

***INDEPENDENCE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
MISSION STATEMENT***

*Our mission is to provide each student ns academically challenging and equitable educational experience based on safety, dignity, respect, and accountability through an accelerated academic curriculum emphasizing college preparatory skills, team teaching, and dynamic interactive student, parental, and community involvement. These students will possess the enthusiasm, attitude, and skills needed to succeed.*

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## **A CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA CITY**

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

- Liberal Arts, college preparatory curriculum
- Advanced Placement courses offered for students who wish to gain college credit
- Focus on Government Studies and Communications
- Full range of extra curricular activities
- A public school of choice for all students with direct parental and community control over all phases of school operations
- Code of conduct signed by each student is the center of a strong discipline policy
- Community Service component for each student
- No academic qualifications for admission to school
- Uniform dress code
- Admission within the Northwest OKC attendance boundaries
- Efficient use of tax dollars; the tax money follows the student, low administrative costs, direct control over budget expenditures, more money can be devoted to curriculum
- Availability of federal, state and private grant money to supplement curriculum and facility needs

### **CHOICE FOR PARENTS**

- Quality college preparatory curriculum that prepares each student for any field of study
- Advanced Placement Courses allows students to graduate with college credit hours that are accepted in hundreds of colleges and universities across the country
- Allows all students regardless of previous academic standing to pursue a college preparatory curriculum
- Tuition free
- Firm discipline policy yields a safe school environment
- Community service fosters a sense of community ownership and responsibility among these young citizens
- Direct parental control and volunteer program allows participation in all phases of school life

## **BENEFITS FOR COMMUNITY**

- An underserved area of OKC is provided with a quality high school attracting motivated students and committed parents
- Increase in property values with more families seeking homes within the attendance boundaries
- Strong discipline policy yields low behavior problems with decreased community impact
- Attracts new business and financial opportunities for OKC
- Multiple opportunities for direct community involvement in the school
- Charter schools facility financing dollars provide flexible avenues to maintain and improve properties
- Local corporate partnerships provide enhance corporation's commitments to the community

## **WHAT IS A CHARTER SCHOOL?**

Charter schools are tuition free public schools that operate with a high degree of flexibility and autonomy in school operations, program development, and staffing and financial management. In return for this flexibility and autonomy, the school, its board, administration and faculty are held directly **accountable for all outcomes**. Charter schools are schools of choice so they introduce **competition in education**. Accountability and competition in education result in improved educational outcomes and quality schools. Education tax dollars follow the student and can be used more efficiently to focus on the education needs of each student at that site. Parents, teachers, and interested community groups may develop charter schools. Charter schools provide an opportunity for community corporate partnerships in education. They are established by those who seek to develop unique and innovative education programs that result in improved educational opportunities for students.