

<b>TENNESSEE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION</b>	
<b>LEA AS SPONSOR</b>	<b>3.800</b>

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 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 Commission shall serve as the authorizer.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to set forth the process and criteria the Commission 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.

**Policy Sections**

1. Charter Application
2. Application Process
3. Charter Agreements
4. Oversight and Evaluation; Charter School Intervention; and Renewal

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

1. **Charter Application.** The sponsor shall follow the process for submitting a letter of intent and a charter school application in accordance with T.C.A. § 49-13-107. The charter application shall contain the required elements as set forth in T.C.A. § 49-13-107. The Commission may issue additional application guidance. In this case, the Commission will post such form or additional guidance on its website.
2. **Application Process.** The Commission shall follow the process set forth in T.C.A. § 49-13-108 for the review and approval of charter school applications received pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-141 except that the denial of a charter school application by the Commission shall be final and not subject to appeal.
3. **Charter Agreements.** The Commission 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 4.300.
4. **Oversight and Evaluation; Autonomy; Charter School Intervention; and Renewal.** Any charter school authorized pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-141 shall be subject to the following policies set forth by the Commission for charter schools where the Commission is the authorizer: Policy 4.400 Oversight and Evaluation; Policy 4.500 Charter School Autonomy; Policy 4.600 Charter School Intervention; Policy 2.400 Renewal of Commission-Authorized Charter Agreements ; and any other policies that may be established by the Commission for charter schools where the Commission serves as the authorizer.