

**POLICY STATEMENT
TIMEFRAMES FOR SIGNING THE CHARTER CONTRACT
AND/OR OPENING A CHARTER SCHOOL**

Statement to be added to the new charter school application:

The charter school applicant acknowledges that if approved to operate a charter school, he/she 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 and must begin providing educational services within twelve months of execution of the contract or within twenty-four months of approval of the charter, whichever date occurs later. A charter that is not timely signed expires. If the holder of an expired charter wants to obtain a new charter, the holder shall apply again.

The charter school applicant acknowledges that 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.

Historical Note:

Effective: April 12, 2004
Board Approval Date: April 12, 2004
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