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## Charter School Authorizer Application Evaluation Criteria and Rating Scale

Rating Scale:	
Well-Developed (WD)	The response meets the expectations established by the State Board of Education and NACSA's <i>Principles &amp; Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing</i> in material respects, and warrants approval subject to execution of an authorizing contract with the State Board of Education.
Partially Developed (PD)	Incomplete in that the response contains some aspects of a well-developed practice but is missing key components, is limited in its execution, or otherwise falls short of satisfying the expectations established by the State Board of Education and NACSA's <i>Principles &amp; Standards</i> .
Undeveloped (UD)	Wholly inadequate in that the applicant has not considered or anticipated the practice at all, or proposes to carry it out in a way that is not recognizably connected to the expectations established by the State Board of Education and NACSA's <i>Principles &amp; Standards</i> .

### Evaluation Criteria:

- Evaluators will rate the responses made in the application in relation to the criteria for approval listed therein. For example, for Section II, *Authorizer Commitment and Capacity*, evaluators will rate whether “The description of capacity conveys a clear and accurate understanding of the district’s duties and responsibilities as a charter school authorizer, in accordance with Washington’s charter school law and the Principles and Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing developed by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers.”
- Based on the ratings of the responses against each criterion, evaluators will assign an overall rating for each of the five sections of the application.

### Standard for Approval:

- An applicant receiving an overall rating of Well-Developed will be recommended for approval, and eligible to begin authorizing activities subject to timely execution of an authorizing contract with the State Board of Education.
- An applicant receiving a rating lower than Well-Developed for any of the five sections of the application, after evaluation of the written application and a personal interview conducted for reviewing the application, will be recommended for denial.