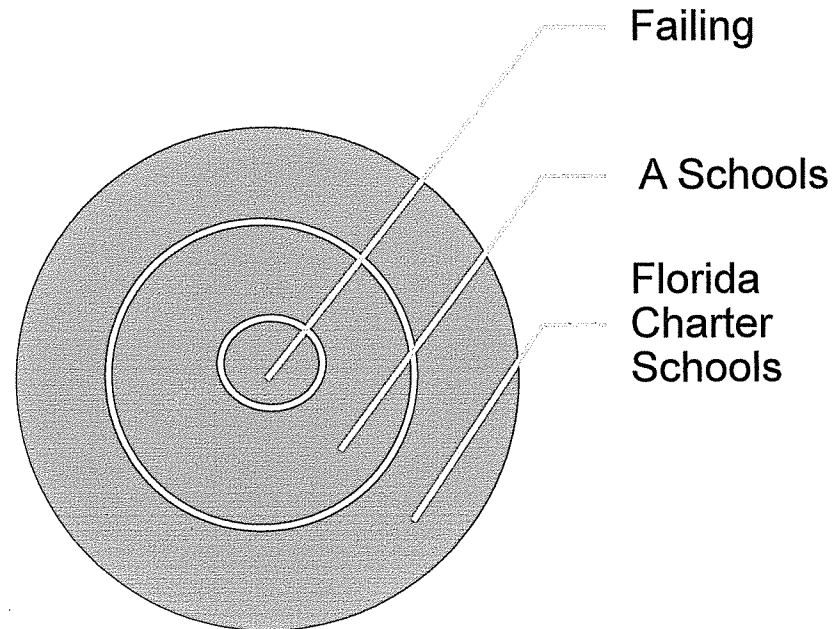
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High academic standards coupled with a broad Arts curriculum will offer students an opportunity to excel in a chosen discipline while preparing for post-secondary education.

# Brief Insights about Florida Charter Schools

- Florida Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Nation for Number of Charter Schools
- 12% Increase Since 1996
- 6% Are Failing
- 57% are A Schools
- 154,780 Charter Students in Florida





## Statement of Need

- Parents Need More Options
- Children Need More Options
- More Jobs Need to Be Created
- There is a for a Performing Arts School
- Need for More Innovative Learning Styles



# Proposal

- The Governing Board of the Orange Park Performing Arts Academy is seeking approval to start a Charter School in Clay County with the proviso that it:
  - 1.) obtain private market funding, and
  - 2.) secure and equip a facility.



# Experienced and Proven Leadership

- Former President, St. John's State College
- Former Clay County School Superintendent
- Current Duval County School Board Chair
- Community Housing and Development Director, City of Jacksonville
- Prominent Clay County Attorney
- Experienced Accounting and Finance Professional
- Senior Director of HUD, Experienced in Community Development





# General Purpose of the Performing Arts Academy

*"Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness, gaiety and life to everything. It is the essence of order and lends to all that is good and just and beautiful." -- Plato*

- Create an ***environment*** where there is joy and excitement in learning.
- Build ***self confidence*** that is tied into Performing Arts
- Use ***early musical training*** to develop brain areas involved in language and reasoning



# School Objectives

- Create Parental Choice and Options
- Create Innovative Learning Opportunities
- Create a Diverse Population of Students and Teachers
- Help Students Learn in a Thematic Institution
- Provide an Opportunity to Enhance the Economic Development of the Community



# Key Benefits

- In a 2000 survey, 73 percent of respondents agree that teens who play an instrument are **less likely to have discipline problems.**  
- *Americans Love Making Music – And Value Music Education More Highly Than Ever, American Music Conference, 2000.*
- Students who can perform complex rhythms can also make **faster and more precise corrections in many academic and physical situations,** according to the Center for Timing, Coordination, and Motor Skills.  
- *Rhythm seen as key to music's evolutionary role in human intellectual development, Center for Timing, Coordination, and Motor Skills, 2000.*
- A ten-year study indicates that students who study music **achieve higher test scores,** regardless of socioeconomic background.  
- *Dr. James Catterall, UCLA.*
- A 1997 study of elementary students in an arts-based program concluded that students' **math test scores rose** as their time in arts education classes increased.  
- *"Arts Exposure and Class Performance," Phi Delta Kappan, October, 1998.*
- First-grade students who had daily music instruction **scored higher on creativity tests** than a control group without music instruction.  
- *K.L. Wolff, The Effects of General Music Education on the Academic Achievement, Perceptual-Motor Development, Creative Thinking, and School Attendance of First-Grade Children, 1992.*



