

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
LEA AS SPONSOR	6.900

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-141, an LEA may be the sponsor of a charter school and in the event an LEA seeks to sponsor a charter school, the State Board shall serve as the chartering authority.

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to set forth the process and criteria the State Board will use in reviewing and approving charter school applications where the LEA is the sponsor and in overseeing such schools in the event of approval.

This policy applies only to charter schools where the sponsor is an LEA.

1. Charter Application.

- a. The sponsor shall follow the process for submitting a letter of intent and a charter school application in accordance with § 49-13-107. The charter application shall contain the required elements as set forth in § 49-13-107. The State Board may develop a form charter school application or issue additional application guidance. In this case, the State Board will post such form or additional guidance on its website.

2. Application Process. The State Board shall follow the process set forth in § 49-13-108 for the review and approval of charter school applications received pursuant to § 49-13-141 except that the denial of a charter school application by the State Board shall be final and not subject to appeal.

3. Charter Agreements. The State Board and the sponsor of any charter application approved under this policy shall execute a charter agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Policy 6.400.

4. Oversight and Evaluation; Autonomy; Charter School Intervention; and Renewal. Any charter school authorized pursuant to § 49-13-141 shall be subject to the following policies set forth by the State Board for charter schools where the State Board is the chartering authority: Policy 6.500, Oversight and Evaluation; Policy 6.600 Charter School Autonomy; Policy 6.700 Charter School Intervention; Policy 6.800 Charter School Renewal; and any other policies that may be established by the State Board for charter schools where the State Board serves as the chartering authority.