
Charter School Quality Charter Authorizing Standards Policy 6.111

The Background:

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108, chartering authorities are required to adopt policies and practices for quality charter school authorizing standards as approved by the State Board of Education. State Board policy 6.111 sets forth the essential practices that should govern the day-to-day operation of charter authorizers in the state.

These standards were developed in collaboration with the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) and were originally adopted by the State Board in 2018. The State Board is committed to regularly evaluating the standards to ensure they are aligned to national best practices and Tennessee context.

In late 2018, NACSA released an update to its “Principles and Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing,” and the changes proposed on first reading reflect these updates. Prior to proposing these changes to the State Board, the State Board staff collected feedback from fellow charter school authorizers and stakeholders around the state, and this feedback is incorporated in the draft presented to the State Board on first reading.

Policy Justification:

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

The Recommendation:

State Board staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.