

Good Cause Extension Policy Statement

Background:

On the cover page of the application, the applicant acknowledges the following:

- If approved to operate a charter school, the applicant must execute a charter contract with the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools within twelve months of the date of approval of the charter by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools. A charter that is not timely signed expires.
- The applicant approved to operate a charter school must begin providing educational services within twelve months of execution of the charter or within twenty-four months of approval of the charter, whichever date occurs later.
- If approved to operate a charter school, the applicant must provide the minimum number of days of instruction as defined in A.R.S. §15-341.01 within the State's fiscal year that begins July 1st and ends June 30th. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the charter.

Board Policy:

Before the expiration or within two months of expiration, the holder of a not yet operational charter may submit a written ONE TIME request for an extension of the execution of the charter contract or an extension of the opening of the charter school based upon demonstration of good cause.

When considering a request for extension of the execution of the charter contract or the extension of opening, the Board shall consider factors such as:

1. the timeliness of the submission of the request and the proposed extension date; and
2. unforeseen circumstances related to the acquisition of a school facility or
3. other evidence of good cause that the Board deems appropriate.

If the Board approves the ONE TIME extension of the execution of the charter contract or an extension of the opening of the charter school, Board staff shall review the approved application and the current application administrative checklist to determine whether additions or substantive changes are necessary to bring the application in line with current application requirements, policy, rule, state or federal law. The applicant/charter holder must submit the requested changes to the Board staff 90 days prior to the opening of the school. State aid funding will not initiate until the Board staff have determined that the requested submission is complete and sufficient and all other requirements of the Board have been fulfilled.

Historical Note

Effective: April 12, 2004

Board Approval Date: April 12, 2004

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