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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: PIERCE, Academies, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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FROM: Sherry A. Dean  
Name (Printed or typed)

13863 Dexan Lee Dr. North  
Address

Jacksonville, FL 32226  
City, State & Zip

(904) 305-8549  
Daytime Telephone number

gaged04@att.net  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**



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Division of Corporations

November 16, 2011

SHERRY A DEAN  
13863 DEVAN LEE DR NORTH  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32226

SUBJECT: PIERCE ACADEMIES, INC.  
Ref. Number: W11000058163

We have received your document for PIERCE ACADEMIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Entities may file using only the entity's name. Please delete any reference to the "doing business as name" in your document. If you wish to register your fictitious name, you may do so by filing an application and submitting the appropriate fees to this office.

If your business entity does not intend to transact business until January 1st of the upcoming calendar year, you may wish to revise your document to include an effective date of January 1st. If you do not list an effective date of January 1st, your business entity will become effective this calendar year and it will be required to file an annual report and pay the required annual report fee for the upcoming calendar year this coming January, which is merely weeks away. By listing an effective date of January 1st, the entity's existence will not begin until January 1st of the upcoming year and will, therefore, postpone the entity's requirement to file an annual report and pay the required annual report filing fee until the following calendar year.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6928.

Tim Burch  
Regulatory Specialist II  
New Filing Section

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
PIERCE Academies, Inc.**

Articles of Incorporation of the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Nonprofit Corporation under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of Florida, do hereby certify:

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be PIERCE Academies, Inc.

**ARTICLE II - EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Corporation will be in effect January 1, 2012.

**ARTICLE III - PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the City of Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

Principal Office Address  
13863 Devan Lee Drive North  
Jacksonville, FL 32226

Effective Date Jan. 01, 2012  
Mailing Address  
13863 Devan Lee Drive North  
Jacksonville, FL 32226

**ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE**

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The primary purpose will be to establish and/or manage K-12 schools as private or charter and pursue best education practices.

**ARTICLE V - ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

The board directors will be recruited from the founding community at large by the initial founders to represent a broad spectrum of specialization and ensure fulfillment of the programmatic functions. Future board openings will be filled per the bylaws drafted by the initial board.

**ARTICLE VI - DIRECTORS/OFFICERS**

The names and addresses of the persons who are the founding directors/officers of the Corporation are as follows:

President, Sherry Angela Dean, 13863 Devan Lee Drive North, Jacksonville, Florida 32226  
Secretary, Lauren Elissa Howle, 128 West Howard Street, Live Oak, Florida 32064  
Treasurer, Aaron Heath Robinson, 13069 Chets Creek Drive South, Jacksonville, Florida 32224

**ARTICLE VII - PRIVATE INUREMENT DOCTRINE**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No

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substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE IX - REGISTERED AGENT NAME AND ADDRESS

The name and the Florida street address for the registered agent are

Sherry A. Dean  
13863 Devan Lee Drive North  
Jacksonville, Florida 32226

*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.*

  
Sherry A. Dean, Registered Agent

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#### ARTICLE X - INCORPORATOR NAME AND ADDRESS

The name and the Florida street address for the incorporator are

Sherry A. Dean  
13863 Devan Lee Drive North  
Jacksonville, Florida 32226

*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.*

  
Sherry A. Dean, Incorporator

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