



# Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

**To:** Indiana State Board of Education  
**From:** Office of School Accountability  
**Date:** May 3, 2023  
**Subject:** Accreditation Petition for World Changers School of the Arts, Inc

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This memorandum provides a summary of the information provided by the school in its petition for performance-based accreditation and the final recommendation from the Indiana Department of Education (Department) regarding the accreditation of World Changers School of the Arts, Inc.

## **Background & Demographic Information**

World Changers School of the Arts, Inc operated as a Freeway accredited school until the end of the 2018-2019 school year when they were unable to renew their lease. The school has found a new location in Indianapolis and is ready to restart the school. The school operates in-person and will conduct virtual instruction for professional development and inclement weather. World Changers School of the Arts, Inc. will open for the 2023-2024 school year and serve only grade 6 with plans to expand to grades 6-12 by adding a grade level per year.

World Changers School of the Arts, Inc provides a secure, non-traditional environment focusing on academics, visual and performing arts and entrepreneurship where everyone can be free to thrive creatively.

World Changers School of the Arts, Inc will enroll up to 30 students in grade 6 during the 2023-2024 school year. Over the next five years, the school intends to increase overall enrollment to 150 students.

## **Operations**

**Facilities:** World Changers School of the Arts, Inc is leasing space at the Phoenix Theatre, 705 N. Illinois St, Indianapolis, Indiana. The building is annually inspected by the Indiana Department of Health and State and Local Fire Marshal, and no findings of noncompliance have been made regarding the facility.

**Tuition:** Annual tuition and fees for World Changers School of the Arts, Inc total \$7,825. World Changers School of the Arts, Inc indicated that it intends to participate in the Indiana Choice Scholarship program.

**Staffing:** The administrative structure for World Changers School of the Arts, Inc is as follows:

**Board of Directors:** Consists of five community members who ensure that the Head of school adheres to their duties. In addition, they assist in setting goals that move the school toward



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achieving the overall vision of the school. Lastly, they assist in promoting the school and providing financial assistance, feedback, and professional services.

The Board of Directors are a diverse group of stakeholders with a variety of community affiliations.

World Changers School of the Arts, Inc is planning for two part-time licensed academic teachers, four part-time visual arts instructors (dance, theatre, visual art, and music), and one part-time entrepreneurial instructor. The number of instructors is projected to increase as grade levels are added. All academic teachers will be required to have an Indiana State Teachers license.

### **Academic Programming**

World Changers School of the Arts, Inc will focus on the core academic subjects during the morning and focus on dedicated arts classes in the afternoon after lunch. Educators will collaborate and work across disciplines to reiterate material. “For instance, ELA and Music may collaborate on a song writing [exercise.]”

World Changers School of the Arts, Inc will use the Indiana State standards as a guideline to produce innovative and thought-provoking curriculum for students.

As a visual arts school, World Changers School of the Arts, Inc will have arts focused classes in vocal and instrumental music, creative writing, theatre, dance, visual/media arts, and entrepreneurship.

World Changers School of the Arts, Inc will administer NWEA to measure student performance for the fall and spring semesters. They also assured that they will administer ILEARN, as well as WIDA and I AM if students are eligible.

### **Department Recommendation**

World Changers School of the Arts, Inc has previously been in operation and has plans for their enrollment to grow at a reasonable pace with the restart of operations. Based on the submitted petition and accompanying materials, World Changers School of the Arts, Inc has a fair understanding of the requirements of being an Indiana performance based accredited school. Therefore, the Department recommends granting World Changers School of the Arts, Inc provisional state performance-based accreditation as a nonpublic school in Indiana.