



Intent to Submit a Charter School Application (for School Opening 2026)

Proposed Charter School Name: Hirsch Academy

Proposed School Location: Portland

Proposed Grade Levels: K-8 beginning with K-1 in 2026-2027, one grade level to be added every school year

Target Population: New Americans

Anticipated First Year Enrollment and Projected Targeted Enrollment: First year: 50 students. Target: 450 students in school year 2033-2034.

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Relationship to Applicant Entity: Self

Name of Applicant Organization: N/A

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School Program Design (150 words or less): *Include a brief description including any anticipated contracts with an Education Service Provider (ESP).*

Hirsch Academy is a K-8 school serving students in Cumberland County. We are dedicated to building academic excellence and equity through the teaching of cultural literacy. We aim to transmit the shared foundational knowledge necessary for all our students to fully participate in the American public sphere. We combine evidence-based best practices in pedagogy with a coherent, cumulative, and comprehensive curriculum, utilizing Core Knowledge Language Arts, Core Knowledge History and Geography, Core Knowledge Science, and Singapore Math. Believing in the importance of both national and global citizenship, we supplement the core curriculum with daily lessons in Mandarin Chinese.

This indicates our intention to submit an application in response to the RFP issued by the Maine Charter School Commission. I understand this document is not part of the application, but that I must provide this document to the Commission within 15 days of the issue of the RFP if I wish to submit an application.

Signature: David Ewing Date: 7/15/2024

If different than Contact Person, please print name: _____