



Small Expansion Application

Charter School Name:

Freedom Preparatory Academy (Saint George location)

Charter School Director:

Mrs. Lynne Herring

Does this request meet the definition of a small expansion, as found in R277-552-2(4), which is: is for 50 or fewer students; would not necessitate a significant renovation; and is for no more than one additional grade?

Yes No

Explanation from the charter school of justified need, as allowed by R277-552-6(4).

Please see attached document.

Signatures from all the school’s governing board members, as allowed by R277-552-6(4). Add additional page or lines as needed.

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- No concerns, move to board meeting

or

- On-going remediation
- Corrective action plan (CAP)
- State turnaround
- System of Support
- Comprehensive Support and Improvement
- SCSB Warning
- SCSB Probation

Explanation of justification for 'Small Expansion' to Freedom Prep Campus (FPA Saint George)

The Freedom Preparatory Academy Governing Board seeks approval for a 'small expansion' to the Freedom Preparatory Academy Saint George Campus (FPA Saint George) by incorporating a 6th-grade program. FPA Saint George was approved and started as a K-5 elementary school in the fall of 2021. Since that time enrollment and the community where the school is located has grown. As a result, the need for adding a 6th grade has become evident, driven primarily by the numerous requests from parents to provide a continuous education experience for their children within our supportive learning environment.

One of the key driving factors behind the proposed small expansion is the requests from parents and guardians who wish to see their children complete their elementary education at FPA Saint George before transitioning to junior high at another school. We believe in fostering long-term educational growth and building strong academic foundations for our students. By expanding our elementary school to include 6th grade, we ensure continuity of education within a familiar and supportive learning environment for our students.

Additionally, the absence of a 6th-grade program has adversely impacted our current enrollment. We have had several families that were interested in choosing FPA Saint George decide instead to enroll at other schools that offer more grade configurations.

Summary of Benefits:

The small-scale expansion to accommodate the 6th-grade program at FPA Saint George offers several benefits:

1. Continuity of Education: Students will have the opportunity to continue their elementary experience within the same nurturing environment, enhancing stability and stronger academic progress.
2. Enhanced Enrollment: By meeting the needs of families seeking a 6th-grade program, we anticipate increased enrollment and heightened interest in our school.
3. Parent Satisfaction: Responding to the parental requests for the addition of 6th grade demonstrates our commitment to meeting the needs of our school community.

Small Expansion Compliance:

1. Enrollment: This small expansion to include a 6th grade would add less than fifty 6th grade students.
2. Renovations: No renovation or expansion will be required for our current building. There are classrooms not being used that will meet the need to add 6th grade classrooms.

The Freedom Preparatory Academy Governing Board requests approval for the 'small expansion' of the Freedom Preparatory Academy Saint George campus to include a 6th-grade program. By doing so, we will meet the requests of our current parent community, ensure educational continuity for the entire elementary experience, and will improve the recruitment effort of families seeking a 6th-grade option for elementary. We believe that this expansion will further elevate the success of FPA Saint George.