

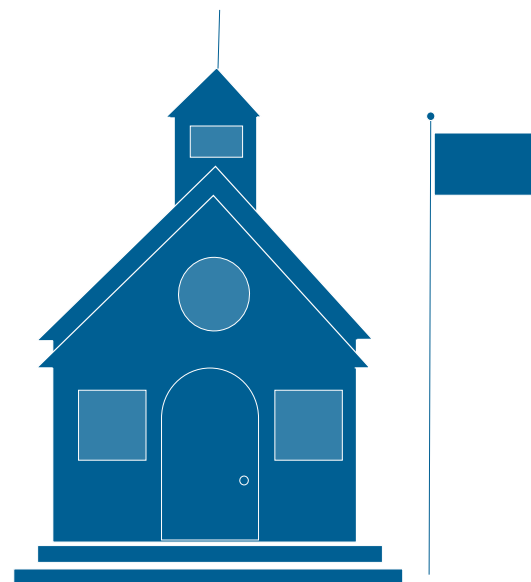
Opening a Charter School

It is a significant commitment to start a charter school, commonly taking two years to from idea to opening. An organizer's application for a charter school must include detailed plans for the school, including the following:

- Description of the organizational management and governance structure
- Educational mission and goals
- Curriculum and instructional methods
- Budget and financial plans
- Personnel and professional development
- Transportation plan
- School culture and discipline plan
- School calendar
- Community support and need for the school
- Community and outside partnerships
- Student assessment plan
- Enrollment goals and limits

An organizer must receive approval from an authorizer in order to start a charter school. The organizer is accountable to the authorizer to meet the terms of the agreement. **If at any time the charter school does not meet the requirements of the contract, the authorizer can close the school.**

State law requires that every charter agreement must include a requirement that the charter school cannot remain an F rated school for four consecutive years. If an authorizer fails to close a school after four consecutive F ratings, the State Board of Education may intervene and close the school.



How does a charter school become more than an idea?

1. Idea

2. Build Founding Team

3. Learn Authorizing Requirements

4. Work on Charter and Submit it to Authorizer

Charter Approved

Pre-Opening Work

Charter Denied

Keep Working and Resubmit to Authorizer

5. Open your School

6. Operate your School

7. Complete Check-ins with your Authorizer

8. Apply for Reauthorization

Approved

Continue Operating

Denied

Charter School Closes