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

SUBJECT: Winter Haven Step Up Academy, 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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☒ \$78.75
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☐ \$87.50
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Alicia Sentner, Charter School Business Services
Name (Printed or typed)

5120 S. Florida Av., Building C, Suite 319
Address

Lakeland, FL 33813
City, State & Zip

863-670-4117
Daytime Telephone number

asentner@tampabay.rr.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S. (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I NAME:

The name of the corporation shall be Winter Haven Step Up Academy, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE:

The place in this state where the principal office of Corporation is to be located is -

600 Sixth St. SE
Winter Haven, FL 33880
Polk County

ARTICLE III PURPOSE:

Winter Haven Step Up Academy is a unique Charter School where at-risk students can and will be successful within a traditional high school setting. The students will be able to earn enough credits to graduate in three years instead of the traditional four year program. Due to the flexibility of funding, this will allow the school to offer a 4 x 4 scheduling model, integration of field trip experiences, and incentives for success. There will be smaller class sizes with more one-on-one instruction and a select staff that go above and beyond for student success.

Said corporation, Winter Haven Step Up Academy, Inc., 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.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION:

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed: Appointed

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS:

Name and Title: Gina K. Williams, Principal, Board Chair

Name and Title: Kenneth James, Ed. D., Retired Educational Leader, Board Member

Address: 1315 10th Street N.E.
Winter Haven, Florida 33881

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Name and Title: Latricia Bennett, Teacher, Board Member

Address: 2212 2nd Street NW
Winter Haven, Florida 33881

Name and Title: Dick Mullenax, Board Member

Address: 1915 South Floral Avenue
Bartow, Florida 33830

ARTICLE VI DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION:

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 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 VII REGISTERED AGENT:

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Name: Gina Williams
Address: 600 Sixth St. SE
Winter Haven, FL 33880

ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR:

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: Alicia Sentner
Address: Charter School Business Services
5120 S. Florida Ave., Building C, Suite 319
Lakeland, FL 33813

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.

Dina K. Williams
Signature of Registered Agent

2/10/12
Date

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.

Alicia SOP

Signature of Incorporator

2/10/12

Date

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