

Type 1 Charter Contract entered into by HCS – BATON ROUGE d/b/a MENTORSHIP
LEGAL ACADEMY, and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board

Effective March 1, 2021

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CHARTER SCHOOL
CONTRACT FOR TYPE 1
CHARTER SCHOOLS

THIS AGREEMENT is a Charter School Contract, authorized pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 17, Chapter 42, and executed by and between the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board (“BOARD”) and HCS Baton Rouge d/b/a Mentorship Legal Academy, effective this, the 1st day of March, 2021.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the “Charter School Demonstration Programs Law,” La. R.S. 17:3971, *et seq.*, authorizes experimentation in the creation of innovative kinds of independent public schools for students; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the “Charter School Demonstration Programs Law” are to provide opportunities for educators and others interested in educating students to form, operate, or be employed within a charter school designed to accomplish the following objectives, namely: (1) to improve student learning and, in general, the public school system; (2) to increase learning opportunities and access to quality education for students; (3) to encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods and a variety of governance, management, and administrative structures; (4) to require appropriate assessment and measurement of academic learning results; (5) to account better and more thoroughly for educational results; and (6) to create new professional opportunities for teachers and other school employees, including the opportunity to be responsible for learning programs at the Charter School site; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD finds that the Charter School’s application is valid, complete, financially well-structured, educationally sound, and offers potential for fulfilling the purposes of the Charter School Demonstration Programs Law; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD is authorized, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3971, *et seq.*, to execute Charter Contracts authorizing the operation of charter schools; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD approved the Application of HCS Baton Rouge d/b/a Mentorship Legal Academy, to be a Type 1 charter school, subject to completion of prescribed pre-opening activities and execution of a Charter Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound by the terms and conditions set forth herein, enter into the following Agreement:

AGREEMENT
SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT OF
SCHOOL

1.1 Parties

- 1.1.1 This Charter Contract is entered into between HCS BATON ROUGE and the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board (“BOARD”) for the purpose of operating MENTORSHIP LEGAL ACADEMY (the “Charter School”). This contract will be referred to herein as an “Agreement” or a “Charter Contract,” and such terms may be used interchangeably.
- 1.1.2 The person authorized to sign on behalf of the BOARD is the President of the BOARD.
- 1.1.3 The BOARD shall have jurisdiction over the Charter School pursuant to La. R.S. section 17:3983(A)(4)(a).
- 1.1.4 The person authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Charter Operator is Chairman of the Charter Operator’s Board of Directors (“Charter Representative”), who must be an Officer of the Charter Operator’s Board of Directors. The Charter Operator affirms as a condition of this Agreement that the Charter Operator’s Board of Directors has authorized the Charter Representative to execute agreements, including this Charter Contract, on behalf of the Charter Operator.
- 1.1.5 The Charter Operator affirms, as a condition of this Charter Contract, that the nonprofit corporation is duly authorized according to the laws of the State of Louisiana (“State”) and certifies that all contracts obligating the Charter School have been or will be made and undertaken by the Charter Operator as a nonprofit corporation. Failure to act strictly as a nonprofit corporation shall be grounds for rescission of its charter.
- 1.1.6 The Charter Operator affirms, as a condition of this Charter Contract, that the nonprofit corporation has a Board of Directors, whose directors receive no compensation other than reimbursement of actual expenses incurred while fulfilling duties as a member of such a board.

1.2 Location

- 1.2.1 The Charter Operator shall provide educational services, including the delivery of instruction, at location(s) to be mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto and located within the geographical boundaries of the BOARD. The BOARD shall not unreasonably withhold, condition, or delay approval of a location. Said schools and their locations shall be identified in Exhibit A.

1.3 Facility

- 1.3.1 The Charter Operator shall maintain either ownership of, a lease for, or other suitable agreement covering the use of all facilities, and shall ensure that the facilities comply with all State and local health and safety standards and other applicable laws, regulations, and rules.