



TENNESSEE
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CHARTER SCHOOLS

CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER DUTIES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

A DECISION TO AUTHORIZE

- T.C.A. § 49-13-108(4)(E)
- Next steps after an authorization decision:
 - 30 calendar days in which the LEA and sponsor can mutually agree that the sponsor will be oversee by the LEA. (T.C.A. § 49-13-142)
 - If the LEA and sponsor agree that the LEA will be the authorizer, they must submit a signed charter agreement within the 30 calendar days.

CONTRACT

- Contract Approved by the Board
- Governs the relationship between the Board and the Charter School.
 - 10 year term
 - Pre-opening checklist
 - Performance/accountability
 - Annual monitoring
 - Interim review in 5th year
 - Student Enrollment/Retention
 - Location/Special Education/Renewal/Revocation/Closure, Etc.

PRE-OPENING CHECKLIST

- A national authorizing best practice
- An exhibit of the contract
- Outlines the requirements that a school must complete to be ready to open its doors to students and faculty.
 - Is the governance and management in place?
 - Is the school financially and operationally viable?
 - Is the school in compliance and ready to serve all students?
 - Is the facility code compliant and able to house students and staff?

AUTHORIZER DUTIES

- After authorization occurs, the State Board is responsible for ongoing monitoring and oversight of the schools.
 - Performance Framework
 - Intervention Policy
 - Closure Protocol