

## Florida School District Exclusive Authority Application Review Process

### Form # IEPC-EA1

The Department will assess how well the application provided by school districts and responses by charter schools addresses the factors that the State Board of Education will consider in making a decision to grant exclusive authority to school districts. All documentation identified responses by the school district and charter schools will be carefully reviewed before a score is calculated. These assurances and sponsor requirements are consistent with the requirements set forth in sections 1002.33 and 1002.335 of the Florida Statutes.

Review of district and charter school documentation will be conducted in the following stages:

**Part I: Review of Compliance Requirements**

**Part II: Evaluation of Sponsor Requirements**

**Part III: Verification of Documentation**

**Part IV: Scoring**

Parts I and II of the review will be conducted online according to specific instructions and access codes provided to school districts and charter schools. Documentation from school districts and charter schools will be submitted electronically. Only signature pages, as designated by the Department of Education, will be submitted in hard copy format.

**Note: The school district must have met the March 1 deadline for submission of a written resolution seeking exclusive authority in order to be eligible to submit documentation and proceed to the review process. Documentation from any school district seeking exclusive authority and from any responding charter school will not be reviewed and scored if it was not submitted by the application deadline as specified in State Board Rule 6A-6.0783, FAC.**

#### **Part I: Review of Compliance Requirements**

During Part I, the Department will determine if a school district has been sufficiently responsive to statutory requirements that are characterized as compliance requirements. Documentation for each of the 14 **Compliance Requirements** listed in Part I of the **Florida School District Exclusive Authority Application Review** form will be reviewed and verified by the Department. The Department will verify that the district superintendent has certified compliance with the requirements and supporting documentation has been provided. The Department will also consider charter school responses and documentation that may be provided to support or challenge a

compliance requirement.

## **Part II: Evaluation of Sponsor Requirements**

Part II involves a qualitative consideration of how well a district has fulfilled the sponsor requirements identified in Florida statute. For this purpose, reviewers will consider a district's application along with any charter school response and documentation.

The criteria for Part II of the application review are in Part II of the **Florida School District Exclusive Authority Application Review** form. The Department will review documentation supporting the designated sponsor requirements and assign a score of 0 to 2 to indicate how well the district has fulfilled the requirement.

## **Part III: Verification of Documentation**

The Department will consider all documentation as it assesses and determines scores in Parts I and II of the review. The Department will reconcile questions and issues that may arise from differences in documentation from school districts and their sponsored charter schools.

## **Part IV: Scoring**

After all reviews have been completed, the school district's score will be calculated based on the total points awarded in Part I and II and the score will be reported to the Commissioner. The points in Part I and II will be awarded in the following manner:

**Part I** "Yes" = 1 point

Maximum Possible = 14

**Part II** Scale of 0-2 points each

Maximum Possible = 36

**Total Possible Score: 50**

Those districts that score the maximum possible in both Part I and Part II, for a total possible score of 50, will be recommended to the Commissioner who will issue a notice of intent of the State Board of Education to grant or deny exclusive authority.