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We wish to introduce you to Sussex Academy. We are the only charter school in Sussex County. Charter schools are public schools with no tuition. Located in Georgetown, we currently have 499 students in grades 6-10. Next year we will add grade 11. Then in school year 2016-2017 we will have our first graduating class and a program for both middle school (6-8) and high school (9-12).

We offer an accelerated program using a framework based upon *Expeditionary Learning* practices. Our school is run on design principles that include learning expeditions, interactive and project-based teaching, real-life experiences rigorous assessment, a respectful school culture. Our instructional focus is literacy: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Our mathematics, sciences and social studies are rigorous, interactive and hands-on. We focus on real-world problems, critical thinking, interdisciplinary studies, and intercultural understanding. As we add our high school, we will offer the *International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme* in grades 11 and 12. Currently, we are in what is known as the “authorization” phase for *IB*. This means that we are submitting required documentation, and preparing for an *IB* visitation to authorize Sussex Academy as an *IB* World School.

To learn more about Sussex Academy, we encourage you to attend a public information meeting and tour the school during the designated times. These dates and times are published on our website and in other media. If you make the decision that you are interested in Sussex Academy, you should complete the application. Our application has two parts: (1) **Delaware Standard Application for Educational Options** and (2) **Sussex Academy Addendum**. **Complete the application in its entirety and submit during the Open Application period.** A lottery will be held in January for open sixth grade positions and ninth grade positions if more students apply than there are spaces available. If you need more information or help with the application process, please call the school (302-856-3636) and someone will assist you.