

## CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSALS

The Oklahoma Charter Schools Act (OS 70.3-131-143) identifies the purpose of the Act as being to:

- Improve student learning;
- Increase learning opportunities for students;
- Encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods;
- Provide additional academic choices for parents and students;
- Require the measurement of student learning and create different and innovative forms of measuring student learning;
- Establish new forms of accountability for schools; and
- Create new professional opportunities for teacher and administrators including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the school site.

Consistency of proposals with the above-stated purposes will be factored into the Board's decision to approve or disapprove requests that Edmond Public Schools sponsor a Charter School.

A Proposal that the District act as the Sponsor of a Charter School shall utilize the Proposal requirements provided by the District. Requests for sponsorship which do not provide all of the information required by the District's Proposal requirements will be grounds for rejection of the Proposal.

In order to comply with all statutory time periods and other statutory requirements and to allow for the completion of a Charter School Contract with successful applicants, all proposals must be submitted by February 1 for any applicant seeking to establish a charter school for the following year.

All proposals that this District acts as a Charter School Sponsor will be referred by the Board of Education to a Committee designated by the Board. The Committee will review each Proposal and make a report and recommendation to the Board.

The Board will either accept or reject sponsorship of a proposed Charter School within ninety (90) days of receipt of the Proposal. If the Board rejects the Proposal, the Board will notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the rejection. The applicant may, but is not required to, timely submit a revised Proposal for reconsideration within thirty (30) days after the rejection.

The Board will accept or reject any revised Proposal within thirty (30) days of its receipt. If the Proposal is accepted, the parties must enter into and execute a Charter School Contract within ten (10) business days of the date of the Board acceptance. Failure to enter into and execute a Charter School Contract within ten (10) business days after Board acceptance will result in the automatic rescission of the Board acceptance of the Proposal, and the applicant may seek mediation or binding arbitration, or both, as provided by the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act. If the Board rejects the revised Proposal, the applicant may also seek mediation or binding arbitration, or both, as provided by the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act.

If the Proposal is accepted and a Charter School Contract is fully executed, the Board shall notify the State Board of Education. The notice shall include a copy of the Charter of the Charter School.