Do charter schools open overnight? NO.

HERE’S THE PROCESS FOR...

Opening a New Charter School

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

Expanding an Existing Charter School

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

AT LEAST 18 MONTHS BEFORE A CHARTER SCHOOL OPENS ITS DOORS

- The charter must hold a community meeting and publish information about the meeting in a print newspaper 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.

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

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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

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.

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