

# Lighthouse Academies of Arkansas

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## **Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School To Open At Temporary Site**

Jacksonville, AR, August 11, 2009 - Due to the record amounts of rainfall this spring and summer, construction at the home of the new Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School, 251 North First Street in Jacksonville, has fallen behind. The school does not expect to occupy the brand new facility until the end of September. The good news is that the school has a great temporary site.

The school will open as planned on August 17, 2009, at the Second Baptist Church, located at 117 North James Street in Jacksonville, AR. The temporary facility has received all the necessary approvals including that of the City Fire Marshall and the Building Inspector. The facility includes classrooms, a multipurpose room, other support space, and outdoor play space. The school will hold an open house for families to tour the space and see the classrooms on August 15, 2009 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School will open with approximately 344 students in grades K through 6. One grade will be added each year until the school reaches grade 12. The school will focus on preparing students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program, starting in Kindergarten. In addition to the strong academic curriculum, the program includes a Social Curriculum with the SHINE Character Education program.

Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School is a part the national network of Lighthouse Academies, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that develops and supports the operation of public charter schools in underserved communities throughout the United States. The mission is to prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program. The vision is that all students will be taught by an outstanding teacher in a nurturing environment and will achieve at high levels. Each student will develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary for responsible citizenship and lifelong learning. The impact of our collective efforts will fundamentally change public education.

For more information about Lighthouse Academies and the program, please visit the website at [www.lighthouse-academies.org](http://www.lighthouse-academies.org) or contact Lisa Clay, Community Development Associate, at 800.901.6943. For more information about Jacksonville Lighthouse Charter School, please call Dr. Phillis Nichols-Anderson, Vice President Southern Region, at 501-985-1200.

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