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ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

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CHARTER SCHOOL POLICY

This policy shall apply to sponsors and potential sponsors of newly created public charter schools. It shall not apply to public charter schools converted from existing public schools pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-106 (j)(1).

A prospective charter school sponsor shall send a letter of intent to both the District’s Director of Schools and the Tennessee Department of Education at least sixty (60) days prior to the date on which a completed application is due. Charter school application deadlines will be set according to the requirements of T.C.A. 49-13-107 and/or State Board of Education Rules and will be specified in SLT-P003 Charter Schools Procedure.

A sponsor seeking Board approval of an initial charter school application must complete the form provided by the Tennessee Department of Education, as well as provide a list of requirements that the sponsor wants to waive. In the application, the sponsor must demonstrate that the proposed charter school meets the purpose prescribed by law for the formation of a charter school and the proposed charter school will be able to implement a viable program of quality education for its students.

The Director of Schools shall appoint and the Board shall approve a review team to assist in reviewing and evaluating charter school applications. The team shall be composed of members of the district administrative staff and community members. The Board shall rule by resolution on the approval or denial of a charter application within ninety (90) days of its receipt.

Legal References:
T.C.A. § 49-13 –101, et. seq. Tennessee Public Charter Schools Act of 2002

Implementing Procedures:
SLT-P003 Charter School Procedure

Associated Documents: [TDOE Application for a Public Charter School](#)

Revision History:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Rev.</u>	<u>Description of Revision:</u>
11/30/21		Initial Release
2/1/23	A	Minor revision to remove a Board member as a required member of the review committee, based on State Board feedback.

***** End of Policy *****