

## **Letter of Intent Form**

## **New Operator Request**

A "new operator" is defined as an applicant group that has not previously operated a charter school, and does not intend to contract with an Education Service Provider (ESP). New Operators in the state of Indiana may apply to Education One, LLC. The Letter of Intent Form must be submitted, prior to submitting an initial proposal to Education One. Please send all completed documentation via email to:

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Managing Director, Education One, LLC.

**Note:** Submission of the Letter of Intent (LOI) does not obligate a school to submit 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.

## Name of Proposed Charter School

Gateway Academy: A Challenge Foundation Academy, Inc.

Proposed Charter School Location						
Street Address: 510 S. Main Street						
City: South Bend	State:	Zip Code: <b>46601</b>	School District: #7205 South Bend Community			

Legal Name of Group Applying for Charter/Contact Information				
Group Name:	Point of Contact Name:			
TeamCFA	Jonathan Anderstrom			
Point of Contact Email:	Point of Contact Cell Phone:			
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	Planned Year of Opening	
Year of Opening (Fall 2016 or later):  Fall 2017		

Proposed School Information					
Proposed Grade Levels Served: K-8	Proposed Enrollment : 700 (Year 7)	Proposed Model (STEM, Online, etc.): Core Knowledge			

Brief Description of Proposed School:

Located in downtown South Bend, Gateway Academy will be developed as a neighborhood school that supports the current educational needs of the community, while promoting innovative initiatives that assist "at-risk" students while coinciding with the nearby Regional Cities Initiative. The intended students served are not only some of the poorest in the state of Indiana, but have also been attending "F" graded schools for their entire elementary education. These facts alone require that Gateway Academy must have a school culture devoted to innovation, goals, and individualized support; invest in a curriculum that is coherent, cumulative, and content-specific (Core Knowledge); and strive toward developing intentional community partnerships that provide an educational network of support for children in the target population. TeamCFA will complement the talents and skills of the Board of Directors and School Leader through leadership training, facility identification, teacher/student recruitment, and expert assistance in academic, business, governance, and educational technology.