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Oklahoma State University Policy on Charter Schools

OSU Statement on Charter Schools

Oklahoma State University greatly values school-university partnerships and a shared commitment to school improvement. Sponsorship of a charter school will be considered only if this commitment is demonstrated through a collaborative and innovative process that is consistent with the mission and goals of the University.

The Charter School Committee will consider nine essential elements of Professional Development Schools (NAPDS, 2007) to guide decisions about charter school sponsorship:

- **A comprehensive mission that is broader in its outreach and scope than the mission of any partner and that furthers the education profession and its responsibility to advance equity within schools and, by potential extension, the broader community;**
- **A school-university culture committed to the preparation of future educators that embraces their active engagement in the school community;**
- **Ongoing and reciprocal professional development for all participants guided by need;**
- **A shared commitment to innovative and reflective practice by all participants**
- **Engagement in and public sharing of the results of deliberate investigations of practice by respective participants;**
- **An articulation agreement developed by the respective participants delineating the roles and responsibilities of all involved;**
- **A structure that allows all participants a forum for ongoing governance, reflection and collaboration;**
- **Work by college/university faculty and P-12 faculty in formal roles across institutional settings; and**
- **Dedicated and shared resources and formal rewards and recognition structures.**

State Statute

<http://www.sos.state.ok.us/documents/Legislation/51st/2007/1R/HB/1589.pdf>

Note: Section 3-132 - A charter school may be sponsored by a public comprehensive or regional institution (with an OCTP accredited teacher education program and a branch campus within the school district where the charter school is located) only when the charter school is located in a school district that has an average daily membership of 5,000 or more and which all or part of the school district is located in a county having more than 500,000 population.

Letter of Intent: Due October 1

A letter of intent is due to the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President, 101 Whitehurst, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078 by 5:00 pm on October 1st. The letter of intent should include general information about the proposed school's 1) mission, structure, operations, need, and enrollment (projected numbers and demographics); 2) location; 3) timeline to develop the charter school; and 4) contact information.

Receipt of Application: Due January 15

Eligible sponsors have 90 days to respond to each application. If an application is rejected, applicants may within 30 days submit a revised application, which must be answered within 30 days.

Applicants should follow guidelines posted on the Oklahoma State Department web site and as listed in legislation. Proof of completion of charter school training is required as part of the application.

<http://sde.state.ok.us/charterschools/charterschools.html>

Review by OSU Charter School Committee

The OSU Charter School Committee will review each application and make a recommendation to the Provost. The review may include an interview with applicants and/or site visit(s) as needed.

Charter School Committee recommendation due to the Provost: Due February 15**Review and Recommendation by Provost: Due March 15****Review by A&M Regents to approve or not approve charter school application: Due April 15**

Applicants will be notified in writing of Regents' decision by Provost's office

Notification to State Department of Education and other agencies as appropriate