

## **Frederick Outdoor Discovery Charter School**

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### **Abstract**

Using the Environment as an Integrating Context (EIC: Model™) and outdoor education as the foundation of our program, Frederick Outdoor Discovery Charter School (FODCS) will provide a challenging, integrated inter-disciplinary educational program that uses proven strategies such as active inquiry, hands-on project based learning, and collaborative decision making. FODCS will be welcoming and inclusive of as many students as it has the capacity to serve in Frederick County, Md.

Goals and Outcomes Summary: FODCS will demonstrate student achievement school success on standardized tests and have a high-quality environment education component. This will include a requirement for an average of 25% daily outdoor education to enhance our students' cognitive, physical and emotional well-being. Students will be highly satisfied with the school's educational program and their families will be highly committed and actively involved with the school and school activities. FODCS will have a positive relationship with the district administration and other district schools disseminating our program from the very beginning by inviting any interested district teacher to join our EIC Model™ training seminar. FODCS will operate a fiscally sound and viable organization.

FODCS will address the CSP Purposes by having positive effects on student, staff and parents. The EIC Model™ has been shown to increase student achievement in all main subject areas, reduce discipline problems, and increase student pride and engagement. Staff engagement in the curriculum is a key component of this model, and parent involvement will be valued and incorporated in many ways.

FODCS applied for and was promised a Charter School Program grant, subject to available funding, through the Maryland State Department of Education, but will be unable to receive the award due Maryland's failed application for renewal of the Charter School Program grant.