

Letter of Intent

All applicants are required to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) indicating their intent to apply for a charter with Education One. The LOI must be submitted prior to submitting an initial proposal. A submission of an LOI does not obligate a submission of an initial proposal to Education One. However, schools should be advised that the LOI is subject to Indiana's Public Access Laws, including public records requests.

Please send all completed documentation via email to:

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Executive Director, Education One

Proposed School Information	
Name	Dynamic Minds Academy- South
Address	4065 Asbury Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227
School District	Dynamic Minds Academy
Planned Year of Opening	2027

Applicant Group	
Legal Group Name	Dynamic Minds Academy, Inc.
Primary Contact Person	Samantha Bandy
Primary Contact Email	sbandy@dynamicmindsacademy.org
Primary Contact Cell Phone	317-677-3397

Has the legal group applying for charter authorization obtained or are in the process of obtaining a 501c3 status?
☒ [Yes] ☐ [No]

Applying as a/an ☐ [New School] ☒ [Existing School]

If applying as an existing school, please indicate the school's first year of operation, the current authorizer, and the year renewal of the current charter will take place.

2019, Education One at Trine University, 2039

Does the applicant group seek approval for multiple campuses under a single charter? ☐ [Yes] ☒ [No]

If yes, please indicate how many.

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Does the applicant group already operate schools elsewhere in the United States? ☒ [Yes] ☐ [No]

If yes, please indicate where.

8350 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250

Will the applicant group partner with an Education Service Provider (ESP)? ☐ [Yes] ☒ [No]

If yes, please provide the name of the ESP.

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Provide the proposed school's mission.

Dynamic Minds Academy aims to bridge the gap between treatment and education for students with autism spectrum disorder by providing evidence-based practices for personal growth within an optimal learning environment.

Briefly describe the proposed school model and how this model addresses innovation in education and the proposed community needs.

Dynamic Minds Academy-South will continue to co-locate with an ABA therapy provider, The Hope Source, to provide both an education and medically necessary ABA therapy at one convenient location for families. Beyond just co-locating, the two entities will collaborate to provide a seamless integration of services throughout each student's day. The number of hours spent in education and ABA therapy may vary depending on student need, but most students will spend 3.5 hours of their day in the DMA-S therapeutic classroom or THS therapeutic lab, and 3.5 hours will be spent in small group or 1:1 ABA therapy.

Our education is provided in a low-complex environment with a 1 to 3 ratio of staff to students, where a student's individual needs come first. We focus on low-tech, hands-on teaching in the early grades with curricula like Math U See by Demme Learning, Orton-Gillingham, and Reading A-Z. As students progress in grades through middle school, we introduce higher-order thinking through the Indiana State Standards in addition to Orton-Gillingham, Math U See, and Reading A-Z. At the high school level, we use computer-based Edmentum Plato Courseware for students to access all courses required for a traditional high school diploma. For core subjects like Algebra, Geometry, US History, Biology, English, etc., they are taught in small groups where our licensed teachers can individualize and differentiate their approach for each student. These curriculum choices allow us to individualize our instruction to provide evidence-based practices in an optimal learning environment.

This model has been successful for our students at our current location, as evidenced by our annual reviews by Education One, our 36 alumni, and our 15-year charter renewal by Education One for a term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2039. Since opening in 2019, the number of IEPs in Indiana for students in grades K-12 with autism has grown from 15,930 to 19,895 in 2024. These students need the services and support that Dynamic Minds Academy- South aims to provide.

Complete the following table, indicating grade level and enrollment projections for the school's first five years.

Grade	Year 1 2027-2028	Year 2 2028-2029	Year 3 2029-2030	Year 4 2030-2031	Year 5 2031-2032
Kindergarten	2	4	6	8	8
First Grade	3	4	6	8	9
Second Grade	3	5	6	8	9
Third Grade	3	5	7	10	9
Fourth Grade	3	5	7	10	11
Fifth Grade	3	5	7	10	11
Sixth Grade	3	5	7	10	11
Seventh Grade	3	5	7	10	11
Eighth Grade	3	5	7	8	11
Ninth Grade	3	5	7	8	9
Tenth Grade	3	4	7	8	8
Eleventh Grade	2	4	7	8	8
Twelfth Grade	2	4	7	8	6
Total	36	60	82	110	121

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Signature of Applicant's Authorized Representative

1/27/20
Date

