



Do charter schools open overnight? NO.



HERE'S THE PROCESS FOR...

Opening a New Charter School


AT LEAST 19 MONTHS BEFORE A CHARTER SCHOOL OPENS ITS DOORS

-  The charter must hold a community meeting and publish information about the meeting in a newspaper (both print and online) where the school is proposed.
-  The charter must also provide notice via certified mail to:
 - The board of trustees and superintendent of each school district that the proposed charter will draw students from;
 - The governing board and superintendent of each charter school that the proposed charter will draw students from; and
 - Each member of the legislature and State Board of Education that represents the geographic boundary served by the proposed charter.



19 MONTHS BEFORE

-  Charter applications due to TEA.
-  Charter school applications are evaluated, including "impact statements from any school district whose enrollment is likely to be affected by the proposed charter school, including information relating to any financial difficulty that a loss in enrollment may have on a district."

14 MONTHS BEFORE

-  TEA commissioner announces proposed charter school awards.




13.5 MONTHS BEFORE

-  State Board of Education meets to approve or veto proposed charters. Public is notified of charter applications being considered.
-  Approved charter schools are announced.


NEW CHARTER SCHOOL OPENS

Expanding an Existing Charter School

AT LEAST 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO OPENING AND UP TO 18 MONTHS PRIOR TO OPENING

-  Charter schools are required to send notice via certified mail for a new charter campus, including the enrollment size and grade levels served. This notice must also indicate whether the new campus would expand the charter's geographic boundary.
-  Charter operators requesting an expedited expansion must send notice to school board trustees affected by the expansion and state legislators representing the geographic boundary of the charter.
-  Charter schools submit expansion applications between February 1 and April 1 the year the new campus is opening, but it can be done as early as February 1—April 1 two years in advance.

AFTER EXPANSION APPLICATION SUBMITTED

-  Evaluation period of expansion amendment lasts 60 days from date of application submission.
-  Commissioner approves or rejects expansion amendments 60 days after submission of application.

NEW CHARTER CAMPUS OPENS

1½ years Time from proposed charter school announcement to doors opening.

6-18 months Time from proposed expansion notification to doors opening.

NOTE: New charters approved for multiple campuses after Year 1 must hold at least one public meeting within the geographic boundaries at least one year prior to opening any campus

Statute citations: Tex. Edu. Code § 12.1101; 19 Tex. Admin. Code §100.1005; 19 Tex. Admin. Code § 100.1033(b)(10); Generation 24 Application and instructions <https://tea.texas.gov/charterapp.aspx>

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