

## Franchise Disclosure Document [FDD]



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The Franchise offered is for either the operation of a Christian-based learning center and child care facility or a non-denominational learning center and child care facility for infants through pre-kindergarten and after school programs for children up to twelve years old. Both facilities provide interactive curriculum and proprietary programs that are focused on academic and physical development teaching children life fundamentals. These are education oriented child care businesses geared towards serving families who value individualized care and teachings delivered by credentialed caregivers who give their children cognitive stimulation, leading to academic achievement under the name “The Pillars Christian Learning Center™” or “The Pillars Learning Center™”. The Initial Franchise Fee for both models is \$40,000 with the right to operate in a specific protected area as defined by us. Additional franchises will be available for a reduced fee of \$25,000 per Franchise. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a The Pillars Christian Learning Center™ or a The Pillars Learning Center™ Franchise ranges from \$1,022,900 to \$2,191,000 for an existing leased location or from \$2,773,400 to \$5,686,350 for a new facility built from the ground up all of which will depend on a number of factors that are fully discussed in Item 7. This includes the Initial Franchise Fee of \$40,000 (as discussed in Item 5) that must be paid to the Franchisor or affiliate.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read the disclosure document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this disclosure document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the Franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. **Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact:

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The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your entire contract carefully. Show your contract and this disclosure document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "[A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise](#)," which can help you understand how to use this disclosure document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

We currently do not engage the services of franchise brokers.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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## **STATE COVER PAGE**

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit B for information about the franchisor, or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

- 1) THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION ONLY IN TEXAS. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH ARIEL INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL CENTER, LLC IN TEXAS THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 2) THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT TEXAS LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAWS. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3) THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION AND CONTAINS A SUMMARY ONLY OF CERTAIN MATERIAL PROVISIONS OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.
- 4) YOUR TERRITORY IS NOT AN EXCLUSIVE TERRITORY BUT A PROTECTED AREA AS FURTHER DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM 12 TITLED TERRITORY.
- 5) THE FRANCHISEE'S SPOUSE MUST SIGN A PERSONAL GUARANTY MAKING SUCH SPOUSE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR THE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE

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