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June 19, 2026

Jennifer Blanchette, Principal
Gate City Charter School for the Arts
7 Henry Clay Drive
Merrimack, NH 03054

Approval to Operate a Public School Facility
Building ID: 1399
Effective: June 19, 2026
Expires: June 30, 2031
Food Service: Yes
Art or Science Room Chemicals: Yes
Playground with Structures: Yes

RE: Building ID 1399 – Gate City Charter School Facility at 7 Henry Clay Drive in Merrimack

Principal Blanchette,

The above referenced facility has been reviewed by our office for the purposes of identifying if the facility is suitable to be used for K-12 educational purposes for a public school, pursuant to Ed 320. Based on the review, the facility is approved. The following Terms of Approval are required to maintain compliance with your Approval to Operate a Public School Facility:

Terms of Approval:

1. Approved Area: Approval is granted for approximately 22,800 square feet.
2. Food Service Operations: The facility is approved for food service operations.
3. Art or Science Room Chemicals: The facility is approved for the use of art and science room chemicals.
4. Playground and Related Play Structures: The playground and related play structures are approved.
5. Asbestos Management: The school has provided NO ACBM documentation in accordance with 40 CFR 763.99(a)(7). However, continue to adhere to any remaining requirements specified by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), as applicable.

6. Lead Testing: In accordance with RSA 485:17-a, all drinking water fixtures were tested for lead and are less than the 5 ppb or have been remediated. Continue to test all drinking water fixtures for lead in accordance with RSA 485:17-a and remediate if necessary.
7. Emergency Operations Plan (EOP): Submit an EOP annually to New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management in accordance with RSA 189:64.
8. Annual Fire Inspection: The facility shall be inspected by the local fire department as required by RSA 153:14, II(b).
9. Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Survey: Complete the annual IAQ survey required by RSA 200:11-a by logging into your myNHDOE account. The survey will be posted by May 15 each year.
10. Maintenance Responsibility: The school is responsible for ensuring routine maintenance, pest-free conditions, and adequate indoor air quality.
11. Notice Requirement: Notify the Bureau of School Facilities at least 60 days prior to any change in conditions affecting the school's compliance with the Ed 320 rules, including but not limited to changing locations, constructing a new facility, or renovating or adding an addition to an existing facility.

If you have any questions or require further clarification on any of the conditions or requirements outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact the New Hampshire Department of Education - Bureau of School Facilities at facilities@doe.nh.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Osborne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sarah K. Osborne, Administrator
School Facility Approval Program