

New Charter School Application

***Public Hearing for DCSD
Charter Applicants
May 9th, 2023***



New Charter School Application Process

In alignment with the [Colorado Charter School Act 22-30.5-107 \(b\)](#)

- The local board of education shall receive and review all applications for charter schools. If the local board of education does not review a charter application, it shall be deemed to have denied the charter application.

Douglas County School district welcomes high-quality charter applications on an annual basis, with current letters of intent due on March 1, and full applications submitted through Charter Tools between March 1 and March 15 annually.



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Colorado Charter School Act 22-30.5-106.

The Checklist for a Comprehensive Application will be used by both the applicant and DCSD to monitor the completeness of the application. The Evaluation Criteria provides DCSD with means of determining the quality of the application component, but may also be used by the applicant when targeting a high-quality school program. The required components of the application are as follows:

A - Executive Summary

B - Vision and Mission Statements

C - Goals, Objectives and Pupil Performance Standards

D - Evidence of Support

E - Educational Program

F - Plan for Evaluating Pupil Performance

G - Budget and Finance

H - Governance

I - Employees

J - Insurance Coverage

K - Parent and Community Involvement

L - Enrollment Policy

M - Transportation and Food Service

N - Facilities

O - Waivers

P - Student Discipline, Expulsion, or Suspension

Q - Serving Students with Special Needs

R - Dispute Resolution Process

S - School Management Contracts

Appendix A: Charter School Intent to Submit Form

Appendix B: Evaluation Rubric

Important Dates

Mar 1: Letters of Intent Due to Choice Programming

Mar 1-15: Charter Applications Submitted to Choice Programming through Charter Tools

Mar 20: Choice meets with CART team to review Process and have initial discussion about applications

Mar 17 - Apr 7: CART reviews applications (Review only for initial questions for capacity interview, don't complete rubric yet)

Mar 20: Choice meets with DAC, FOC & LRPC to review process and have initial discussions about the application

Mar 30: Choice reviews application for completion (Choice notifies Applicants of anything missing)

April 7: CART (DAC,FOC,LRPC) Initial questions for the interviews due to the Choice Office

Mar 18: Applicant interviews 9-12:30 CART debrief after

Additional questions for the applicant due to the choice office from CART, DAC, FOC, LRPC

April 20: Choice sends additional questions to the applicant

April 27: *Answers to the additional questions due to the Choice office/ Choice shares with the CART,DAC,LRPC, FOC*

May 3: CART work session to complete Final Recommendation

TONIGHT

1st Public hearing at DCSD Board meeting

Applicants Present to the BOE at meeting

2022 Charter Application Review Team

Erica Mason- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Nate Burgard- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Colleen Doan- Business Services

Kristen Haneke- Business Services

Natasha Straayer- Gifted Education

Dr. Remy Rummell- Language,Culture and Equity

Sarah Cannon- Special Education

Laura Gorman- Grants

Diana Simpson- Charter Leader

Trustin Thompson - Charter Parent

Shavon Caldwell- Planning & Construction

Chris Meehan- Planning & Construction

Jen Peifer- Nutrition Services

Dan McMinimee- Executive Director of Schools

Gordon Mosher- Choice Programming

Kristin Schmidt- Choice Programming

Mackenzie Kahn- Outside reviewer

DAC- Ashley Opfer

LRPC- Larry Mugler

LRPC- Michael Kemp

Next Steps

May 15: Choice Office shares staff recommendation with Cabinet

May 19: Cabinet Recommendations sent to the Applicant

May 19: Cabinet Recommendations sent to the Board of Education

May 23: 2nd Public Hearing- BOE Approves or Denies Application

May 24: If approved, or conditionally approved, contract negotiations begin