

WAIVER PATH DISTINCTIONS

January 10, 2017	OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER	DISTRICT CONVERSION CHARTER	ACT 1240 WAIVER	SCHOOL OF INNOVATION
AUTHORITY	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-301 et seq. ADE Rules Governing Public Charter Schools	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-201 et seq. ADE Rules Governing Public Charter Schools	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-103	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2801 et seq. ADE Rules Governing Schools of Innovation
APPROVER	Charter Authoring Panel / State Board of Education	Charter Authoring Panel / State Board of Education	State Board of Education	Commissioner of Education
APPLICABILITY	All schools under the charter	Conversion charter only	All schools in the district	School of innovation only
INITIAL TIME LIMIT	5 years	5 years	Statute states approved as long as the open-enrollment charter is operating; practice has been for districts to limit the requests, often to 5 years	4 years
PROCESS LENGTH	17 months	17 months	4 to 6 weeks	12-18 months
INNOVATION STATUE	Innovative teaching methods Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-102(3)	Innovative teaching methods Ark. Code Ann. § 6-23-102(3)		Innovation definition Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2801(3)
APPROVAL PROCESS	Potential applicant submits letter of intent	Potential applicant submits letter of intent		Potential applicant submits letter of intent
	Meeting, via call or web, for Charter Unit staff to consult individually with potential applicant	Meeting, via web, for Charter Unit staff to consult individually with potential applicant		Potential applicant attends session at Innovation Summit
	Potential applicant attends mandatory workshop	Potential applicant attends mandatory workshop		Potential applicant must attend one regional technical assistance meeting
	Applicant holds public hearing	Applicant holds public hearing		School establishes a Council of Innovation to develop the plan and at least 60% of eligible employees vote for application
	Applicant submits application	Applicant submits application	District submits petition for State Board of Education consideration	Applicant submits application
	ADE internal group reviews application	ADE internal group reviews application	ADE charter and legal staff review	ADE staff and others review applications received by initial deadline
	Meeting, via call or web, for Charter Unit staff to consult individually applicant about remaining issues	Meeting, via call or web, for Charter Unit staff to consult individually applicant about remaining issues	ADE staff contacts the district if clarification is needed	The review committee provides the applicant feedback, via the web
	Applicant responds to ADE comments	Applicant responds to ADE comments	District may revise	Applicant revises based on review
	ADE internal group reviews revisions and notes remaining issues	ADE internal group reviews revisions and notes remaining issues		ADE staff and others review final applications and note remaining issues
	Public hearing and vote conducted by the Charter Authorizing Panel	Public hearing and vote conducted by the Charter Authorizing Panel		
State Board of Education considers the Panel's decision	State Board of Education considers the Panel's decision	State Board of Education considers the petition and makes the final determination	Commissioner of Education makes the final decision	
Board may conduct a second public hearing	Board may conduct a second public hearing			
APPLICATION COMPONENTS	Mission statement and key programmatic features	Mission statement and key programmatic features	Name of open-enrollment charter that draws students	Vision and mission
	Results of public hearing	Results of public hearing	List of the waivers granted to open-enrollment charter	School election results
	Governing structure of the school	Autonomy of the charter		Documentation of Council of Innovation
	Educational need for the school	Educational need for the school		Innovations with purposes
	Innovative teaching methods	Innovative teaching methods		Innovation plan with actions and outcomes
	Goals, assessment tools with performance levels	Goals, assessment tools with performance levels		Goals and performance targets
	Daily schedule and secondary courses to be offered	Daily schedule and secondary courses to be offered		
	Description of curriculum, programs, methods	Description of curriculum, programs, methods		
	Provisions for specific student services	Provisions for specific student services		
	Plans to annually report to parents and public	Plans to annually report to parents and public		
	Enrollment criteria, recruitment and lottery processes	Enrollment criteria, recruitment and lottery processes		
	Personnel with qualifications and salaries	Personnel with qualifications and salaries		Professional development plan
	Business office practices, budget, budget oversight	Expenses with funding methods		
	Description of facilities and renovations	Description of facilities and renovations		
	Methods for avoiding conflicts of interest			
	Involvement of parents and others	Involvement of parents and others		Documentation of shared leadership
Impact on districts desegregation efforts	Impact on districts desegregation efforts			
Requested waivers with rationales	Requested waivers with rationales	Requested waivers with rationales	Requested waivers with rationales	
MONITORING	Waivers are reviewed in the charter renewal process	Waivers are reviewed in the charter renewal process		Waivers are reviewed in the school of innovation renewal process
	Charters may be called before the authorizer for potential action at any time	Charters may be called before the authorizer and action taken at any time		The commissioner may revoke if a school fails to substantially fulfill the school's innovation plan, meet goals/performance targets, or comply with laws or rules