

District Exclusive Authority Application

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Part I - Verification of School District Compliance Requirements

1 . Charter school growth and expansion in the district has not been limited by district-imposed moratoriums or enrollment limits.

Florida Statute: 1002.335(5)(e)4

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2 . Does the district comply with all valid orders of the State Board of Education relating to charter schools?

Florida Statute: 1002.335(5)(e)5

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3 . Policies or practices have not been imposed to limit individual charter school enrollment other than those as provided for in state law.

Florida Statute: 1002.335(5)(e)9

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4 . Has the district handled incidents of unlawful reprisal according to statutory provisions or indicated that no incidents of unlawful reprisal have occurred?

Florida Statute: 1002.33(4)

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5 . Charter schools are exempt from all district policies except those that have been mutually agreed to by both the sponsor and each individual charter school.

Florida Statute: 1002.33(5)(b)1.d

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6 . Are charter applicants exempt from any fee(s) for the processing or consideration of an application?

Florida Statute: 1002.33(6)(b)

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7 . Is the district’s consideration or approval of a charter not based upon the promise of future payment of any kind?

Florida Statute: 1002.33(6)(b)

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8 . Action is taken on State Board of Education charter school appeal decisions within 30 days after they are received by the district.

Florida Statute: 1002.33(6)(e)

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9 . Does the district require a school improvement plan for every charter school receiving a grade of “D” for two consecutive years or a grade of “F”?

Florida Statute: 1008.34(2)

Florida Statute: 1002.33(9)(p)

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10 . Does the district ensure charter school participation in the state’s education accountability system?

Florida Statute: 1002.33(5)(b)1.f

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| 11 . Does the district ensure that reading is a primary focus of the charter school curriculum? Florida Statute: 1002.33(7)(a)2 | | | |
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| 12 . Additional reporting requirements are not imposed on a charter school without reasonable and specific written justification being provided to the charter school. Florida Statute: 1002.33(5)(b)1,j | | | |
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| 13 . Does the district provide the opportunity for the charter schools to participate in the district's free and reduced lunch program Florida Statute: 1002.33(20)(a) | | | |
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| 14 . Does the district provide the opportunity for charter school students to participate in district interscholastic extracurricular activities as defined in law Florida Statute: 1002.33(11) | | | |
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| Part II - School District Sponsor Requirements |
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| 1 . Monitor and review the progress of charter schools toward the goals established in their charter. Florida Statute: 1002.33(5)(b)1.a <u>Score 0:</u> The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor monitors charter school progress toward achieving goals in the charter. <u>Score 1:</u> The sponsor's monitoring process does not completely demonstrate that it continuously tracks the | | | |
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progress of every charter school toward achieving goals in the charter and provides regular feedback, proactive service and assistance to every charter school.

Score 2: The sponsor’s monitoring process clearly demonstrates that it continuously tracks the progress of every charter school toward achieving goals in the charter and provides regular feedback, proactive service and assistance to every charter school.

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2 . Monitor the revenues and expenditures of charter schools.

Florida Statute: 1002.33(5)(b)1.b

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor monitors charter school revenues and expenditures.

Score 1: The sponsor’s monitoring procedures do not completely demonstrate that it consistently uses a systematic process to track the revenues and expenditures of every charter school including communications with each charter school to ensure the accuracy, reconciliation and integrity of the school’s purchasing and procurement functions.

Score 2: The sponsor’s monitoring procedures clearly demonstrate that it consistently uses a systematic process to track the revenues and expenditures of every charter school including communications with each charter school to ensure the accuracy, reconciliation and integrity of the school’s purchasing and procurement functions.

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3 . Ensure charter schools are innovative and consistent with the state education goals.

Florida Statute: 1002.33(5)(b)1.e

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor monitors the requirement to ensure charter schools are innovative and consistent with the state education goals.

Score 1: The sponsor’s requirements do not completely demonstrate the ability to ensure that charter schools are innovative and consistent with the state education goals.