# Project Timetable

- The new school site will be ready for classes to begin in August 2012. An existing private school campus in Orange Park will be acquired with minimal renovations.

	<b>Description</b>	<b>Start Date to Completion Date</b>
<b>Phase 1</b>	Facility Preparation	May 2012 – August 2012
<b>Phase 2</b>	Teacher Training	June 2012 – July 2012
<b>Phase 3</b>	Advertising and Recruitment	June and July 2012




Ben H. Wortham  
Superintendent of Schools

# Clay County School Board

## 12 Month Employees

### Payroll Calendars 2012-13

Official Work Week: Sunday-Saturday

PERIOD	REM CKS	RUN #	BEGIN DATE	END DATE	DUE DATE	 PAYDAY	Instr./Adm./Conf./Support A3, C1, TW E1,T3, C3,D3	NON-WORK PAID DAYS	PAID HOLIDAYS	NOTES	
1	24	401	07/02/12	07/13/12	07/03/12	07/12/12	10		Independence Day 7/04/12	4-Day Work Week	
2	23	402	07/16/12	07/31/12	07/23/12	07/31/12	12			4-Day Work Week	
3	22	403	08/01/12	08/15/12	08/08/12	08/15/12	11			4-Day Work Week Ends on 8/03/12	
4	21	404	08/16/12	08/31/12	08/24/12	08/31/12	12				
5	20	405	09/03/12	09/14/12	09/07/12	09/14/12	10		Labor Day 9/03/12	Insurance Deductions Begi	
6	19	406	09/17/12	09/28/12	09/21/12	09/28/12	10				
7	18	407	10/01/12	10/15/12	10/08/12	10/15/12	11				
8	17	408	10/16/12	10/31/12	10/24/12	10/31/12	12				
9	16	409	11/01/12	11/15/12	11/07/12	11/15/12	11		Veterans Day 11/12/12		
10	15	410	11/16/12	11/30/12	11/16/12	11/30/12	11	Thanksgiving 11/23/12	Thanksgiving Holiday 11/22/12		
11	14	411	12/03/12	12/14/12	12/05/12	12/12/12	10				
12	13	412	12/17/12	12/31/12	12/12/12	12/19/12	11		Christmas Day 12/25/12		
13	12	413	01/01/13	01/15/13	01/08/13	01/15/13	11		New Year's Day 1/01/13		
14	11	414	01/16/13	01/31/13	01/24/13	01/31/13	12		Martin Luther King Day 1/21/13		
15	10	415	02/01/13	02/15/13	02/08/13	02/15/13	11				
16	9	416	02/18/13	02/28/13	02/21/13	02/28/13	9				
17	8	417	03/01/13	03/15/13	03/07/13	03/14/13	11				
18	7	418	03/18/13	03/29/13	03/15/13	03/22/13	10		Good Friday 3/29/13	Last day of sick leave posted for 12-month employees	
19	6	419	04/01/13	04/15/13	04/08/13	04/15/13	11				
20	5	420	04/16/13	04/30/13	04/23/13	04/30/13	11				
21	4	421	05/01/13	05/15/13	05/08/13	05/15/13	11				
22	3	422	05/16/13	05/31/13	05/23/13	05/31/13	12		Memorial Day 05/27/13		
23	2	428	06/03/13	06/14/13	06/05/13	06/13/13	10			4-Day Work Week Starts 6/03/13	
24	1	431	06/17/13	06/28/13	06/19/13	06/27/13	10			Final Payroll with Insurance Deductions	
							<b>260</b>	<b>Total Paid Days</b>			

