

Charter Application Review Process and Criteria for Review

In accordance with MCL 380.503, an authorizing body is not required to issue a contract to any person or entity. Public school academy contracts shall be issued on a competitive basis, taking into consideration the resources available for the proposed public school academy, the population to be served by the proposed public school academy, and the educational goals to be achieved by the proposed public school academy.

1. The Charter School Application Committee is accepting Phase One Charter Applications on a rolling basis, with reviews on or just after February 1, April 1, July 1, and November 1. The Application Committee consists of representatives of the GVSU Charter Schools Office.
2. The Committee shall conduct a thorough review of the charter applications with the objective of awarding a charter to applicants that can demonstrate the greatest probability of establishing and operating a quality charter school and its capacity to implement that plan.
3. The criteria the Committee will use to determine its decision includes:
 - Does the application clearly explain how the school will demonstrate academic success?
 - Does the application demonstrate organizational viability?
 - Does the application demonstrate a sound fiscal plan?
 - Does the application demonstrate how the school is in the best interest of the students and community that it proposes to serve?
4. The Committee will communicate in writing to all applicants its decision concerning the status of the application and will identify if the applicant is: 1) denied, or 2) invited to move forward to the Phase II application discussions.
5. Applicants selected to move to Phase II will be required to meet with the Committee at a mutually convenient date and time. The meeting will allow for Committee members to ask clarifying questions and describe its rigorous requirements for charter schools it authorizes. It will also give the Applicant a chance to present more information about its proposed charter school.
6. The GVSU Charter Schools Office reserves the right to modify this process and timeline.