

Protect the Process: Let Great New Public Schools Grow

TEA only allows public charter schools to grow if they're high-quality. The expansion process is rigorous—and it works. With **58,000+** Texas students on waiting lists, let's keep delivering for families. Let's **#ProtectTheProcess**.

The Current Process is **WORKING**

Only public charter schools with a proven track record of great results are approved to expand by TEA.

Among the public charter districts permitted to expand since 2016-17:

95%

of districts earned acceptable ratings in 2022.

97%

of campuses earned acceptable ratings in 2022.

And **86% earned an A or B rating.**

60%

of campuses under standard accountability earned at least one designation of academic distinction in 2022, placing them among the highest performers in the state.



Most impressively, **40% of these campuses** received distinction designations in ELA/Reading, compared to 25% of campuses statewide.



The Current Process is **RIGOROUS**

- 1** Public charter districts that want to serve more students must ask for permission from the Texas Education Agency.
- 2** Only the highest-performing public charter schools qualify for an expedited expansion review. Applicants must have:
 - An A or B district rating;
 - At least 75% of campuses also rated A or B; AND
 - None of its campuses are F-rated.
- 3** State law and TEA rules set rigorous criteria for all other expansion reviews. Applicants must have:
 - An Academically Acceptable rating;
 - 90% of campuses also rated Academically Acceptable; and
 - Satisfactory ratings on the Charter FIRST and Charter School Performance Framework.
- 4** In practice, TEA has set an even higher standard and typically only approves expansion requests for public charter school districts rated A or B.

Families Want These Opportunities

26,000

student names are on waiting lists for these new public charter schools.

74%

of expanded public charter campuses opened since 2016-17 are fully-enrolled and have a waitlist.