Score 2: The sponsor’s requirements clearly demonstrate the ability to ensure that charter schools are innovative and

| consistent with the state education goals. | |
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| <p>4 . Receive and review charter school applications. Florida Statute: 1002.33(6)(b) <u>Score 0:</u> The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor is approving or denying all charter school applications within 60 calendar days of their receipt (or as agreed upon by the district and applicant) and the results reported to the Department of Education within 10 days of the decision. <u>Score 1:</u> The sponsor receives and reviews all applications for a charter school that are received on or before August 1 of each calendar year for schools to be opened at the beginning of the next school year (or at a time agreed to by the applicant and the district); are not consistently approved or denied within 60 calendar days of their receipt (or as agreed upon by the district and applicant); and the results are not consistently reported to the Department of Education within 10 days of the decision. <u>Score 2:</u> The sponsor receives and reviews all applications for a charter school that are received on or before August 1 of each calendar year for schools to be opened at the beginning of the next school year (or at a time agreed to by the applicant and the district) and consistently approves or denies within 60 calendar days of their receipt (or as agreed upon by the district and applicant); and the results are consistently reported to the Department of Education within 10 days of the decision.</p> | |
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| <p>5 . Approve charter school contracts. Florida Statute: 1002.33(6)(i) <u>Score 0:</u> The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor has developed and followed a clearly defined process for executing charter school contracts that complies with all statutory timelines. <u>Score 1:</u> The sponsor has developed but does not always follow a clearly defined process for executing charter school contracts that complies with all statutory timelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides an initial proposed charter contract to the school within 60 days | |
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- Negotiates and notices the charter contract within 75 days (unless both parties agree to an extension)
- Provides the school a contract at least 7 days prior to the meeting in which the sponsor will vote.

Score 2: The sponsor has developed and always follows a clearly defined process for executing charter school contracts that complies with all statutory timelines:

- Provides an initial proposed charter contract to the school within 60 days
- Negotiates and notices the charter contract within 75 days (unless both parties agree to an extension)
- Provides the school a contract at least 7 days prior to the meeting in which the sponsor will vote.

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6 . Ensure charter schools receive all state funding for which they are eligible.

Florida Statute: 1002.33(17)

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor distributes payment and reimbursement of funds to which the charter schools are eligible.

Score 1: The sponsor does not consistently distribute payment and reimbursement to charter schools timely and efficiently, including processing paperwork required to access special state and federal funding for which they may be eligible.

Score 2: The sponsor consistently distributes payment and reimbursement to charter schools timely and efficiently, including processing paperwork required to access special state and federal funding for which they may be eligible.

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7 . Ensure charter schools receive all federal funding for which they are eligible.

Florida Statute: 1002.33(17)(c)

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor distributes payment and reimbursement of funds to which the charter schools are eligible.

Score 1: The sponsor does not consistently distribute payment and reimbursement to charter schools timely and efficiently, including processing paperwork required to access special state and federal funding for which they may be eligible.

Score 2: The sponsor consistently distributes payment and reimbursement to charter schools timely and efficiently, including processing paperwork required to access special state and federal funding for which they may be eligible.

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8 . Provide certain administrative and educational services to charter schools.

Florida Statute: 1002.33(20)(a)

Florida Statute: 1002.335(5)(e)3

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor provides certain administrative and educational services to charter schools.

Score 1: The sponsor does not consistently provide certain administrative and educational services to charter schools.

Score 2: The sponsor consistently provides certain administrative and educational services to charter schools.

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9 . Comply with full and accurate accounting practices and charges for central administrative overhead costs.

Florida Statute: 1002.335(5)(e)2

Florida Statute: 1002.33(20)(b)

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor has developed and follows a monitoring process for all accounting procedures and charges for central administrative overhead costs.

Score 1: The sponsor has developed but does not always follow a clearly defined process for monitoring all accounting procedures and charges for central administrative overhead costs.

Score 2: The sponsor has developed and always follows a clearly defined process for monitoring all accounting procedures and charges for central administrative overhead costs.

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10 . Charter schools are allowed to purchase certain identified services or a combination of services at actual cost to the district.

Florida Statute: 1002.335(5)(e)3

Florida Statute: 1002.33(20)(b)

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor allows the charter schools the ability to purchase certain identified services or a combination of services at actual cost to the district.

Score 1: The sponsor's requirements do not completely demonstrate the charter schools ability to purchase certain identified services or a combination of services at actual cost to the district.

Score 2: The sponsor's requirements clearly demonstrate the charter schools ability to purchase certain identified services or a combination of services at actual cost to the district.

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11 . Facilities needs are included in district bond issues or available land and facilities are made available that are comparable to those provided to other public school students in the same grade levels.

