
Charter Schools Rule 0520-14-01-.02

The Background:

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108, if a local board of education denies an amended charter school application, the sponsor may appeal the decision to the State Board. State Board Rule 0520-14-01-.02 Appeals sets forth the process for submitting an appeal of the denial of a charter school application by the local board of education to the State Board.

Upon completion of the 2018 charter school appeals cycle, State Board staff collected feedback from applicants, local districts, and review committee members, and the staff reviewed all State Board policies and rules governing the appeal process. Based on this review and feedback, this rule has been updated to clarify certain aspects of the appeal process. State Board policies have been updated to reflect changes made to this rule.

Specifically, the significant revisions include:

- Clarifying the required documentation to be submitted by the charter school sponsor for the notice of appeal;
- Separating out the appeal process for each of the three types of appeals the State Board receives; and
- Updating the reference to T.C.A. § 49-13-108 to correctly align.

The Recommendation:

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