
Quality Charter Authorizing Standards Policy 6.111

The Background:

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108, charter school authorizers are required to adopt policies and practices for quality charter school authorizing standards, as approved by the State Board of Education (State Board). This policy contains the standards for essential practices that govern the day-to-day operation of charter authorizers in the state and establishes the criteria for our Authorizer Evaluations Rubric documented in Appendix A of State Board Policy 6.113.

Chapter 275 of the Public Acts of 2025 changed several charter school processes, including shifting responsibility for the development of various charter documents from the Tennessee Department of Education to the State Board, which was reflected in the changes to this policy that were accepted at the State Board's August meeting.

There have been no changes to this item since first reading other than minor clerical edits.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

Policy Justification:

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

Connection to the [Master Plan](#):

This item aligns with the Master Plan's focus on Engagement and Accountability, which requires the State Board to annually amend rules or policies as necessitated by changes in the law.

The Recommendation:

State Board staff recommends approval of this item on final reading.