Florida Statute: 1002.335(5)(e)6

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor includes facilities needs in district bond issues or available land and facilities are made available that are comparable to those provided to other public school students in the same grade levels.

Score 1: The sponsor's requirements do not completely demonstrate that facilities needs are included in district bond issues or available land and facilities are made available that are comparable to those provided to other public school students in the same grade levels.

Score 2: The sponsor's requirements clearly demonstrate that facilities needs are included in district bond issues or available land and facilities are made available that are comparable to those provided to other public school students in the same grade levels.

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12 . Adequate staff and other resources are provided at the

district office to serve charter schools at a cost to the charter schools that does not exceed their actual cost to the district school board.

Florida Statute: 1002.335(5)(e)8

Florida Statute: 1002.33(20)

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor provides adequate staff and resources at a cost to charter schools that does not exceed their actual cost to the district school board.

Score 1: The sponsor does not consistently have adequate staff and other resources available at a cost to charter schools that does not exceed their actual cost to the district school board.

Score 2: The sponsor consistently has adequate staff and other resources available at a cost to charter schools that does not exceed their actual cost to the district school board.

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13 . Provide an adequate number of educational choice programs to serve students exercising their choice options pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act.

Florida Statute: 1002.335(5)(e)10

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor provides an adequate number of educational choice programs to serve students exercising their choice options under No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

Score 1: The sponsor does not consistently provide an adequate number of educational choice programs to serve students exercising their choice options under No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

Score 2: The sponsor consistently provides an adequate number of educational choice programs to serve students exercising their choice options under No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

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14 . Provide the name of each charter applicant entity, the proposed charter school location, and its projected FTE reported to the Department of Education as required by statute.

Florida Statute: 1002.33(6)(b)1

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor provides the Department of

Education the name of each charter applicant entity, the proposed charter school location and its projected FTE, as required by statute.

Score 1: The sponsor does not consistently and accurately provide the Department of Education, as required by statute, the name of each charter applicant entity, the proposed charter school location and its projected FTE.

Score 2: The sponsor consistently and accurately provides the Department of Education, as required by statute, the name of each charter applicant entity, the proposed charter school location and its projected FTE.

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15 . Provide academic student performance data to charter schools for each student coming from the district school system, as well as rates of academic progress of comparable student populations in the district school system.

Florida Statute: 1002.33(7)(a)3.c

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor distributes academic student performance data for each student coming from the district school system and rates of academic progress of comparable student populations in the district school system to charter schools.

Score 1: The sponsor does not consistently distribute academic student performance data for each student coming from the district school system and rates of academic progress of comparable student populations in the district school system to charter schools timely and efficiently.

Score 2: The sponsor consistently distributes academic student performance data for each student coming from the district school system and rates of academic progress of comparable student populations in the district school system to charter schools timely and efficiently.

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16 . Follow and comply with all statutory requirements in the determination and notification of the non-renewal or termination of a charter school contract.

Florida Statute: 1002.33(8)

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to

document that the sponsor monitors and provides the non-renewal or termination of a charter school contract.

Score 1: The sponsor's monitoring procedures do not completely demonstrate that it consistently uses a systematic process to determine and provide notification of the non-renewal or termination of a charter school contract.

Score 2: The sponsor's monitoring procedures clearly demonstrate that it consistently uses a systematic process to determine and provide notification of the non-renewal or termination of a charter school contract.

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17 . Take corrective action as required by statute if a charter school fails to improve student performance.

Florida Statute: 1002.33(9)(p)

Score 0: The application contains little or no evidence to document that the sponsor has developed and follows a process for taking corrective action if a charter school fails to improve student performance as required by statute.

Score 1: The sponsor has developed but does not consistently follow a clearly defined process for taking corrective action if a charter school fails to improve in the area of student performance as required by statute.

Score 2: The sponsor has developed and consistently follows a clearly defined process for taking corrective action if a charter school fails to improve in the area of student performance as required by statute.

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18 . The district has a history of charter school approval that encourages chartering.

Florida Statute: 1002.335(5)(e)10

Score 0: The sponsor's application contains little or no evidence to demonstrate that it has a history of charter school approvals that encourage chartering.

Score 1: The sponsor's application does not completely demonstrate that it has a history of charter school approval that encourages chartering.

Score 2: The sponsor's application clearly demonstrates that it has a history of charter school approval that encourages chartering.

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