

Website for application :

1. General Information

- o Name of proposed school

The Hive Education Charter School
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- Grade levels to be offered and enrollment projections

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Grade Levels to be offered	Projected total Enrollment
Kindergarten to 6th Grade end Goal Open it with Kinder to 3rd grade and cohort	300 students

- Primary point of contact

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2. Names, roles, and current employment of all persons on the applicant team, and qualifications of the team members to establish a high-quality charter school.

Names	Role on Team	Qualification: Education, Employment, and Experience
Daisy Lira	Founder	Masters in Early Childhood From NMSU

		<p>Executive Director for The Hive Education Learning Center, from 2007 to current</p> <p>Founding Member of the Sunland Park Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Founding Member and President of The Sunland Proud Toastmasters International</p>
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3. Model or focus of the proposed school (e.g., performing arts, dual language, college prep, STEM, Montessori, IB):

STEM Focused school inspired by montessori

4. Does the school expect to contract with another entity for either management, or substantial oversight or direction in the school's operation? Yes No

If YES, describe the entity and the role it will have in the school's operational plan.

No

5. Does The applicant team or any members of the team currently operate any other schools?

Yes	NO
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6. Vision/Mission statement (2-3 sentences)

**Mission :**

The mission of The Hive Education Charter school is to improve the academic achievement of at-risk students, encourage the use of effective and innovative methods of teaching by inspiring us with the Montessori model and provide an accurate measurement of educational achievement. We will adopt a STEM model of high-quality educational best practices, and the development of social-emotional wellness strategies in a holistic approach.

**Vision:**

The Hive education Charter school will provide families with a public school option yielding private school results through holistic approach that support social-emotional competence. Through approved best practices, and inspired by Montessori, students will develop strategies through hands on and implementation of skills that will be provided by professional staff . They will develop emotional resources/skills so when faced with adversity and strong emotion they have the power to rewrite the moment.

**7. Student population and geographical setting of the school**

- Define the targeted geographical area of the proposed school from which you expect to draw a significant number of your students.

Southern Doña Ana county Sunland Park/Santa Teresa/ La Union area.

- Describe the student population including key demographic data (academic performance, home languages, English Learners (ELs), and special education populations) in the location in which the school intends to locate.

EL students (Spanish dominant), high poverty, all students receive free meals, moderate student performance on standardized tests, SPED population includes Gifted. Currently there are 4 elementaries in the Sunland Park/ Santa Teresa area. Serving children kinder through 6th grade. These schools are served by the Gadsden Independent school district.

- Identify where these students are most likely being educated currently and why they are expected to choose the proposed charter school for their future educational needs.

Currently there are no schools in the community that serve these types of needs. We would like to create a least restrictive environment for teaching and learning to occur while rooted in decency, humanity, acceptance and inclusion of learners of every ability and academic level. We strive to self-empower those who have been disenfranchised through a strengthened academic baseline guided by emotional wellness and regulation, and by designing a personalized education pathway for individual learners

8. Provide evidence that the applicant team has assessed community need for a school of the nature that will be proposed in the application (e.g., objective surveys or other measures of local demand for the Proposed educational program).

Currently Serving the community as early childhood programs, there are 2 Head Start (HS) programs in SunlandPark, which has 80 slots for three- and four-year olds. They are required to serve low-income families identified as the most vulnerable children and their families and they use a strict selection criteria. 1. New Mexico Children First offers Early Head Start (EHS) which serves pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers up until three years old. The EHS program offers 48 slots for 0–3-year old's for low-income families also. Chicanos por la causa is also an early head start and they currently serve 40 slots of children 0-3. Most of the children have never been to a day care before and their first experience is an EHS classroom. This supports the notion that there are still children that do not have access to childcare. Out of the 48 slots, 24 children will transition to kinder next year. If Funded, The Hive Education Charter school can enroll children to transition into their Kindergarten classroom. There are currently 9 childcare centers on McNutt Road that together serve almost 1800 students. There are 380 registered homes that together serve over 2000 children as per local and state regulations registered homes can serve between 6-10 children in their home.

There are not enough programs to provide the high-quality education they deserve. Currently, Elementaries are not fully enrolled , however the number of children being transported by the child care centers to out of state elementaries located in El Paso TX has increased.

Approximately 2,498 children (nearly 9% of the population) under age five live in Sunland Park. Children under five make up 46.9% of those living in poverty followed by five-year-olds who make up 84.5% (CityData, 2019). Households living in

Poverty is made up by 35.6% of single mother households and 55% of married/couple families. Overall, the city has an alarming poverty rate, higher than the state's which is 18.2%, and Sunland Park's rate is 39.2%. To make matters worse, the income per capita has decreased 60%, so has the household income by 48%, and the unemployment rate has increased by 76% (areavibes, 2021).

Risk factors associated with birth, family environment, education, and economy significantly impact child development and school readiness. It is imperative that as a community, we work together to lessen the negative repercussions of students' experience and give our future generations a fair chance to acquire the skills that will prepare them to become successful contributing members of

society. If funded ,The Hive Education Charter school will offer 300 classroom slots. Serving Sunland Park and surrounding areas such as Santa Teresa and surrounding areas. Which is currently in need of high quality education.

9. Identify significant innovative features that the school will implement in order to help it realize its vision/mission (e.g., non-traditional school year, longer school day, partner organizations, etc.).

We would work with high quality early childhood centers to create a partnership to provide wrap around care for all children. Adapting to a non-traditional calendar all year round. Making a partnership with parents as well to create a strong family support between school and home.


10. Describe how the school will be more effective than the schools currently serving the targeted student population, and/or plans to improve student achievement and exceed the academic performance of existing public schools in the targeted service area and any data you have to support this assumption.

We need to focus on ratios, and emphasize social emotional learning inspiring ourselves with Montessori. We will let students guide their learning experience. Our emphasis will be STEM. Social emotional learning will be guided by students and their interests. Hands on learning and independent learning.

Currently Gadsden has very low attendance and enrollments, it is not for the lack of students. We currently have a waitlist of students that are ready to have an option in education that are currently attending El Paso Texas elementaries that are waiting for a high quality option to enroll their students.

Please Note: Should your charter be awarded, the founding governing body could undergo a background check to determine if it qualifies to be a board of public finance in the state of New Mexico.

Signature of founder(s):



Date 1/10/2023

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